

ROTARpinte

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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Ted Everingham (Acting President)

Invocation: Diane Strickler

GUESTS

Richard O'Neill guest of Judy Masserang. Hussein Ali (Poupard Principal), guest of Gary Niehaus

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Judy Masserang (1/5), Gary Niehaus (1/6), and Rich Solak (1.7).

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Cory, 1 year. Joe Youngblood, 1 year.

ROVING REPORTER

Tom Youngblood

-- Bob Lucas is heading to Ashville, NC to visit his new grandchild for the first time.

-- Ted Hadgis is taking his staff to a dental conference in California where he will also have the opportunity to visit one of his sons.

-- George McMullen will be taking his mother to her 75th high school reunion in St. Louis later this year.

-- Great news on the GP Library front: A contract has been approved!

-- John Mozena, Jr. has an article in the Detroit New about ending corporate welfare (paying to have companies move to Detroit/Michigan).

OIL CAN

Ted Everingham passed it to Phil Mackethan for taking over the Club's website and making it much better.

<http://www.grossepointerotary.org>.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- None.

SERVICE PROJECTS

-- Gary Niehaus reported on the first Poupard Wednesday Lunch Program. Three Rotarians had a great time playing board games with a group of students. The program can always use more volunteers so please let Mike Carmody or Gary know if you would like to participate. A sign-up sheet was also passed around.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Mr. Ali, as a new principal at Poupard, is very appreciate of the support he receives from the administration and is amazed at the commitment level of the teachers. He is very excited about the school's outlook.

-- The President of Wayne State's Rotaract Club will be next week's speaker. It should be a great program.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Kim Fix, Community Outreach and Marketing Coordinator for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

Mission Statement: The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, a regional park system created in 1940 by the citizens of Southeast Michigan, provides excellent recreational and educational opportunities while serving as stewards of the its natural resources. Our efforts are guided by the belief that the use of parks and exposure to natural environments enhance society's health and quality of life.

25,000 acres, over the 5 counties.

The parks serve over 7 million people a year and all of them provide outdoor winter (cross country skiing, skating) and summer (bike/walking trails, golf) activities. Each is unique and provide different activities, such as, there is a zip line at Stony Creek. Along with enjoying nature, the parks have an interpretive department that offers historical, natural, and cultural events, as well as educational programs.

The parks are open 365 days/year with an annual membership costing \$35. Daily passes are \$10. To learn more, visit: www.metroparks.com.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$560 in the pot with \$280 going to the winner. Bob Lucas was hoping to have some extra pocket money to take on his trip but the joker remained hidden. Thank you to Dave Charvat for the beautiful flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

Feb 14: Devankar Mukhi, Wayne State University Rotaract Club

Feb 21: Pamela Jackson, Detroit Cristo Rey