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OPENING

Time: 6:00 Pledge of Allegiance Invocation: David Eardley

GUESTS

Mike Hollerbach (online), Sandy MacMechan, Dave Carey (guest of Dio Rockers), Carrie Maliszewski, (spouse of John Maliszewski), Pat Gleason (son of Jackie Dale), and Elizabeth Tengler (spouses of our speaker).

VISITING ROTARIANS None.

BIRTHDAYS

Rich Solak (2/7)

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Scott, 25 years.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena

-- Congratulations to Liz Vogel, who has successfully completed her first month as City Manager for Traverse City, even having to deal with oral surgery on her wisdom teeth during that time. Ted Everingham read a nice note that Liz wrote to the Club, accompanied by cherry cookies from her new city.

-- Johann Finkelmeier attended an ESRAG (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group) meeting in Sarasota and was very impressed with the group's commitment to battling environmental issues. He's looking into a project for our Club to handle.

-- Mark and Holly Cory enjoyed their recent trip to Hawaii, even if the weather didn't allow them to zip line. -- Our speaker's son, Michael, is a recruiting intern for the U of M football team.

OIL CAN

-- Steve Cornillie passed it Amanda DeVeaux (a GP Rotarian as of 1/18) for jumping in with both feet, volunteering at the 2/3 Motor City Mission project and the 2/5 feeding of the homeless.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- 7 members of the GP South Interact Club, along with Jackie Dale and Amanda DeVeaux, spent hours sorting through donated supplies on 2/3 for the Motor City Mitten Mission. Great job!

-- Kudos to Dave Colton, who prepared food to feed the homeless at David Eardley's GP United Methodist Church on 2/5, with the help of Jackie Dale, Ted Everingham, Diane Strickler, Scott Matthews (who purchased sterno to keep the food warm), newer member Renee Miller, brand new member Amanda DeVeaux, and guest Sandy MacMechan. Great job! -- The next food drive for The Second Mile Center at GP Memorial Church will be on 3/9.

-- Kids Against Hunger will take place on 3/23 at the War Memorial. Details to sign up are in Judy's Monday email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- There is a fellowship dinner on 2/21 at Antonio's in GP Park. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

-- A progressive dinner is planned for 4/13. A sign-up sheet was distributed. -- Lunch Bunch: Noon on Friday at Alma's Kitchen.

-- The 2/14 speakers will be Nicole and Bob Deem who will talk about the unique challenges associated with Bob Deem's PTSD.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Steve Tengler: The SET Fund: Rebuilding Michigan – one scholarship at a time.

With a \$2,000 inheritance, Steve and Elizabeth Tengler started an education fund in 1998, which has continuously grown since then. Each year, the SET Fund provides scholarships to Michigan residents attending Michigan colleges. They are awarded based on financial need and community involvement to applicants who live in the state and plan to enroll in or are currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at a Michigan college or university.

The Fund has given out 38 scholarships totaling \$177,500, with a typical finalist being a child of a single parent earning \$30,000/year. The hardships suffered by some of the recipients are staggering, yet the students find a way to still help others. The Fund's goal is to reach \$1 million dollars with the hope that the students, upon graduation, will live, work, and continue to volunteer in Michigan.

A wine tasting fundraiser will take place on 9/14 at the Windmill Pointe Park's Tompkin's Center. www.setfund.org.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$138 in the pot. Lisa Gandelot bought the winning ticket but was not able to pick the joker.

CALENDAR

Feb 14: Nicole & Bob Deem: PTSD