

**OPENING**

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

**GUESTS**

Diane Simmons, guest of Jackie Dale. Cissie Large Cappola, guest of Roger Hull.

**VISITING ROTARIANS**

None

**BIRTHDAYS**

Kevin Cox (12/5) and Suzanne Klein (12/7).

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Frank Wilberding, 1 year.

**ROVING REPORTER**

No report.

**OIL CAN**

-- Postponed.

**SUNSHINE NEWS**

Steve McMillan  
 -- Good news to report. Florence Seltzer is out of the hospital after battling Covid.  
 -- Roger Hull's mom passed away after living a very full life. Our thoughts are with him and his family.  
 -- Dick Allison is in the hospital after having total hip replacement surgery. He's looking forward to being able to go hiking in the spring.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

-- A Food Drive to support Second Mile Center will take place on 12/4 from 10am-11am in the GP Memorial Church parking lot. Please make sure any donated food items are not past their expiration dates.

-- Thank you to Eva Habib, Dave Colton, Diane Strickler, Michael Newman, and Roger Hull for supplying 8 cooked turkeys for Crossroads.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- Congratulation to Nina Gazel and her husband, Caleb, who are expecting their first child (a future Rotarian, of course) in June!!  
 -- If you have not voted in the Club election yet, please look for reminder emails and make your selections. The last date to vote is 12/8.  
 -- Holiday Party on 12/15. From 5:30pm-7:00pm at Cellar 313 in GP Park. Emails have been sent out to electronically RSVP and a reminder will be sent out soon. \$20 for appetizers and a cash bar. Looking forward to some holiday cheer.

**TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Beth Konrad-Wilberding – Fake News & How to Tell What is Real News

Beth is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists, an organization that strives to ensure the free exchange of information that is accurate, fair, and thorough. Regarding any news story, the first question should be "what is news"? With ethical journalism, making this determination is a team effort that requires many meetings throughout a typical day.

Aspects of a news story to consider are its impact, proximity, timeliness, prominence, and the human-interest angle. One should also ask if it will create controversy or conflict. An example of this is happened with the school shooting in Oxford, where a local news

station made the decision to not show the children hugging their parents upon leaving the school. It felt that it didn't add to the story.

Determining whether to report on a story, one should seek the truth. This requires validation by being able to verify its accuracy through attribution. If true, the potential harm a story could cause should also be considered. A real journalist should act independently, avoid conflicts of interest, and be transparent and accountable for any mistakes.

Regulating news stories has become extremely difficult with the changing media landscape. With the elimination of the Fairness Doctrine, that required any broadcast news to present balanced views, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 that shields tech companies (Facebook, Twitter) from legal liability for what is posted on their sites, there is little incentive to keep fake news from being reported.

There are many organizations that are trying to educate on real/fake news. [www.poynter.org](http://www.poynter.org) teaches different segments of society how to sort fact from fiction online. Reputable fact checking websites include [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) and [www.politifact.com](http://www.politifact.com).

**CALENDAR**

- Dec 08: Joella Bush – Executive Director of the Gianna House
- Dec 15: Holiday Party: Cellar 313
- Dec 22: No Meeting
- Dec 29: No meeting