

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance – Kim Towar, presiding

Invocation: Diane Strickler

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Brooks, North Naples.

BIRTHDAYS

Bryce Thomas, (9/3).

ANNIVERSARIES

Murray Davis, 6 years. Mark Cory, 7 years. Neil Sroka, 7 years. Phil MacKethan, 7 years. Florence Seltzer, 20 years.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena

-- Congratulations to Mark Zmyslowski's daughter, Kara, who just passed her second set of medical board exams.

-- Roger and Jean Hull will be traveling to the Soo and its surrounding areas.

-- Susan Mozena recently visited with Florence Seltzer who was in Corewell Health Beaumont Hospital, and reports that she was in good spirits.

-- Congratulations, once again, to Dino Valente, for having the oldest picture (37 years) in the Club directory.

-- John and Susan Mozena just celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary!!

-- Kim Towar and Dave Colton will be heading up north to attend their grandson's wedding.

SUNSHINE NEWS

No news.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Crossroads Lunch on 8/24. Any and all volunteers are welcome to help prepare and distribute lunches from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

-- School supplies for GP students in need are being collected through Sunday and can be dropped off at Judy Masserang's house.

-- Second Mile Center Food Drive on 9/9. The next food collection will take place from 10:00am – 11:00am in the parking lot of GP Memorial Church.

-- Forgotten Harvest volunteer opportunity on 9/16. A sign-up sheet was passed around and, if interested, contact Paul Rentenbach.

OIL CAN

Postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The Lunch Bunch meets every Friday at noon at Almas in GP Park. Please contact Mike Carmody so the right table size can be set up, but all are welcome to stop by.

-- No meeting on 8/30.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Kim Towar -- Rotary International Foundation

Kim talked about the importance of the RI Foundation with a story from her year as District Governor (2010-2011).

Attending District Governor training in San Diego, Kim met an incoming DG from Australia and the two of them decided to take part in a RI Foundation pilot program where two countries partner to address an area of concern in their respective districts. This led to a team of local

midwives heading to East Timor, a fourth-world country, that had a 60% infant mortality rate. After this three-week educational visit, the mortality rate has consistently dropped over the past 10 years. The Australian district then sent a team of educators to train adult literacy tutors in Detroit, where 50% of the adults read at a 4th-grade level or lower.

As Kim always says, "it's not about the money but about what the money can do". She shared two short videos that showed all of the good the Foundation does around the world.

[Once Upon a Time - The Rotary Foundation - YouTube](#)
[Thank you Rotary Foundation - YouTube](#)

Kim and Dave have first-hand experiences with the Foundation at work with mission trips to Nicaragua and have hosted seven exchange students.

FLOWER RAFFLE

No raffle this week.

CALENDAR

Aug 30: No meeting.

Sep 06: Dean Dauphinais – Families Against Narcotics and Angel Program

Sep 13: Maria Miller – CEO of the War Memorial.