

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy

Invocation: John Mozena

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Irena Politano (2/27) and Richard Yeager-Stiver (3/3).

ANNIVERSARIES

Ted Hadgis, 42 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Mark Weber

-- Gary Niehaus described the GP school closings today as "it is what it is". Hopefully, he was able to avoid the slippery conditions, as he has to undergo knee replacement surgery in the near future.

-- Congratulations to John Minnis who is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Grosse Pointe magazine. John also says his office is the first commercial client for Rocket Fiber and that he very happy with it so far.

-- Diane and Ron Strickler will soon be taking a trip to Cuba.

-- Congratulations to Ted Hadgis who will be receiving a lifetime achievement award from the St. John Hospital Guild!

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- George McMullen confirmed in a Facebook posting that he has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The post was upbeat, and he says is feeling good. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

OIL CAN

-- Peter Stroh passed it to John Minnis for the tremendous public relations support he provided for Tot Lot Reimagined through the Grosse Pointe News and Grosse Pointe magazine.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- All of the slots for Kids Against Hunger on 3/7, have been filled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Bill Scott and Heather Mayernik provided an update on our incoming exchange student, Gabi. There are three host families: Gary and Paige Niehaus, Mike and Dotson (parents of recent outbound student, Katie Dotson), and Jackie Gleason. Thank you to all.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bill Carmody and Phil MacKethan – Tot Lot Installation and Construction.

The plan for the Tot Lot is to close it now for the removal/moving of the existing playground equipment, install the new equipment from May 7th to May 13th, and have a grand opening on June 1st. This is all dependent on the weather so keep your fingers crossed.

To make it happen, 368 volunteers are needed, and a website has been formed to facilitate signing up. www.gptotlot.com. Promoting the website, there will be GP News articles, e-mails sent to thousands of businesses, notices sent out by the GP Chamber, and every Rotarian will receive a packet with postcards and business cards to distribute.

The jobs that need to be filled are:

- Moving the playground equipment. (heavy lifting so reaching out to GPS and GPN students).
- Drilling and footing install
- Assembly of the playground Equipment.
- Hospitality A (waivers, t-shirts, parking passes)
- Hospitality B (beverage and food distribution)
- Daily site clean-up
- Security

All of the jobs and their durations are explained on the website. Please become familiar with www.gptotlot.com to be able to explain it to potential volunteers. As Mike stated, there are only 94 days to make this happen and they are the most important three months in our Club's history. Be sure to do your part.

FLOWER RAFFLE

Dick Dunlap, a frequent holder of a winning ticket, had even better luck this time as he picked the joker. Congratulations!

CALENDAR

Mar 04: Elizabeth Vogel & Regan Stolarski – The 2020 Census

Mar 11: Richard Yeager-Stiver – A Lone Cold Road: In Scotland

Mar 18: James Lady – Bigfoot

Mar 25: Ken Zahrt -- 826 Michigan Director of Development