

**OPENING**

Time: 6:00 PM  
 Moment of Silence for Al Ceravolo.  
 Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy  
 Invocation: John Mozena

**GUESTS**

None.

**VISITING ROTARIANS**

None.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Jon Gandelot (12/15).

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Paige Niehaus, 1 year.

**ROVING REPORTER**

Tom Youngblood  
 -- With a light news day, Tom took an informal survey and learned that most Rotarians will be home on Christmas day. December 26<sup>th</sup> is another story, where many will be fleeing the state.  
 -- Nice article in the GP News about Operation Warm. Kudos to Paul Rentenbach for all his hard work.  
 -- Bill and Kristin Roche welcomed their second grandchild into the world. Congratulations!  
 -- After a two-week vacation travelling the California coast, Peter Stroh believes he now able to be a tour guide for the area.  
 -- If anyone has lost a scarf in the past few weeks, it is at the front desk.

**SUNSHINE NEWS**

-- No news.

**OIL CAN**

-- Postponed.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

-- No report.

**TOT LOT REIMAGINED**

-- No financial report.  
 -- The playground equipment will be delivered next week to be stored at Stroh River Place. Paul Rentenbach will reach out if volunteers are needed.

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOW**

Congratulations to Diane Strickler who was presented with her Paul Harris (x8) pin. Diane directed her donation to polio eradication as her mother suffered from the disease.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- You have one more meeting to purchase a box (or boxes) of chocolate from Dino at the front table to help support the tot lot.  
 -- The election results are in. Elected to the Club Board for a two-year term: Julie Baumer, Phil MacKethan, and Steve McMillan. Elected to the Foundation Board for a three-year term: Suzanne Klein, Bill Scott, and Diane Strickler. Congratulations to them and thank you to all who were willing to be nominated.  
 -- Mike Carmody noted that the 38 in attendance was our highest for the year. Great fellowship and speakers for only \$10! Make it a point to attend.

**TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Kathryn Woodstock, the Methodist Children's Home Society's (MCHS) Chief Development Officer.

The MCHS was formed in 1917 to take care of children without parents (either orphaned or parents were away from home fighting/supporting WWI). With an 80-acre campus in Redford, the MCHS is home to 50 boys between the ages of 5 and 18. Most have bounced from home to

home and have suffered multiple traumas, which can include sexual, physical, and/or just what comes from the lack of food and necessities due to poverty.

With a \$10 million budget, provided primarily by the State, the mission of the extremely passionate staff of 140 is to advocate for the boys. They do this by providing therapeutic services, teaching health and wellness life skills, and offering educational services to help the children catch up to their grade level. A major initiative for 2020 is to open a "trauma based" charter school, the first in Michigan.

The ultimate goal is for each boy to live with a family, whether biological or foster. The MCHS offers support and guidance to these families after the child is in their homes. To learn more about this organization, please visit [www.mchsmi.org](http://www.mchsmi.org).

**FLOWER RAFFLE**

A pot of \$816 with \$408 going to the winner. With Paul Harris karma flowing through her, Diane Strickler held the winning ticket but, unfortunately, it didn't extend to picking the joker. Thank you to Charvat the Florist for the beautiful holiday arrangement.

**CALENDAR**

- Dec 18: Happy Holidays with The Grunyons
- Dec 25: No Meeting
- Jan 01: No meeting
- Jan 08: Ruth Azar -- Second Mile Center