

OPENING

Time: 6:00

Pledge of Allegiance:

GUESTS

Frank Palazzolo and Tony Laurie

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

None.

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Doris Neal-Van Tiem

-- Barb Carlier recently travelled to Minnesota to visit with a friend of 60 years.

-- Diane and Ron Strickler celebrated their daughter's 50th birthday in Cincinnati.

-- The Club received nice Thank You cards from Kids on the Go for our donation.

-- Dio Rockers is happy to receive visitors at the American House on The Hill. Give him a call to set something up.

OIL CAN

Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers.

-- Paul Rentenbach, who underwent surgery today.

ROTARY BUSINESS

-- The Club garage sale takes place from 8/14 to 8/17. Items to sell and workers are needed! Baked goods to be sold are to be dropped off at Diane Strickler's home on 8/14 or taken directly to the garage sale at

Dino Valente's home on 8/15.

Publicize it by word of mouth or direct people to the Club's Facebook page.

-- The next board meeting will be at 5:00 pm on 8/21 via Zoom

-- Sarah Ollison and Beverly Curtis-Walsh of the fellowship committee are gauging interest in attending a DCFC soccer match on 9/20. They are also looking into bus transportation to and from the Hamtramck stadium. Please reach out to them if interested in attending.

-- The District Governor Golf Outing takes place on 9/8 at Lakes of Taylor. If you would like to play, please contact Ron Vitale.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The GP Libraries are accepting donations of school supplies through 8/13 at their three locations.

-- The next food drive at GP Memorial Church will be on Saturday, 9/13.

-- Forgotten Harvest from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on 9/20. A volunteer is needed to champion this opportunity.

-- Life Remodeled. Community clean-up on 10/1/25 from Noon to 4:00pm. Mark your calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Next week's speaker will be Linda Dewey, the daughter of WWII veteran Bill Dewey, who flew in the Kassel Mission, an ill-fated aerial battle.

-- Lunch Bunch: Noon on Friday at Alma Kitchen. Please RSVP Mike Carmody by 11:00 am that morning.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Alex Beauchamp – New Member Presentation

Alex is proud of his Texas roots, raised in Lubbock, the birthplace of Buddy Holly (and former Detroit Lion great Bobby Layne). He attended Carleton College in Minnesota, where he was a political science major.

Post college, he spent time in Colorado, before moving to Washington, DC in 2009, where he met his wife, Annie (Roger Hull's daughter). His work took the two of them to Brooklyn NY, where they lived from 2012 to 2024. They moved to GP Farms last August.

For the last 16 years Alex has worked for Food and Water Watch, a national environmental nonprofit that fights for safe food, clean water, and a livable climate, where he is now the Northern Region Director. He sums up his job as being an "organizer" for which his passion began in high school. He and a group of students tried (unsuccessfully) to persuade the school board to include sex education in its public health curriculum.

www.foodandwaterwatch.org.

Finally, Alex is the very proud father of his son-to-be 7-year-old son, James.

MEETING RAFFLE

\$125 in the pot. Alex Beauchamp purchased the winning ticket but was unable to pick the joker.

CALENDAR

Aug 13: Linda Dewey – Kassel Mission in WWII

Aug 20: Richard Martin – Detroit Zoo's Director of Individual Philanthropy