

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM – John Mozena,
 Presiding
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Invocation: Judy Masserang

GUESTS

None

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Irene Politano (2/27).

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena

-- Diane Strickler promoted how good the Rotarian Magazine is (and John agrees), highlighting articles on Parents United, incoming RI President Jennifer Jones (Windsor-Roseland Club), and a Q & A with RI General Secretary, John Hewko, who has a Michigan connection.

-- John C. Mozena, who recently talked to the Club about the problems with corporate subsidies, had two articles published on this topic, one in the Detroit News.

-- Susan Mozena provided some facts about Rotary in Kiev and Moscow, both with English speaking clubs.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Steve McMillan

-- No news.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The next Food Drive at GP Memorial Church is on 4/2. The community service committee is

asking that everyone buy one healthy item (e.g., peanut butter, tuna fish) each week that they shop and to encourage another member to do the same. They are looking to increase participation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Blue Badge presentation. Nina Gazel received a blue badge from her mentor Irena Politano to replace the red badge. Congratulations!

-- The club has procured an honorary badge for Fiona Lacroix, our amazing public relations intern.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dave Colton - 117th Year Anniversary Rotary International & Rotary Youth Exchange.

In honor of Rotary's anniversary, Dave wished everyone a happy World Understanding and Peace Day. He also brought a cake for the occasion.

Rotary Facts:

1905: Paul Harris and three other gentlemen started Rotary in Chicago. Its name is derived from the fact that the meetings rotated between four locations. Paul Harris' wife, Jean, may have been the "real founder" of Rotary as her diary notes that "Paul and his friends need to find other places to drink and smoke cigars". :)

1908: The second club was formed in San Francisco.

1910: The first international club was started in Winnipeg, Canada.

1914: The first Rotary Convention took place in Houston.

1918: The Rotary Foundation was started after \$26.50 was left over after a Convention.

1921: Rotary is now in six continents and the name Rotary International was adopted.

Fun facts: The first Rotary float in the Rose Bowl Parade took place in 1923 and has been a constant since 1980. Admiral Perry took a Rotary flag to the South Pole in 1922.

Worldwide there are 1.4 million Rotarians in 33,000 clubs, which fall into 535 Districts. Our District 6400 has 52 clubs. When Jennifer Jones becomes RI President in 2022-23, she will be the third one from our District – Dick Hedke (Detroit) in 1946-47 and Hugh Archer (Dearborn) in 1988-89.

One RI negative: women were not allowed to become members until 1989. It required the Supreme Court to step in to make this happen.

Dave is a huge fan of the youth exchange program, with he and Kim having hosted six students. The first exchange took place in 1927 and became an official program in 1972. The hope is for the exchanges to start back up in the next couple of years.

CALENDAR

Mar 16: Kim Towar: The Rotary Foundation – Doing Good in the World