

OPENING

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

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

None.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sherry McRill, 3 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Tom Youngblood
 -- Congratulations to Ted Everingham on two fronts. 1) He will be the next Assistant Governor for Area 1 of District 6400, which includes the two Detroit Clubs, the two GP Clubs, and Wayne State Rotaract. 2) He received a lifetime achievement award from USA Sailing for his supervising and judging of sailboat races.
 -- Great to see Steve McMillan in attendance, coming back onto the grid from his rustic home.
 -- Be sure to read the articles on Rotary in Ukraine in the latest edition of The Rotarian magazine.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Jackie Dale
 Please keep in your thoughts and prayers:
 -- Florence Seltzer who continues to battle eye issues and is hoping new glasses will help.
 -- Gary Niehaus, battling an infection and rehabbing from surgery 4007 Carolwood Village Drive, Tampa FL 33518.

OIL CAN

-- David Eardley passed it to Mark Brooks for helping him learn about the Club, before even joining, through the weekly Rotarpointes.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- 6 volunteers are set to help at The Michigan Humane Society Telethon in Bingham Farms from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm on Feb 9.
 -- March projects: (1) Food Drive at GP Memorial Church on 3/11 and (2) Kids Against Hunger at the War Memorial on 3/18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- At least two tables of Euchre following this meeting.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

David Eardley – New Member Vocational Talk

David grew up in northeast Detroit, at 8 Mile and Van Dyke. He attended Harper Woods Lutheran East and then the University of Michigan, where his career in ministry began.

He studied at the Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary on the Campus of Northwestern University and received his first posting in 1993 at a church in Britton, MI, a small farming community. This was a bit of a culture shock, after growing up in Detroit.

In 1997, David was transferred to a church in Ann Arbor (which he attended as a college student). He moved to Bay City in 2001, where he became familiar with Rotary, and then on to Frankenmuth in 2006, where he joined their club.

In 2013, David moved to his largest church, in Rochester. He became a member of the Rochester Club and was its president in 2021-22. In addition to navigating Covid, David had a challenging year, inheriting two contentious issues (a money donation dispute and new bylaws) and had to secure a new meeting location.

David became the senior pastor at Grosse Pointe Methodist church on July 1, 2022. www.gpumc.org. He lives with his wife, Sara, and 17-year-old son, Ryan.

David understands the importance of Rotary's battle to eliminate polio as he had a very early in life exposure to the disease. His great aunt Betty Jane was stricken and had an iron lung in her home. Amazingly, she was able to raise two children in this condition.

Seeing how Rotary has helped him connect with the communities he has worked; David is a big proponent of what the organization is and does. With each club, he has seen the friendships made and the commitment to serving.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$790 in the pot. Paul Rentenbach held the winning ticket but was not able to pick the joker.

CALENDAR

Feb 15: Jenny Boettcher, President – Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

Feb 22: Stu Alderman, Neighborhood Club Executive Director