

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Past President Roger Hull

Invocation: Steve Brownell

GUESTS

Leigh Kistler, guest of Sierra Donovan. From Matrix Human Services: Anna Weaver, Nancy Combs, and Mike Murray. Fiona Lacroix, our communications intern for this year.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Lee Johnson, 11 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Fred Ollison

-- Johann Finkelmeier and Liz Vogel are not in attendance due to the fact that Johann had to buy a plane in Albuquerque, NM.

-- Congratulations to John and Susan Mozena, who are celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary!

-- Dick Allison is in the early stages of writing a book on WWII that focuses on battleships. Spread the word if anyone has notes/letters from that time about this topic.

-- Steve Brownell's son, Chris, just had his 2nd "real" wedding as the first one took place during Covid restrictions. He honeymooned off moon is off the Amalfi Coast in Italy.

-- Mark Brooks will be opening the family cottage in Canada on Thursday, the first time a family member will be able to see it in person since October 2019.

-- Steve and Sharon McMillan are "modernizing" their very rustic cottage in Lewiston, MI by adding an outdoor shower and putting screens on the windows. ☺

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- If anyone would like to champion a community service project, please contact Doris Neal Van-Tiem or Jackie Dale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- McNeill Raffle/Summer of Service Kick-off on 8/18 at the Tot Lot. Please arrive between 5:30pm and 6pm. Remarks/Announcements & raffle packet distribution will take place from 6pm-6:30pm. Look for an email from Mark Brooks outlining the raffle steps to follow and the expectations hoped for.

-- At the 8/18 Tot Lot meeting, each attendee will be given a raffle ticket for a prize to be awarded at our 9/15 meeting.

-- President Liz is looking for someone to champion a Club Christmas Party. It could be on 12/15, the third Wednesday of the month, or it can be another day. A small committee would be welcome.

-- Ted and Marcia Everingham will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on August 19. They were married in Marshall, MI and, next week, will go back to the same church to renew their vows. While there, they will also visit the location of their first date. They are grateful for 60 happy years, three children,

five grandchildren, and lots of Rotary friends. Congratulations!

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Kerrie M. Mitchell, VP of Marketing and Development at Matrix Human Services.

Matrix Human Services's mission is to advocate for and serve the most vulnerable in the metropolitan Detroit community and empower individuals and families to enhance the quality of their lives and achieve self-sufficiency. It operates multiple programs in more than 40 locations, with 500 employees, providing services to 20,000 individuals and families annually.

Matrix offers multiple services in three areas: (1) Early Childhood Education (birth to age 5). It operates the largest Head Start program in the City, serving more than 1,500 children. (2) Youth Services (ages 11-17). It strives to keep these children out of the judicial system and provide structure for college, a trade, or work. (3) Adult Services. This includes an on-line high school diploma program, assisting with personal economic goals, and training to secure employment. It also includes a senior program to help them live healthy and active lives. To learn more about this great organization, please visit www.matrixhumanservices.org.

CALENDAR

Aug 18: Mark Brooks – McNeill Raffle (Grosse Pointe Tot Lot)

Aug 25: No Meeting

Sep 01: No Meeting