

## OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Steve Brownell

## GUESTS

Linda Leddick, via Zoom. Dio

Rocker, guest of Cissie Cappola.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

Dennis Hyduk, GP Sunrise.

## BIRTHDAYS

Judy Masserang (2/5) and Richard

Solak (2/7).

## ANNIVERSARIES

Kim Towar, 31 years. Ted Hadgis, 45

years. Mark Zmyslowski, 37 years.

Kevin Cox, 2 years.

## ROVING REPORTER

Jackie Dale

-- The Friday Lunch Bunch had a nice discussion about Fred Ollison's greatness as a Roving Reporter.

-- Congratulations to Doris Neal-Van Tiem, who is serving on the State Bar of Michigan's Character & Fitness Committee for District D.

-- Nice article in the Rotarian Magazine, *Pedaling Towards Prosperity*, about donating bikes to (primarily) African communities in need, which quotes Grosse Pointer Kip Nickel.

## SUNSHINE NEWS

Jackie Dale

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers:

-- Florence Seltzer who continues to battle eye issues.

-- Gary Niehaus, who is successfully rehabbing from his back surgery but the virus he has been fighting is now believed to be in his pacemaker. To reach out, his address is 4007

Carolwood Village Drive, Tampa FL 33518.

-- Bob Everett, the brother of former GP Rotarian, Jim Everett, passed away this past Saturday after battling cancer.

## OIL CAN

-- Scott Matthews passed it to David Eardley, for jumping into our Club's service projects with both feet and for his church, GP Methodist, taking in and feeding the homeless this week.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Thank you to the 17 people who helped feed the homeless at GP Methodist Church this past Saturday.

-- There are 6 volunteers set to help at The Michigan Humane Society Telethon in Bingham Farms on Feb 9th. Any questions, please contact Bob Lucas.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Euchre Night. The next one takes place after the 2/8 meeting. If interested in playing, please contact Bill Roche.

-- Per Dennis Hyduk, GP Sunrise Club's speaker on 2/8 will be Tony Pate, who has been providing medical supplies to the front lines in Ukraine. The meeting starts at 7:00 am at the Ford House.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Julia Given & Lulu Nester – Freedom House Detroit.

Formed in 1983, Freedom House is located in southwest Detroit and serves individuals and families fleeing direct government, or government-allowed, persecution. It has 14 dorm rooms with at least four beds in each and typically houses 50-60 people. It is an open facility with few rules – be

respectful, complete your chores in a timely manner, and be in by curfew.

Freedom House offers five programs: (1) FreedomLives, providing shelter, food, and clothing, with many staying up to 2 years; (2) FreedomAids, providing legal aid assistance with the asylum process; (3) FreedomWorks, working on employment readiness, which, with government bureaucracy, can take 12-18 months to even be qualified to hold a job; (4) FreedomCares, providing on-site counseling and medical care through partnerships; and (5) FreedomTalks, affording a resource for those seeking global perspectives and language services.

Those seeking asylum learn about Freedom House through word of mouth and online searches. Our speakers are hoping to make it more of a household name in Detroit. To learn more or donate, please visit [www.freedomhouse.org](http://www.freedomhouse.org). In addition to money, items can be donated through its Amazon List. On the website, click on "Ways to Engage" under "Join Us" and then "Get Started" under "Give Goods via Amazon".

## FLOWER RAFFLE

\$752 in the pot. Steve Brownell held the winning ticket but was not able to pick the joker.

## CALENDAR

Feb 08: David Eardley – New Member Vocational Talk

Feb 15: Jenny Boettcher, President – Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce