

# ROTARpinte

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## OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Joel Hatline

Invocation: Steve McMillan

## GUESTS

Richard O'Neill, guest of Judy Masserang. Alexander MacKethan, son of Phil MacKethan

## VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

## BIRTHDAYS

Richard Yeager-Stiver (3/3).

## ANNIVERSARIES

Ted Hadgis, 40 years.

## ROVING REPORTER

Susan Mozena

-- Judy Masserang is part of the "Nielsen Family" where she will be paid \$50/month for the next 2 years to have her TV viewing habits monitored.

-- Joel Hatline and Catherine Belte will soon be heading off on a Vietnam vacation.

-- Rotarian fact: Bill Roche's 94 year old father, Maurice, was a private at Guadalcanal in WWII and spent a year in a hospital recovering from his wounds.

## SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Steve McMillan asked for thoughts and prayers for his mother-in-law who is not doing well and for our exchange student, Simon, whose father who suffered a stroke. The good news is that he is out of the hospital and recovering.

## OIL CAN

Postponed

## SERVICE PROJECTS

Diane Strickler

-- Still a few Wednesdays left to play board games with the students at Poupard. The more the merrier, so, if interested, please contact Gary Niehaus or Mike Carmody.

-- There is a sign-up sheet to paint at the Tiny Homes project on 3/20 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please let Diane or Bob Lucas know. You can also sign up on the website.

-- There is a sign-up sheet for Kids Against Hunger on 3/17 at GP Memorial Church. 23 have signed up so far but there are still time slots available. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The next Euchre Night will take on 3/14. Liz Vogel is very excited about the St. Patrick's theme she is putting together.

-- Dues Reminder: To help pay for the GP War Memorial room rental for the remainder of the Rotary year, each member has been assessed \$100. If you have not paid, please do so as soon as possible.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Julie Baumer, the University of Michigan Innocence Project.

The Innocence Project was started in New York in 1992 with the goal of exonerating, through DNA evidence, those who have been wrongly convicted. The organization is now across the country working with law schools and has since expanded to include non-DNA cases.

In 2005, Ms. Baumer was convicted of child abuse stemming from injuries sustained by her infant nephew who was in her care. She was sentenced to 10-15 years in prison.

After losing two appeals, the Innocence Project accepted Ms. Baumer's case and was able to show through expert testimony that her nephew's injuries were from natural causes. She was released from prison in 2009 but her ordeal didn't end until late 2010 after enduring two lost prosecutorial appeals and a re-trial in which she was exonerated.

The clinic has reviewed 497 applications since 2015 and there is a 2-3 year waiting period before a case is undertaken. This is only after the applicant has exhausted his/her appeal process through the court system.

Ms. Baumer is a realtor in Grosse Pointe and performs administrative duties for the clinic. To learn more about the Innocence Clinic, go to [www.law.umich.edu/clinical/innocenceclinic](http://www.law.umich.edu/clinical/innocenceclinic).

## FLOWER RAFFLE

\$694 in the pot with \$347 going to the winner. Tom Youngblood was able to take home the beautiful flower arrangement provided by Charvat The Florist but couldn't find the joker. The pot continues to grow.

## CALENDAR

March 7: Kristy Schena, Kids on the Go