

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy

Invocation: John Mozena

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Richard O'Neill (2/16)

ANNIVERSARIES

Kim Towar, 28 years. Mark

Zymslowski, 34 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Lisa Gandelot

-- Ted Hadgis's son, Craig (also a dentist), was just inducted into the Rotary Club of St. Augustine, FL.

-- Florence Seltzer's granddaughter finally arrived in Argentina for the second leg of her U of M study abroad program. She was supposed to study in China, but those plans were changed.

-- Gary Niehaus is heading south for the upcoming school winter break. Jon Gandelot jokingly praised him for staying off the front pages of the local newspapers this week.

-- Julie Baumer's very large dog, Bruce, is in puppy jail for chewing up her couch.

-- The contacts between John and Susan Mozena, as Susan is in Cuba on a church trip, have been limited. The assumption is that she is enjoying herself.

-- Bill Scott communicated with Ron Vitale who is wintering in Marco Island and complained that it's too hot. There was an immediate, and definitely not sarcastic, "aw!" from the members.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No report.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Eight volunteers will participate in the Michigan Humane Society Telethon on 2/13.

-- Thank you to the 10 Rotarians who helped load books at the GP Woods Library for Goodwill on 2/8.

-- Kids Against Hunger will take place at GP Memorial Church on 3/7. You can register for a two-hour block on our website calendar. Many volunteers are needed.

TOT LOT REIMAGINED

-- At the 2/26 meeting, there will be a presentation outlining what is needed to install the playground equipment this spring, which will include 300 volunteers.

-- The Children's Center sent a thank you card for the individual Rotarian's donations to purchase turkeys for foster families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- John Mozena was contacted by Beverly Burns, the widow of former Rotarian Ben Burns, that the Detroit Dept. of Elections is looking for inspectors to help with the upcoming election. If interested, please contact John.

-- There is still time to sign up for the District Conference at Kalahari Resort from 5/15-5/17.
www.rotary6400.org.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Murray Davis, Project Director/Program Coordinator for the 19th District Court Veterans Treatment Court in Dearborn.

Veterans Treatment Courts (VTCs) are a diversion program for veterans who have been charged with a non-violent misdemeanor. It takes the person out of the court system with the goal being treatment, not incarceration. They promote sobriety, recovery, and stability through a coordinated response with the VA and other healthcare networks. There are 27 VTCs in Michigan. To learn more, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrpytvX3YSE>.

If a defendant identifies as a veteran, the prosecutor can recommend this program. The individual would plead guilty to the offense and then undergo a four phase 12-18-month probationary period with strict guidelines. During this time period, he/she, through the VA, would be assessed and receive psychological, emotional, and substance abuse treatment. Murray's VTC receives state and federal funding but he looks for extra money to help veterans with emergency needs and transportation and to incentivize volunteer veteran mentors through training and mileage reimbursement.

FLOWER RAFFLE

A pot of \$1,124 with \$562 going to the winner. Liz Vogel was able to take home the nice Valentine's Day arrangement but the joker remains hidden.

CALENDAR

Feb 19: Elizabeth Vogel – 2020 Census: Everything You Need to Know

Feb 26: Tot Lot Committee