

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Steve Brownell

GUESTS

From the AAUW, Barbara Tecos and Kathy Conlon.

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Brooks, North Naples.

BIRTHDAYS

Nina Gazel (8/14) and Matt Pingel (8/14).

ANNIVERSARIES

Murray Davis, 5, years.

ROVING REPORTER

Doris Neal- Van Tiem

-- Mark Brooks jokingly asked last week's speaker, the President of the Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce, for a gift basket for his 24-person outing at a Cadillac golf course, and she came through with a basket full of candy and popcorn.

-- Rebecca Fannon has had a busy summer recently, taking children to summer camp and dropping off two at college (John Carroll & Albion).

-- Congratulations to John and Susan Mozena who are celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary!

OIL CAN

-- Dave Colton passed it to Heather Mayernik for doing such a great job entertaining the children at the 8/5 Crossroads Lunch.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Steve McMillan

-- As former GP Rotarians Gary and Paige Niehaus recover from their respective illnesses/surgeries, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Two more Crossroads lunches on 8/12, and 8/16.

-- The next food drive at GP Memorial Church will take place from 10:00 to 11:00 am on 9/10.

-- Mark your calendar for a Life Remodeled volunteer clean-up day on 10/5. www.liferemodeled.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The 8/17 meeting will be an informal one at the Tot Lot, where McNeill Raffle packets will be distributed.

-- Kudos to Cissie Cappola and Rebecca Fannon, as they move from red badge to blue badge.

-- The Bring a Guest Challenge is in place with a goal to have 70 guests (potential new members) attend a meeting this year. The Club has 2 new members so far, with a goal to have net 10% growth.

-- There will be a Tot Lot donor recognition plaque dedication at 10:00 am on 9/17.

-- A progressive dinner is planned for 11/5. Details to follow.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Sandy Stanley and Virginia DiGiuseppe – American Association of University Women (AAUW), Grosse Pointe Branch

The AAUW is a national organization that has been in existence for 140 years. The GP Branch was formed 78 years ago and consists of members with 12 board members and 4 executive officers. Its mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Its vision: diversity is their strength, equity is their commitment, inclusion is their

destination, with the result being empowerment.

The focus is on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) for girls at the elementary and middle school levels. A 10-girl Legos robotics team has been formed at Defer Elementary that competes in a league. Another team, of 11 girls, at Pierce Middle School won an award in a Legos robotics competition.

The emphasis on STEM led to STEAM, with the inclusion of art. This program has 45 students, from ages 13-19, at local schools participating. The organization also awards scholarships at the national and local levels, with four awarded in Grosse Pointe last year.

Through public policy, it is looking to change legislation, with the Equal Rights Amendment and the Fair Pay Act as the primary areas of focus. Nationally, it has a program in place called Two-Minute Activist to encourage legislators to fight for equal pay, family leave, and to stop sexual harassment.

www.grossepointe-mi.aauw.net
www.aauw.org

FLOWER RAFFLE

-- With \$211 in the pot, Steve Brownell purchased the winning ticket but couldn't pick the joker.

CALENDAR

Aug 17: McNeill Raffle Kick-Off – at the Tot Lot.

Aug 24: Abagael Adair, Senior Manager, Philanthropy -- The Children's Center