

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance: Diane Strickler, presiding.
 Invocation: John Mozena

GUESTS

Joy and Patty, War Memorial employees (and longtime friends of Rotary). Charlie Randazzo and Wayne Pascoe, guests of Liz Vogel.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Dennis Hyduk, GP Sunrise.

BIRTHDAYS

Gary Neihaus (2/6), Patrick Politano, Irena's spouse, (2/6). Richard Solak (2/7).

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

George McMullen

-- George was impressed by 100-year old General Charles McGee who served in three wars and was introduced at the SOTU.

-- Our reporter, who admits he may embellish a story, reported that there was a bit of chaos as the last Lunch Bunch, which involved John Mozena somehow.

-- Congratulations to Phil MacKethan and Molly Marrocco who celebrated their 7th anniversary.

-- Steve McMillan had a recent visit with Sid, our 2006 exchange student from India, who is managing a car dealership in South Carolina.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No report.

OIL CAN

-- Dick Allison passed it to Peter Stroh for his work facilitating the transfer of the tot lot playground

equipment into storage at the Stroh River Place. The work may have been a little more strenuous than anticipated as Dick talked of having "visions" while doing the heavy lifting.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 8 volunteers will participate in the Michigan Humane Society Telethon on 2/13. Any last-minute questions, please contact Bob Lucas.
- Book pick-up at 2:00 PM on 2/8 at the GP Woods Library. It should take about an hour.
- Kids Against Hunger will take at GP Memorial Church on 3/7. Details to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- We will have an exchange student for the next school year as Gabby from Poland will be arriving in mid-August. Thank you to Gary and Paige Neihaus for being her first host family. One or two more families are needed so please consider it for yourself or someone you know who would be a good candidate.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Karen & Nick Straffon, Gold Star Family Monument Committee Chairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Straffon began their efforts to honor veterans by participating in Wreaths Across America. On December 16th of last year, 3,500 wreaths were placed at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

They are now in the process of raising the \$75,000 that will be needed for the Southeastern Michigan Gold Star Monument to be installed on the Clinton Township's Civic Center Campus on Romeo

Plank. The Monument's purpose is to honor, recognize, and serve the Gold Star Families and the ultimate legacy of their Loved Ones who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Donations will flow through the Herschel Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation. The Foundation's goal is to have these memorials in communities around the country. There are currently 60 installed with many more in the works. www.hwwmohf.org.

Donations can be made at www.hwwmohf.org/monuments/Clinton-township-mi or by mailing a check, payable to HWWMOHF, to 5007 Pte Tremble, Algonac, MI 48001, with "Clinton Township" on the note line.

Wayne Pascoe talked about the Tour of Honor. The tour is a self-directed motorcycle ride to memorials around the country that also raises funds for charity, including the Gold Star Family Memorial Foundation. www.tourof Honor.com.

FLOWER RAFFLE

A pot of \$1,076 with \$538 going to the winner. Despite Jackie Gleason's confidence in her tickets, tablemate Jon Gandelot purchased the winner but couldn't find the joker.

CALENDAR

Feb 12: Murray Davis – Veterans Treatment Courts

Feb 19: Elizabeth Vogel – 2020 Census: Everything You Need to Know