

OPENING

Time: 6:00
 Pledge of Allegiance:
 Invocation: Eva Habib

GUESTS

Molly MacKethan, guest of Phil MacKethan. Father Mark (St. Peter Church). Alex Beauchamp, guest of Roger Hull. Maiya Hulin (online).

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Dohn Drozd (2/17), Tom Mercer (2/18), and Beverly Curtiss Walsh (2/19).

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Johann Finkelmeier
 -- Per Cissie Cappola, the next fellowship dinner will be on 3/12 at Antonio's in GP Park.
 -- Neil Sroka and family will be travelling to Puerto Vallarta tomorrow morning for the GP Schools mid-winter break.
 -- William and Fensang, the political refugees from Chad we are assisting, are continuing to integrate themselves by obtaining library cards to help them learn the English language. (Our speaker assisted in finding housing for the two of them).
 -- Our intern, Julia, recently sang and played guitar at a coffee house performance for GP Memorial Church.

OIL CAN

Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers:
 -- Paul Rentenbach, who will undergo outpatient surgery on 2/21 to repair a small hole in a heart valve.

ROTARY BUSINESS

-- Super Bowl squares. Congratulations to the winners, Brandon Elliott, Jaylen Bradley, Johann Finkelmeier, and Doug Horst, as \$500 was raised for the Club Foundation. Thank you to Dino Valente for putting it together.
 -- The next Club Board meeting will take place at 4:30pm on 2/27. Contact President Neil if you would like to attend via Zoom.

MEMBERSHIP R & R
 (Recruit & Retain)

-- The next "Pick 6" meeting will take place on 4/23. More details to follow.
 -- John Mozena will be setting up a Rotary fireside chat for newer members in April.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer Opportunities
 -- Motor City Mitten from 10:00am to Noon on 2/22. A sign-up sheet was passed around. If you would like to take part, please contact Amanda DeVeaux.
 -- The next food drive at GP Memorial Church for the Second Mile Center will be from 10:00am-11:00am on 3/8.
 -- Kids Against Hunger on 3/15. A link to register is in Judy Masserang's Monday email. Please contact Judy with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The 2/26 meeting speaker will be Melanie Markowicz, Executive Director of the Greektown

Neighborhood Partnership, who will share updates on downtown and Greektown.

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Josh Elling, CEO of Jefferson East, Inc. Jefferson East's mission is to make the Jefferson Corridor neighborhoods resilient, highly desirable, safe, and economically competitive places for residents and businesses. From Alter Rd to I-375, the organization impacts 42,000 residents.

In the last 10 years, Jefferson East has transformed Jefferson Ave. by installing bike lanes and cleaning up trash and graffiti, brought technology to homeowners, greatly reduced crime and domestic violence, and provided over \$3 million in home repair services. It also provides technological support for small businesses and has multi-million-dollar ventures in place through the Rivertown Business Improvement Zone and the Jefferson Chalmers Mainstreet projects. www.jeffersoneast.org

MEETING RAFFLE

\$225 in the pot. Brandon Elliott purchased the winning ticket but did not pick the joker.

CALENDAR

Feb 19: No meeting

Feb 26: Melanie Markowicz – Greektown Neighborhood Partnership.