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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Gary

Invocation: George McMullen

GUESTS

David Holme, guest of Mark Cory.

Mike, Sue and Katie Dotson. Janine

Lanza. Margaret Trimer. K. Michelle

Moran. Renee Bialke. Paige

Niehaus, guest of Gary Niehaus.

Amy Weglarz. Mary Anne Brush.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Suzanne Klein (12/7).

ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Solak, 28 years. Roger Hull, 19 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Jeremy Henner

-- The GP Symphony Orchestra will be performing a Christmas concert at 3:00 PM, on 12/9, at Star of the Sea Church. Ron Vitale is sure to be in attendance as Evelyn is a violinist.

-- A slow news day so Jeremy reported that the 21st amendment was passed 85 years ago (ending Prohibition), and that the Dearborn Heights school system now calls detention the "student responsibility center".

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Jim Fikany reported that former Rotarian George Koueiter's mother passed away. The service will take place at 11:00 AM on 12/7 at Star of the Sea Church.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Roger McNeill Annual Raffle.

One week to the December 12th drawings so get your tickets in for three chances to win \$1,000 and then the grand prize of \$5,000!

-- No Club Board meeting this month.

-- Christmas party on December 20th at Ardmore Café. Please RSVP to Mike Carmody as soon as possible.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Youth Exchange Panel

Ted Everingham moderated the discussion. The first exchange occurred in Denmark in 1929 and there are currently 8,000 students taking part in 100 countries. Inbound students come to our Club and outbound students are sponsored by our Club to travel abroad. Katie Dotson was just accepted as an outbound student and will find out in January where she will be living. Her top choice is Norway. The Club currently has an outbound student, Anna Gleason, in Finland.

Having recently hosted a student, Jessica Keyser and Paige Niehaus (Simon) and Michelle Roberts (Sebastian) offered their perspectives. Jessica and Michelle spoke about how their children bonded with their student and the overall adjustment of having a teenager in the house. Paige reflected on how much she misses having Simon in her daily life and the little things that remind her of him.

Current and past Rotarians spoke of the impact of hosting a student. John and Susan Mozena (8 students)

believe that hosting establishes lifelong relationships, having attended two of their students' weddings. Former Rotarians Mike and Cindy Carlson (13 students) really appreciated how they were able to view our country and culture through the eyes of the students.

In our Club, Bill Scott is the youth exchange administrator, handling travel arrangements and school registration. Steve McMillan is the counselor for male students and Kim Towar for female students. All provide support for host families by answering questions and offering assistance if any issues should arise.

To revitalize the Club's inbound program, members are encouraged to talk to friends and family about being a host family. Based on the positive discussion, the hosts get as much, if not more, out of the interaction than the students.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$1,202 in the pot with \$601 going to the winner. Our guest, Heather Trimer, purchased the winning ticket. She was not able to pick the joker but did take home the beautiful flower arrangement provided by Charvat The Florist.

CALENDAR

Dec 12: Rev. Susan Mozena – My Trip on a B-52 Bomber

Dec 19: The Grunyons – A Cappella Christmas Performance

Dec 26: No Meeting

Jan 02: No meeting