

OPENING

Time: 6:00
Pledge of Allegiance:
Invocation: John Mozena

GUESTS

Patrick Wright

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Judy Masserang (2/5) and Rich Solak (2/7).

ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan Berns, 1 year. Bill Scott, 26 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Susan Mozena
-- Great to see Lisa Gandelot at the meeting. She says she has 9 months of rehab on her shoulder and thanked everyone for their kindness, with phone calls and cards.
-- Diane and Ron Strickler will soon be heading out on a 12-day trip to Egypt.
-- Murray Davis appears in local media commercials, promoting programs for veterans to avoid jail through the veteran treatment courts.
-- Heather Mayernik's daughter, Caitlin, will be modeling sustainable clothing at NY City's Fashion Week.
-- Dave Colton is looking good with his Rotary pin and tie as he spoke to the GP South Interact Club earlier.
-- Mark Cory is excited about his new bass guitar, the same brand used by Paul McCartney.
-- Per Bob Lucas, there are plenty of dogs available for adoption through Michigan Humane.

-- John and Susan Mozena are proud of their son, John, who has an article published in the National Review.

OIL CAN

- Jackie Dale passed it to Beverly Curtiss Walsh for taking on the responsibility of social committee co-chair (with Sarah Ollison).

SUNSHINE NEWS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers:
-- Paul Rentenbach, who will be undergoing outpatient surgery to repair a hole in a heart valve.
-- Kim Towar, whose brother's wife passed away unexpectedly.

ROTARY BUSINESS

--. Congratulations to Mike Hollerbach for donating to the RI Foundation and receiving his Paul Harris Fellow pin so quickly after becoming a member.
-- \$10 Super Bowl squares. Dino Valente will be accepting purchases of \$10 squares as late as Sunday morning. One-half of the proceeds will go to our Club Foundation.
-- The next Club Board meeting will take place at 4:30 pm on 2/27. Contact President Neil if you would like to attend via Zoom.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer Opportunities
-- Motor City Mitten from 10:00 am to Noon on 2/22. A few volunteers will be needed to assist the Interact Club. Contact Amanda DeVeaux with any questions.
-- Kids Against Hunger on 3/15. A link to register is in Judy's Monday email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Next week's speaker will be Josh Elling, CEO of Jefferson East, Inc.

who will talk about investment, development, and community resources being used along Detroit's East Jefferson corridor.

-- Lunch Bunch: Noon on Friday at Alma Kitchen. Please RSVP to Mike Carmody if you plan on attending.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dawn Drozd and John Drozd, New Member Presentations.

John was born in Brooklyn and raised in Long Island. Dawn was born in Florida and grew up in Michigan. After college (Plattsburgh and Central Michigan, respectively), the two met in Houston. They soon moved to Rhode Island, as John attended culinary school, becoming a pastry chef. Of their three boys, the twins were born while he was in school.

For their careers, they owned bakeries, and John became a technical sales rep with Dawn Foods, retiring two years ago. After spending some time raising the boys, Dawn worked in marketing for banks and was a business coach through her own company, Clear Vision, for 20 years. She retired at the end of 2024.

The Drozds downsized from Utica to a house in Harper Woods and are excited for the next chapter of their lives, including community service.

MEETING RAFFLE

\$219 in the pot. Dino Valente purchased the winning ticket but did not pick the joker.

CALENDAR

Feb 12: Josh Elling – Jefferson East, Inc.

Feb 19: No meeting