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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Gary

Invocation: Ron Vitale

GUESTS

Howard Hill, guest of Judy Masserang. Nycki Eschenburg and Delight Darenya, guests of Kim Towar. Angela and Julianna Joseph, guests of John Mozena. Avery Keyser, son of Jessica Keyser.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Jon Gandelot (12/15).

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena

-- To Kim Towar's relief, the little Blue Books are out for delivery.

-- Per Phil Mackethan, the Grunyons performed before a sold out audience at their Christmas concert on 12/4 and are looking forward to singing at our 12/19 meeting.

-- Julie Baumer is "proud" to announce that Bruce, her 6 month old puppy, is weighing in at 80 lbs.

OIL CAN

-- Paul Rentenbach passed it to Julie Baumer for embracing Rotary by taking part in many of our volunteer activities, attending a Board meeting, and working the registration desk.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- No report.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

-- The Club welcomed Paige Niehaus. Paige, as everyone knows is President Gary's wife, is also the Provost and Executive Director of the Design Center at Wayne County Community College. Steve McMillan will be her mentor.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Operation Warm: The last 1,075 coats were delivered to Matrix today. This year, \$72,000 was raised and a total of \$4,356 coats were handed out to deserving children. A huge thank you to Paul Rentenbach for all he does with this project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- No Club Board meeting this month.
-- Please RSVP to Mike Carmody for the December 20th Christmas party at Ardmore Café. Tickets are \$25.

-- **Election results.** Club Board: Murray Davis, Irena Politano, and Peter Stroh. Foundation Board: Roger Hull, Dino Valente, and Mark Weber. Ted Everingham thanked all who were willing to be nominated.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Rev. Susan Mozena – My Trip on a B-52 Bomber

Susan's father, Charles d'Olive, was a reserve pilot in WWI as a part of the Army's 93rd aviation squadron. He achieved the first aerial kill in the squadron's history, ultimately shooting down 5 planes over a week period. This earned him the honor of a Flying Ace (although it took until 1963 for the fifth plane to be confirmed) and he was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross.

His time as a pilot in the war shaped

his life and, as Susan describes it, her house's décor. She has quite a bit of WWI memorabilia which she has periodically loaned to the squadron.

While attending the squadron's 100th anniversary last year, a seed was planted to let Susan fly on a B52. After going through a flight physical, and ejector seat and parachute training, this past September Susan had the pleasure of going on an 150 mile flight which included some "touch and goes" (landing with a quick re-thrust back in the air). She was actually given the opportunity to fly the plane. As an official crew member, she also participated in the post-flight celebration.

The pride Susan feels for her father's accomplishments as a "citizen airman" was evident in her presentation.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$1,256 in the pot with \$628 going to the winner. Heather Mayernik had the winning ticket but the joker remains hidden. Thank you to Charvat The Florist for the beautiful arrangement.

ROGER MCNEILL RAFFLE

-- The tickets were drawn for the three \$1,000 prizes and the \$5,000 grand prize. Thank you to all who sold tickets and congratulations to our winners.

CALENDAR

Dec 19: The Grunyons – A Cappella Christmas Performance

Dec 26 & Jan 02: No Meeting