

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Bob

Invocation: John Mozena

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Maliszewski

BIRTHDAYS

None.

ANNIVERSARIES

Lee Johnson, 10 years.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena

-- Florence Seltzer e-mailed John that she just celebrated her 85th birthday and misses everyone. She also noted that Jessie Harrison, the widow of former GP Rotarian and District Governor, Bob Harrison, is 93 years old and doing well.

-- Mark Zymkowski's son, Brian, scheduled a November wedding until dad pointed out that it conflicted with the U of M/OSU game. He is now getting married next April.

-- Per Neil Sroka, 2/3rd of the GP Farms votes in yesterday's primary were mailed in. He also humbly bragged that he received more votes to be a Democratic party precinct captain than his wife, Christine.

-- Congratulations to John and Susan who are celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on August 10th.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No report.

OIL CAN

-- Phil MacKethan gave it to Neil Sroka for simply saying "yes" when

asked to take on the weekly task of sending out the pre-meeting e-mail speaker summaries.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – The committee is holding virtual meeting immediately after this meeting. All are welcome to stay online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The Tot Lot grand opening will take place at noon this Saturday, August 8th! RSVP to Mike Carmody if you plan on attending.

-- The Club directories can be picked up at the Blue Book/Towar office on Mack Ave. A District 6400 directory is also available.

-- Funeral services for Dino Valente's father, Mark (a former GP Rotarian), will take place tomorrow at 10:00AM at St. Isadore, 18201 23 Mile Rd, Macomb Twp.

-- The deadline to register for the District's Skydiving for Polio event is August 10th.

-- GPYC has notified the Club that we will not be able to hold meetings there until some time in 2021.

-- Regarding the building to be built at the Tot Lot, the Club will be partnering with the GP School System and GP City. Our goal will be fundraising with Roger Hull and Liz Vogel co-chairing.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Karen Kendrick-Hands, Co-Founder of the Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group. (ESRAG).

Ms. Kendrick-Hands is a Madison, WI Rotarian but she and her husband raised their children in Grosse Pointe, both graduating from GP South. Bringing her passion for Rotary and mitigating climate

change together, she co-founded ESRAG in 2017.

Until recently, Rotary International had six areas of focus: Promoting peace, Fighting disease, Providing clean water, sanitation & hygiene, Saving mothers & children, Supporting Education, and Growing local economies. There is now a seventh: Supporting the environment. Being an area of focus enables environmental service projects to receive global grants. It also brings Rotary's seven areas of focus more in line with the United Nation's 17 sustainable goals.

ESRAG assists Clubs, Districts, and RI in planning and implementing service projects, building awareness, building global and local support, inspiring action for sustainable solutions, and supporting RI in environmental initiatives. The organization has 11 Green Themes, which include such service projects as organizing a clean-up, planting trees, and beating plastic pollution. It also partners with groups such as Drawdown, the world's leading resource for climate solutions, and Tradewater, whose goal is to reduce the world's carbon footprint. www.drawdown.org. www.tradewater.us.

To learn more and/or become an ESRAG member (like Liz Vogel), please visit www.esrag.org.