

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Lucas

Invocation: Richard Yeager-Stiver

GUESTS

Diane Simmons.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Sherry McRill (2/16).

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Scott, 21 years. Kim Towar, 28 years. Mark Zmyslowski, 34 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Fred Ollison

-- With the recent Michigan weather, Fred was glad to read that pitchers and catcher report to spring training today.

-- Steve McMillan's employer is combining two facilities into one large location in Fraser, which, unfortunately, adds to his daily commute.

-- Ted Coutilish is using his PR skills to promote Helena Haney, a GP North student and Interact treasurer, who sews and sells beanies to raise money for women's homeless shelters. Besides a story on WXYZ, she may receive some exposure on the Kelly Clarkson and Ellen DeGeneres shows.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- John and Carrie Maliszewski thanked the members for their thoughts and prayers.

--- Murray Davis reported that his cancer treatment is going in the right direction.

-- Steve McMillan's cancer has returned, and he is currently

undergoing hormone therapy and will begin radiation treatment in March. The good news is that he says it is very treatable.

OIL CAN

-- Dick Allison passed it to Doris Neal-Van Tiem and Vince Van Tiem for their work with the community affairs committee and for being very hands-on with our service projects.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The Helm sent the Club a nice thank you card for the *notes of encouragement* that were provided for the Meals on Wheels program.

-- Ted Everingham participated in the recent Michigan Humane Society Telethon, which raised \$513,000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The District Conference is going virtual on May 4 - 5. If registered, you have three options with your fee: use it for the 2022 conference, donate it to Rotary, or request a refund.

-- Rotarians for Recovery. The District is trying to raise funds to help with transitional housing for those suffering from opiate addictions. A flyer was attached to Judy's Monday e-mail.

-- The Club's Foundation is continuing its fundraising campaign through June 30. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Hull.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Mark Heppner -- President and CEO of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Mr. Heppner is very excited about the improvements at the Ford House,

which includes a 48,000 square foot visitor center. The center will contain a museum store, education classrooms, a destination restaurant called The Continental, with 80 indoor seats and 40 outdoor, and a grab-and-go food/beverage counter called The Speedster. There will also be event space with the Lakeshore Room able to seat 200 people.

There will be two exhibition galleries. One will be permanent with film, photos, and letters about the Ford family. There will be a focus on Edsel Ford's car designs and his impact on the auto industry. The second will be rotating, featuring local and national traveling exhibits. The second new structure is a 17,000 square foot administration building. These new offices allow the staff to be separate from visitor areas.

The renovations focused on sustainability with the buildings generating more energy than they use. Both have solar panels and basins to collect and clean rainwater and the restaurant tables are made from trees that have been cut down on the property.

Mr. Heppner's hope is to attract many new visitors while still satisfying the regular ones. He is confident of a Spring 2021 re-opening. To learn more, visit www.fordhouse.org.

CALENDAR

Feb 24: Cindy Eggleton – Brilliant Detroit

Mar 03: Nina Gazel – Vocational Talk