

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Bob

Invocation: Susan Mozena

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Judy Masserang (2/5), Gary Niehaus (2/6), and Richard Solak (2/7).

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

-- Nina Gazel travelled up north and saw two signs with different spellings: Mackinac and Mackinaw. When she asked her husband, she was told they are pronounced the same way. Needless to say, she was a bit of a disbeliever until she googled it herself. Nina believes that this should be explained to non-Michiganders as soon as they move into the State.
-- Mark Weber's son, Rob, is a member of the MI National Guard and has been working at rotating vaccination centers around the State.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Via Mike Carmody, President Bob reported the sad news that Jon and Carrie Maliskewski's daughter's has had a cancer relapse and is in hospice with no further treatment being given. Please keep them all in your prayers.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

-- Kevin Cox, for all of his hard work as the faculty sponsor for GP

South's Interact Club, has been inducted as a honorary member. Congratulations!

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The next food drop-off at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is this Saturday, 2/6, from 10:00AM to 11:00AM. If able to help with food collection, please let Judy Masserang know.

-- Diane Strickler thanked the 9 Rotarians that wrote 95 notes of encouragement for The Helm's Meals on Wheels program.
-- Due to Covid, the Club is not participating in this year's Michigan Humane Society Telethon. If you would like to individually take part, please contact Bob Lucas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Funding requests have been approved to the Red Sweater Project, paying a student's tuition for the year, and to the South Sudanese Leadership & Community Development for grain mills. Representatives from both organizations spoke at one of our recent meetings.
-- The District Conference is still scheduled for May 6-9 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Fingers crossed. Make your reservations.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Frank Wilberding – New Member Presentation. Frank is one of six children born and raised in Grosse Pointe. He attended St. Paul and then Austin High School before going to Notre Dame.

In his 20s, Frank struggled with different jobs, including one where he repossessed phones for AT&T. He eventually stumbled into a career in advertising, working at J. Walter Thompson and Ross Roy for 20 years.

He found success in media planning and buying.

Frank is married to Beth Konrad and they have two daughters, whom they raised in Grosse Pointe for 15 years. They moved to Chicago in 2001 where Frank expanded his media research business and Beth taught at Loyola University.

In 2008, Frank went into recovery due to addiction problems, which led him down a different career path. At age 62, he started the process to obtain a masters in social work from Loyola. He then began working for the Hazelden Foundation, counseling people to deal with their addictions before addressing any underlying mental illness.

Frank eventually started his own private practice and moved back to Grosse Pointe 4 years ago. He continues to work with grief and addiction counseling and is on the board of the Family Center. Beth is on the GP Farms City Council.

Frank sprinkled in many funny anecdotes, including his time in the National Guard and his obsession with baseball, which involved "stalking" Dave Rozema and attending the Detroit Tigers Fantasy Camp at age 72.

CALENDAR

Feb 10: Alister Chang – Working to Advance Literacy

Feb 17: Mark Heppner – Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

Feb 24: Cindy Eggleton – Brilliant Detroit