

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy

Invocation: John Mozena

GUESTS

Molly Marrocco, guest of Phil MacKethan. Family member of Anna Gleason.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Therese Maggioncalda, Taylor.

BIRTHDAYS

Matt Pingel (8/14).

ANNIVERSARIES

Mike Carmody (11 years in GP and 28 years total).

ROVING REPORTER

Fred Ollison (subbing in)

-- Congratulations to Liz Vogel for being appointed to the Grosse Pointe Library Board.

-- The Tot Lot project had a nice article in the GP Times and a front page article in the GP News.

-- Fred went looking for IXL on Mack to replace a window at his house. He drove by the address many times before realizing that the Little Blue Book moved into that location 7 years ago. ☺

YOUTH EXCHANGE

-- The Club welcomed back Prisila Calderon, a 2012-13 exchange student from Ecuador, who is visiting with her husband, Diego. Prisila has fond memories of her time here and developed a love of running as a GP South student.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No report.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Northeast Guidance Center Backpack Project. Friday is the last day to donate items at the Grosse Pointe Libraries. 20 boxes of donations have already been delivered to the Center.

TOT LOT REIMAGINED

-- A huge thank you to Jon and Lisa Gandelot who, as trustees of the Edward and Ellen Dryer Foundation, donated \$35,000 to purchase a playscape.

-- The current donation total is \$102,236 (\$250,000 goal) from 36 donors so be sure to get the word out. Promotional materials will be handed out next week to be distributed to local businesses on Saturday, 8/24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) on 11/14 – 11/16 at WCCC in Taylor. George McMullen is a co-chair and says there are plenty of volunteer opportunities available without having to leave GP. Please contact him if interested in helping.

-- Cruise for a Cause on 9/12. 70 confirmed attendees. It's coming up fast so ask your friends and secure your reservations.

-- The Progressive Dinner will take place on 10/12. If you would like to attend please contact Heather Mayernik, Paige Niehaus, or Lisa Gandelot. If willing to host a dinner, please let one of them know.

-- Fellowship Dinner on 8/27. It is now a Mark Weber boat cruise with a return to the GPYC for dinner. The boat cruise is full but contact Bill Scott to RSVP for the dinner.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Anna Gleason – outbound exchange student to Finland.

Anna's presentation focused on family, friends, school, trips, the Finnish culture, and what she learned.

Her love for her three host families was obvious as she considers each to be part of her family. Because the Finnish people are so reserved, Anna had to really push herself, which involved speaking Finnish, to find friends. She felt that learning the language was very important (the 6th hardest to learn) and is proud of what she accomplished. In school, she enjoyed the International Club and practicing dancing for months for a formal ball. Her travels took her all over Finland as well as to Estonia, Sweden, and Russia.

Anna will be studying marine biology, and become a Rotaract member, at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia this fall.

FLOWER RAFFLE

A pot of \$186 with \$93 going to the winner. Dick Dunlap held the winning ticket and had a short walk to try to find the joker but it remains hidden. Thank you to Charvat the Florist for the beautiful flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

Aug 21: Gail Marlow – Motor City Mitten

Aug 28: Bud & Sue Ozar – Friends of Kenyan Orphans