

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Judy Masserang

GUESTS

Lydia Ruppenthal

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Suzanne Klein (12/7), John Maliszewski (12/14), Jon Gandelot (12/15), Mike Newman (12/19), Eva Habib (12/20), Mark Zmyslowski (12/21) Richard Ferrara (12/29).

ANNIVERSARIES

Bub Bury, 23 years. Richard Solak, 30 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Johann Finkelmeier

-- No membership news so Johann humored us with some German themed jokes.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Jackie Dale & Doris Neal-Van Tiem. The following are battling health/injury concerns so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers: Florence Seltzer, Gary Niehaus, Julie Baumer, and Dave Colton.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The Club reached its goal to raise \$1,200 to adopt a family for the holidays! Steve Cornillie may need help shopping for presents and gift-wrapping next week. If able to assist, please let him know.

-- There will be a food drive from 10:00am – 11:00am, on 1/14/23, at GP Memorial Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Election results. Starting 7/1/23, the three new Club Board members will be Steve Cornillie, Rebecca Fannon, and Jessica Keyser. The three new members of the Foundation board will be Suzanne Klein, Bill Scott, and Diane Strickler. The president nominee is Jackie Dale. Thank you to all who were willing to be nominated.

-- Club Holiday Soiree on 12/14. To give Watermark a headcount, the deadline to RSVP to Kim Towar is 12/9.

-- Thank you to Renee Miller for opening up her office attic to store our Rotary supplies and to those who will be helping President Mark move them this Saturday.

-- If interested, Rotary apparel can be purchased and personalized at www.russellhampton.com.

-- Two tables of euchre players were all set to play after today's meeting.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Diane Strickler, Meet Our Member presentation. (A new program to "re-introduce" Rotarians who have been members over 20 years).

Diane was born and raised in Toronto, where she worked as a nurse. She and Ron moved to St. Louis, where Ron started a residency program, and lived there for 20 years, raising three children. While there, she started a pre-school, that is still operating, and "before school" language classes, that were eventually integrated into the school system.

The Stricklers moved to Grosse Pointe when Ron became the head of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Henry Ford Hospital. Diane began working toward a Master of Social Work degree in St. Louis, and finished up at U of M in 1998.

The combination of nursing and social work led Diane to focus on prevention, leading to the formation of the Family Center in 2000. Its purpose is to provide resources and help families navigate life's social, emotional, and physical challenges. Over the last 23 years, the organization has helped to remove the stigma associated with issues like substance abuse and mental health. www.familycenterweb.org.

Diane loves to cook and travel and continues to volunteer through her church and Rotary. She invites everyone to visit the garden she helped champion at GP Congregational Church when the weather is nicer.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$600 in the pot. Dino Valente purchased the winning ticket but was not able to pick the joker.

CALENDAR

Dec 14: Club Holiday Party at Watermark

Dec 21: No meeting.

Dec 28: No meeting