

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Susan Mozena

GUESTS

Ryan Burns. Molly MacKethan, guest of Phil MacKethan. Jim Tanielian, guest of Dino Valente.

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Brooks, North Naples.

BIRTHDAYS

Bryce Thomas (9/3).

ANNIVERSARIES

Phil MacKethan, 6 years. Neil Sroka, 6 years. Mark Cory, 6 years. Florence Seltzer, 19 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Susan Mozena

-- Congratulation to Ted and Marcia Everingham, who are celebrating their 61st wedding anniversary!

-- Ted Coutilish provided a nice example of living Service Above Self by assisting in a child's desire for chicken nuggets at the Assumption Greekfest. A simple act made the girl's, and parents', day.

-- David Eardley's father, wife, and son celebrated 156 years of birthdays between 8/17 and 8/21. Happy Birthday to all.

-- Rebecca Fannon provided Jon Dean, GPPSS Superintendent, with good news - a nice picture of last year's GP South Interact Officers and Club scholarship winners, taken at the Tot Lot meeting.

-- Jackie Dale's daughter, Anna, is the president of the Rotaract Club at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia (congrats!) and they are conducting a squares fundraiser to help its community. If interested in buying a square, contact Jackie.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Bill Scott's wife, Jackie, is recovering from knee surgery, with her biggest battle being pain management. Please keep her, and Bill as her caregiver, in your thoughts and prayers.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- 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

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

-- A progressive dinner is being planned for 11/5. If interested in attending, and possibly hosting, please contact Jackie Dale or Heather Mayernik.

-- Volunteers are needed to sell waters and promote our Club at the 8/27 *After 6 on Kercheval* in GP Park. Contact Neil Sroka to assist.

-- McNeill Raffle. Contact Mark Brooks if you still need to pick up your ticket packet.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

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

The Children's Center was formed in 1929 and is located in Midtown Detroit. It is home to many specialized clinical services, leading the way in working with children who struggle with behavioral, emotional, educational, intellectual, and developmental challenges or may have experience trauma. It examines

barriers in the home, school, and community, working with the family who raises them and the organizations that support them.

Its programs/services are broken down into four categories: (1) Healthy Start – addresses autism, parent-child interactions, and pregnant moms; (2) Healing the Hurt – offers clinical, medical, and crisis care; (3) A Safe Home – provides foster care and adoption services and a young adult (16-21) self-sufficiency program; (4) Bridging the Gap – offers a boutique with clothing, toys, and household items, a food pantry, a library, and activity rooms for elementary, middle school, and high school students.

Ms. Adair read a very moving testimonial from a 28-year-old police officer who was physically and mentally abused by his mother and grandmother as a child but was saved by the Children's Center and the foster care system. The police officer now teaches other officers how to recognize signs of abuse.

The Center's \$20 million budget is funded through Medicaid, State money, and private donations. To learn more, please go to www.thechildrenscenter.com.

CALENDAR

Aug 31: No meeting

Sep 07: Diallo Smith, COO – Life Remodeled & Six Day Project

Sep 14: Superintendent Jon Dean, State of the School – Annual Report