

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Susan Mozena

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Sherry McRill (2/21).

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Vince Van Tiem

-- Diane and Ron Strickler had a "trip to cherish" to Qatar, UAE, and Oman.

-- If you haven't received a Blue Book delivered to your door, please let Dave Colton know.

-- Vince's niece, a MSU student, left campus due to the shooting and spent the night in Grosse Pointe before heading home to Houston. Vince lightened up the moment a bit by describing his "very quick" drive to the airport, giving his niece 35 minutes to get to her gate, and leaving Doris fuming. (She made it).

SUNSHINE NEWS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers:

-- Bill and Jackie Scott as Jackie battles health issues.

-- John Brooks who, walking without his walker, tripped and broke a bone in his back. He'll have to wear a back brace for the foreseeable future as he recovers.

OIL CAN

-- Mark Brooks passed it to Ted Everingham for making a three-year commitment to District 6400 to be the

Assistant Governor for Area 1 (2 GP Clubs, 2 Detroit Clubs, and WSU Rotaract). Kudos!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Thank you to the 7 volunteers who participated in the Michigan Humane Telethon on Feb 9.

-- March projects: (1) Food Drive at GP Memorial Church on 3/11 and (2) Kids Against Hunger at the War Memorial on 3/18. A sign-up sheet was passed around and you can also register for one of the three shifts on the Club's website calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meet the Governor Event. Meet DGE Russ Jones at 11:30am on 2/16 in Southgate. \$30 payable at the door and you can register at www.rotary6400.org.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Abigail Turnbull, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Membership & Events Coordinator.

Ms. Turnbull joined the Chamber in December 2022 and has helped with existing programs such as networking events that take place 1 or 2 times a month, an online business directory, an online job directory, marketing gift bags, and chamber change (gift cards that are essentially cash that can be used at member businesses where the business is reimbursed the value of the gift card). Her goals include making these programs even better and developing new ones.

Upcoming events include:

3/5 – 3/11: Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week. The theme is Passport to the Pointes where you can have your passport stamped and exchanged for chamber change.

5/4: Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. The keynote speaker is JT Mestaugh.
6/23: Legacy on the Lake. This will take place at the Ford House and will honor Jim and Ann Nicholson.
11/24: Santa Claus Parade. The Chamber is excited that a new Santa float is being built by The Parade Company. Look for fundraising opportunities to support this.

There are approximately 1,000 businesses in Grosse Pointe and over 600 of are Chamber members. Ms. Turnbull works with, and promotes, all four local associations (GP Park Business Association, Main Street Grosse Pointe, the Hill Association, and the GP Woods Business Association) equally. She views them as organizations working together and not competing against each other. www.grossepointechamber.com

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$824 in the pot. Carla, our server, held the winning ticket but was not able to pick the joker.

CALENDAR

Feb 22: Stu Alderman, Neighborhood Club Executive Director

Mar 01: Terry Gibb, MSU Extension Services

Mar 08: Rachele Wright, Digital Marketing Specialist – maximizing social media

Mar 15: Fellowship Event (tbd)