

OPENING

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

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Eva Habib (12/20), Mark
 Zmyslowski (12/21) and Rick
 Ferrara (12/29)

ANNIVERSARIES

Gaylord Creedon, 24 years. Bob
 Bury, 24 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Fred Ollison
 -- Fred facetimed with Liv Vogel and Johann Finkelmeier as they were enjoying the sun and sand at the Ritz Carlton in Naples, FL.
 -- Neil Sroka is changing careers in 2021, as he is leaving Democracy for America to work for Paid Leave for the U.S. The good news for the Club is that he will continue to live/work in GP Farms.
 -- Fred explained that, post knee surgery physical therapy, there is a difference between 5 mgs and 10 mgs of OxyContin. 5 mgs left him in pain, while 10 mgs had him engaging in wide ranging conversations with Sarah, leading her to say “Fred, you’re bombed.”
 -- Fred ended his reporting with a Covid 19 rendition of Twas the Night Before Christmas.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- President Bob reported that George McMullen looked to be in good spirits based on his Facebook posts.

OIL CAN

-- Phil MacKethan and Judy Masserang planned on giving it to Fred Ollison to “grease” his joints after knee surgery. Tuesday evening gave them another reason as Fred texted and e-mailed Phil the words “I can’t get in” and Phil knew immediately that Fred was trying to get into the Zoom meeting. After informing him that he was a day early, Fred replied “oops”.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- On 12/13, three Rotarians assisted GP Memorial Church in passing out 380 lunches at Crossroads. Thank you to those who helped.
 -- The next Trunk to Trunk food drop-off at GP Memorial Church will take place on January 9. Judy Masserang will send out reminders as the date gets closer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- There will be a three-week Rotary break as the next meeting will be January 13.

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Jenny Boettcher – Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce President.

Ms. Boettcher started the presentation by expressing her frustration with the State’s constantly changing rules and shutdowns while offering businesses very little financial relief. There are a couple of grants available through Wayne County and the State, but they are either relatively small or only available on a first come, first served basis. Through its website, the Chamber provides Covid 19 resources to help businesses follow State guidelines.

Addressing the Covid 19 restrictions, shutdowns, and event cancellations, the Chamber has had to pivot with the times. It is deferring membership renewal fees for up to 90 days, offering businesses free Covid signs and PPE kits and, on the website, they can post employment opportunities. The Chamber’s Legacy on the Lake event was changed to meal and wine dinner kits available for purchase, and there was a Santa Claus “drive-by” in lieu of the Santa Parade.

To help the community support local businesses, the Chamber’s website provides a list of restaurants and their contact information that offer carry-out or curbside service. You can also purchase Chamber Bucks that are accepted at local retail stores, health & fitness locations, salons, and restaurants/bakeries. To help with foot traffic, it has sponsored a gingerbread house contest at over 50 locations with a detailed map on its website.

www.grossepointechamber.com

CALENDAR

- Dec 23: No meeting.
- Dec 30: No meeting.
- Jan 06: No meeting.
- Jan 13: Rabea Nunley, CHWC – Healthy New Beginnings
- Jan 20: Mil Hurley – Moross Greenway Project