

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation: Steve Brownell

GUESTS

Marcia Everingham, guest of Ted Everingham. Cynthia Greening, Board President of Gianna House.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Ken Isherwood, Detroit.

BIRTHDAYS

For the rest of December.... John Maliszewski (12/14), Jon Gandelot (12/15), Michael Newman (12/19), Eva Habib (12/20), Mark Zmyslowski (12/21), and Richard Ferrara (12/29)

ANNIVERSARIES

Roger Hull, 22 years. Rich Solak, 25 years. Bob Bury, 25 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Tom Youngblood
-- After presenting at last week's meeting, Beth Konrad gathered up her supplies and travelled to Chicago to visit her daughter. Unfortunately, her supplies included Fiona's phone, which had to be overnighted to her.
-- Phil MacKethan is a member of The Grunions, an a cappella group, who are now on iTunes and Spotify, and have teamed up with Giving Songs (www.givingsongs.org), which raises money to provide wheelchair accessible vehicles to families with disabled children. You can hear the recording and donate through the link.

OIL CAN

-- Paul Rentenbach passed it to Dave Colton for making the jump from honorary member.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Please welcome:
-- Dave Colton, spouse of Kim Towar, has been an honorary member of the Club since 2004, and a very active volunteer during that time. It's great to see him become a full member.
-- Rebecca Fannon, the Communications Specialist for Grosse Pointe Schools. Rebecca lives in GP Farms with her husband, Dan, and her four sons.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- John Mozena spent some time with Dick Dunlap, who is in hospice care. Dick is lucid with a strong voice and is not in any pain. Please keep him in your thoughts.
-- There is a funeral service for Roger Hull's mother, Harriet, at St. Paul on the Lake at 10:00am on Friday, December 10th.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Crossroads Lunch on 12/12, from 9:30am-12:30pm. There is one volunteer opening to help put together and distribute carryout lunch bags. To sign up, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49a4af2da4fe3-crossroads>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Club Election. President Nominee: Neil Sroka. Club Board: Jackie Dale, Steve McMillan, and Doris Neal-Van Tiem. Foundation Board: Bob Lucas, Dean Valente, and Mark Weber. Congratulations to those elected and thank you to all who were willing to being nominated.
-- Per Ron Vitale, the GP Symphony Orchestra has a holiday performance at 7:30pm on 12/12 at Star of the Sea. All are welcome.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Gianna House. Executive Director Joella Bush and Board Member Jamie Spriet.

Gianna House is a pregnancy and parenting residence located in Eastpointe that was a vision in 2009 and became a reality in 2019. Its mission is to provide a safe residence for at-risk pregnant girls and young women and their newborn infants while providing spiritual, educational, and parenting support and resources to underserved women in their program. An example of this care is "Desiree", who, at age 16, gave birth at Gianna House and was able to find a job and apartment. Due to her child becoming ill, she was unable to work and relied on the organization to provide supplies.

Gianna House offers two programs. (1) Resident housing, long-term for up to a year after birth. Its capacity is 8 total (4 moms and 4 infants) ages 18-25 and it hopes to expand to 14 total and include ages 13-17. (2) Community Outreach, supplying parenting classes, baby items, clothing, car seats, and strollers. There is currently a capital campaign to expand the services available to provide a haven for the young women that come to their doors.

Disrupting the cycle of poverty and ensuring stronger, productive families through stable, safe housing has been their recipe for success. To learn more, please visit www.giannahouse.org

CALENDAR

Dec 15: Holiday Party: Cellar 313
Dec 22 & 29: No Meeting