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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Gary

Invocation: Steve Brownell

GUESTS

Scott Matthews, guest of Richard O'Neill.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Susan Mozena

-- The meeting seems like its taking place in a new room with the chandeliers on. Cellphones no longer need to be used to see the raffle ticket numbers.

-- Good to see Paul Rentenbach at his second meeting back post-surgery.

-- Both Peter Stroh and Roger Hull will be roller derby spectators at the Masonic Temple this weekend.

Susan encouraged them to go as preppy as possible.

-- Paige Niehaus is traveling in Germany with a Ferris State doctoral alumni group.

-- Heather Mayernik is proud to report that one of her Macomb CC students, who was once a disinterested student, is looking at becoming a veterinarian.

-- With tongue in cheek, Dino Valente presented U of M super fan Jon Gandelot with a 2018 Villanova National Champions hat as Villanova beat Michigan in last year's NCAA basketball final.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Upcoming events. (1) 8 volunteers will be participating at the Michigan Humane Society Telethon on 2/14.

(2) Woods Library book transfer at 2:00 pm on 2/16. (3) Kids Against Hunger at GP Memorial Church on 3/23. Judy Masserang leading. (4) Forgotten Harvest from 1:00 – 4:00 on 4/13. Paul Rentenbach leading.

-- Dick Allison acknowledged the 11 volunteers who participated at Gleaners this past Saturday: Mark Cory, Phil MacKethan, Molly Marrocco, Murray Davis, Dick Allison, Susan Allison, John Mozena, Bob Lucas, Julie Baumer, Catherine Belte, and Joel Hatline.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The League of Women Voters will be hosting a "What's Next?" forum with Gary Niehaus to discuss the post-bond decisions. 7:00 PM on 2/12 at Pierce Middle School.

-- Fundraising Committee meeting at 4:30 PM, on 2/13, at GP Memorial Church.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

John C. Mozena, Center for Economic Development President.

The Center was founded in 2018 as an independent, non-partisan, non-profit with a purpose of education and advocacy. Its mission is to ensure Americans have all of the information they need to demand meaningful transparency, accountability, and reform of

wasteful economic development subsidies and incentives in their local communities.

John presented a view of these incentives through the prism of the 4-Way Test. Is it the TRUTH?: The proposed benefits derived from incentives occur, at most, 25% of the time. Is it FAIR to all concerned?: The example given was the Transformational Brownsfield Program as it applies to the Hudsons Building where all of the taxes connected with the construction of the new building go back to the builder. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?: The wrong type of friendships are made between politicians and lobbyists who use the "jobs created" to their benefit. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?: Studies show that 90% of incentives are a waste of money where far more is spent/not collected than jobs created or wealth put back into the community.

www.economicaccountabiliy.org.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$1,526 in the pot with \$763 going to the winner. Jon Gandelot, looking to add to his "winning" of the hat, was not able to find the joker. Thank you to Charvat The Florist for the beautiful flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

Feb 13: Mary Short, Marketing Director for the Grosse Pointe Public Library

Feb 20: Shelly Watts, Humble Design National Development Director