

OPENING

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

GUESTS

Jackie Gleason, a very frequent guest. Molly Marrocco, guest of Phil MacKethan.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Jack Cobau, (8/28).

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark Cory (3 years). Phil MacKethan (3 years). Neil Sroka (3 years).

ROVING REPORTER

No report.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No report.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Another thank you to Dave Colton (who was in attendance) for buying, cooking, and transporting the food to the three Crossroads lunches this summer.

-- Moross Greenway Clean-up on 9/7. To volunteer, bring work gloves and tools (rakes/brooms) to Salem church at 9:00 AM.

-- Meals on Wheels is having a March For Meals on 9/15. You can participate, if you like, or sponsor Marcher Diane Strickler.

-- GP Sunrise Rotary Run on 9/21. Marshalls are always needed. To help, go to the Farms Pier at 7:30 AM that morning.

TOT LOT REIMAGINED

-- The current donation/pledge (actual dollars and in-kind) total is \$127,426. All of the playscapes have been sponsored and the only big-ticket item left is the \$105,000 needed for the rubber surface. Keep on being an ambassador, advocate, or "asker" to help meet our goal of \$250,000.

-- Promotional materials that are to be handed out to local businesses will be available at the next meeting with a distribution date of 9/14. For those who have volunteered, the materials can be distributed at any time before that date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Member news. Jeremy Henner (family conflicts) and Jack Cobau (physical limitations) have submitted their resignations. We hope Jeremy can join back up in the future and thank Jack for his decades of service to the Club and District.

-- Cruise for a Cause on 9/12. 95 have RSVP'd which leaves 35 spots available. Be sure to share the upcoming Facebook posting of the event to spread the word.

-- Thank you to those who have agreed to host a dinner for the Progressive Dinner on 10/12. Electronic invites will be going out soon.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bud and Sue Ozar -- Friends of Kenyan Orphans. The organization is dedicated to raising and granting funds and resources to grass root organizations in Kenya which support a dignified life for orphaned or abandoned girls by providing basic human needs of food, shelter, clothing, education and healthcare

within a safe and caring environment.

The Ozars talked primarily about the St. Clare Centre for Girls - a school and living facility that they raised funds to build in 2008 - for 350 orphaned or abandoned girls from ages 4 to 20. The girls are rescued from slums, displaced persons' camps (that arose from disputed election violence), early marriages, and female circumcisions.

The Centre operates under four pillars – work, study, prayer, and sport/exercise. The Ozars are amazed at the amount of studying done by the girls who realize the importance of an education. To this end, since 2014, the Ozars have been raising funds to pay for their graduates' higher education – college, university, or trade school.

The Ozars have such a powerful story that 9 Rotarians committed \$100 each to their cause. Others are welcome to bring a check to the next meeting or donate on their website

www.friendsofkenyanorphans.org.

FLOWER RAFFLE

A pot of \$256 with \$128 going to the winner. Dick Dunlap held the winning ticket but couldn't find the joker. Thank you to Charvat the Florist for the beautiful flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

Sep 04: Melanie Taylor – 2018 Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan

Sep 18: Mac Gallagher – Max Box Grosse Pointe