

**OPENING**

Time: 6:00 PM  
 Pledge of Allegiance: President Bob  
 Invocation: Steve McMillan

**GUESTS**

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**VISITING ROTARIANS**

None.

**BIRTHDAYS**

None.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

George Shammas, 20 years.  
 Murray Davis, 3 years. Mark Cory,  
 4 years. Neil Sroka, 4 years. Dave  
 Colton, 27 years.

**ROVING REPORTER**

Tom Youngblood  
 – Per Judy, Matt Pingel has had difficulty attending our meetings, due to conflicts with night school. He is now working in Indiana for the next year as GM retools its Hamtramck plant and plans on attending our meetings as long as they remain online.  
 -- Tom thanked the GP News for its great article on the Tot Lot and the ribbon cutting. Tom noted, as have others, that the playground is constantly crowded. Hopefully, it will be enjoyed for another 30-40 years before it has to be “reimagined” again.

**SUNSHINE NEWS**

-- Continue to keep John and Carrie Maliszewski’s daughter, Annie, in your prayers as she battles cancer.  
 -- John Sheoris’s wife of 68 years, Phyllis, passed away on Monday. Steve McMillan recognized John and Phyllis’s involvement in the 3 Million Pound Challenge service

project the Club undertook years ago.

**OIL CAN**

-- Postponed.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

-- A few members (Ted Everingham, Jessica Keyser, Doris Neal, and Liz Vogel) are missing our meeting as they undergo Zoom training with Tradewater to learn how to collect and safely dispose of freon/refrigerant. Details of this project to follow.  
 -- Judy Masserang thanked all of the Rotarians who donated food to the GP Memorial Church food drive for the Second Avenue Center in Detroit.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- Club Directories and the District 6400 magazine are available at the Blue Book/Towar office on Mack Ave.  
 -- The District Governor Golf Outing will take place on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Dearborn Country Club. If interested in playing, contact President Bob.  
 -- Judy Masserang showed off the District 6400 Hugh Archer Award the Club won for its work on the Tot Lot. When the GP Library opens, it will be displayed there for the remainder of this Rotary year.

**TODAY’S PROGRAM**

Sarah Jean – Raising a Mixed Family during Racially Charged Times.

Sarah Jean (not providing her last name as she is protecting the anonymity of her adopted children) has 7 children, She and her husband, Joe, became foster parents in 2017

and have adopted 4 of the 5 they fostered (the fifth returning to their family). All four are black and Sarah Jean and her family are white.

The tiring process of adopting foster children, although needed, has its ups and downs. She noted many ways to support foster families, such as county “foster closets” that will accept donations of money, clothing, and toys to help offset the cost of taking in these children. Also, donations of memberships to places like the Zoo or Greenfield Village and of your time (babysitting, lawn cutting) are greatly appreciated.

Her family are advocates of Black Lives Matter. She understands that all lives matter but believes that these words defeat the purpose of Black Lives Matter and that black lives need a little extra help at this time.

Sarah Jean asks that we all take a moment to reflect on racial assumptions we make and to try to be anti-racist. This would require getting to know someone of a different color and experiencing different cultures. Only by doing this will the healing process begin.

Sarah Jean’s 12 year old son, Jeremiah, told the Club that he appreciates living with people who don’t look like him but that love and respect each other.

**CALENDAR**

Sep 02: A Visit With Past Exchange Students

Sep 09: Noel Jackson – District Governor Visit