

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
Pledge of Allegiance: President Liz
Invocation: Susan Mozena

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

None.

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Vince Van-Tiem
-- Diane and Ron Strickler recently enjoyed a family vacation to the western part of the country.
-- Brilliant Detroit is putting little libraries outside Brilliant Detroit homes in the city. The goal is to fill them with children's books from racially diverse authors.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

-- Please welcome Julie Jorgensen as our newest member! Julie is a resident of GP Park, has three grown children, and works in the mortgage business for Direct Financial. Not new to Rotary, Julie served as president of the Romulus Club in 2010-11.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Crossroads Lunches. Due to Covid limitations, the Club is unable to run a few lunches over the summer as it has done in the past.

Diane Strickler is looking for ways to help and will be driving down there on Monday, 8/9. If anyone would like to join her, please reach out.

-- Doris Neal Van-Tiem is looking for Rotarians to champion community service projects. For Life Remodeled, there is Ted Everingham, and for Kids Against Hunger, Judy Masserang (details for both to follow). Would someone like to be the point person for the Moross Greenway clean-up? If you have a project idea, please contact Doris or Jackie Dale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The last 2020-21 Club award, the Infinity Sky Award, was presented to Fred Ollison for his work on behalf of the Club over his 51 years of membership.

-- Be sure to celebrate Rotary International Membership Month, a big push from RI president, Shekhar Mehta. The Club is off and running with two new members already!

-- McNeill Raffle/Summer of Service Kick-off on August 18 at the Tot Lot. Please plan on arriving between 5:30pm and 6pm. Remarks, Announcements & raffle packet distribution from 6 pm to 6:30 pm. Rotarians are encouraged to make their own fellowship dinner plans in small groups as short staffing at restaurants make large groups difficult. Look for email(s) from Mark Brooks outlining the raffle steps to follow and the expectations hoped for.

-- The Club is close to transitioning to in-person only meetings and President Liz will be forming a committee for room set-up and take-down, that will include ordering food. Similar to the GPYC meeting procedures, with just a few new responsibilities. If interested in helping or chairing, reach out to Liz.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

James "Jay" Lady – Sojourning with Sasquatch & a Sleuth for the Truth.

Jay, a GP Park resident, developed his love of adventure growing up in southern Ohio with Davey Crockett and Daniel Boone as his heroes. Both of whom have written about experiencing sasquatch encounters. Davey Crockett's was in 1836 and Teddy Roosevelt wrote about one in 1892. In 1973, even the federal government recognized "big foot"

Jay has one nighttime video encounter with what he firmly believes was a sasquatch and has audio recordings of their "language". He is in the process of making a documentary. One thing he has learned over the years is to not talk about this subject with family and friends as it can lead to becoming a social outcast.

As Mark Twain stated, "Truth is stranger than fiction, but it is because fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; truth isn't." To learn more about Jay's search, visit, [Michigan Aboriginal Project - YouTube](#)

CALENDAR

Aug 11: Kerrie M. Mitchell – Overview of Matrix Human Services

Aug 18: Mark Brooks – McNeill Raffle (Grosse Pointe Tot Lot)