

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Lucas
 Invocation: Judy Masserang
 1st Hybrid Meeting – 4 Rotarians watched from one location to experiment with a combination of live/virtual meetings.

GUESTS

Sierra Donovan and Mary Ellen Zender

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Irena Politano (2/27).

ANNIVERSARIES

Ted Hadgis, 42 years.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena

-- Dick Allison has completed his third book on World War II, titled Pacific War Stories. To learn more or place an order, go to

www.richardallisonwarwriter.com.

-- Liz Vogel's nephew, as senior at GP South, has been accepted to U of M's Engineering School and is waiting to hear from MIT.

-- John thanked Ted Everingham, Judy Masserang, and Paul Rentenbach for revising and improving the Club's new member application and proposal forms.

-- Mark Weber's son, Rob, is continuing to coordinate at vaccination sites around Michigan with the MI National Guard.

-- Rotary International celebrated its 116th anniversary on February 23.

-- Julie Baumer has told us of her 3-year old dog, Bruce, who weighs in at 140 lbs., and now Julie will soon be taking on a second one of the same breed. Wow!

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Both Murray Davis and Steve McMillan are both feeling good and have no updates regarding their cancer treatments.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The next GP Memorial Church trunk-to-trunk food drive to benefit Second Mile Center and The Community Tree House will take place on March 6 from 10:00AM to 11:00AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The District Conference is going virtual on May 4 & 5. There are three registration fee options: apply it to the 2022 conference, donate it to Rotary, or request a refund. The deadline to pick an option is 2/28.

-- A webinar, Exploring the Black Experience in Rotary, will take place from 2:00PM to 4:00PM on 2/25.

-- District 6400's "Depolarizing From Within" workshop will take place from 5:50PM to 8:30PM on 3/9. Details to follow.

-- The Club Foundation is continuing its fundraising campaign through June 30. 29 members have donated \$9,500 to date and the goal is 100% participation.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Cindy Eggleton, co-founder, and CEO of Brilliant Detroit. Brilliant Detroit, created in 2015, is dedicated to building kid success families and neighborhoods where families with children 0-8 have what they need to be school ready, healthy, and stable. It does this by providing proven programming and

support year-round out of homes in high-need neighborhoods. How it operates -- the organization is invited into communities where it will rehab a home, typically purchased through Detroit's Land Bank, and turn it into an early child and family learning center. The idea is for each house to become a magical place with neighborhood input.

With 60% of Detroit children under age 5 living in poverty, the majority will not be ready for kindergarten. In one centrally located welcoming place, with the help of over 80 partners bringing in their own programs, Brilliant Detroit can offer classes for parents (exercise or toward a GED, for example) while providing educational programs for the children.

Evidence-based programs around health, family support, and education are offered at each location, where neighbors come together for fellowship, activities, and learning. Each individual community's involvement is what makes it work.

There are currently 12 homes located throughout Detroit, with a goal of 24, to achieve what Ms. Eggleton believes will be a transformational difference. A child's zip code should not pre-determine their life/success.
www.brilliantdetroit.org

CALENDAR

Mar 03: Nina Gazel – Vocational Talk

Mar 10: Jessica B. Marcetti, CVA – Human Trafficking