

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Moment of silence for George McMullen

Pledge of Allegiance: President Bob
Invocation: Susan Mozena

GUESTS

Thomas and Annie Warnez, parents of our speaker.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

George Shammas (1/6), Tom Youngblood (1/10), and Scott Matthews (1/12).

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Tom Youngblood

-- Tom recognized the impact that George had on our community with seemingly 20% of the most recent GP News being about him.

-- Congratulations to Mark and Judy Weber as they welcomed their second grandchild, Abe, who was born over the Christmas holiday.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Murray Davis says he is feeling better and the great news is that his cancer is treatable.

-- There will be a large service/party for George when the Covid battle allows. Details will be sent out when plans can be made.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The 1/9 food drop-off at GP Memorial Church was much needed and it would be great to see more

Rotarians be a part of it. A reminder will be sent out for the next one is on 2/6.

-- The Helm's Meals on Wheels is looking for *notes of encouragement* to deliver with the meals. Notes can be dropped off at the homes of Diane Strickler or Jessica Keyser.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

-- Paul Hulsey. Paul lives in Grosse Pointe with his wife and children, is the CEO of H2O Energy, and is also the Commodore at Bayview.

-- Art Getz. Art, who lives in GP Farms with his wife, is the retired president of Detroit Oxygen and Medical Equipment. He has been a lifelong advocate for Little League Baseball and is a supporter of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Greektown.

-- Welcome to both.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The Club Foundation fundraising appeal has raised \$7,800 through 22 member donations! Gifts are still being accepted and scheduled online donations can be set up on the website.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Sarah Warnez – South Sudanese Leadership and Community Development (SSLCD).

Ms. Warnez is a 2011 graduate of GP North and is a Nurse Practitioner in Ann Arbor. As part of her graduate work, she performed a study on men's health in a Uganda refugee camp. While there, she met the President of the SSLCD, which was formed in Grand Rapids in 2004. Its mission is to promote the health and well-being of South Sudanese villagers through grass roots

leadership development and community building in the Mungula and Olua refugee camps in Northern Uganda. Over 60% of the over 2 million refugees are from South Sudan.

The SSLCD provides a stipend to three team members who live in the refugee camps with a mission to improve the lives of the refugees. Through the team leaders, the non-profit has provided supplies for agricultural and livestock cooperatives, supplies and education for emergency birth preparedness, has encouraged trauma healing meetings, and provided solar power to charge phones and tablets for learning. They also have formed men's action groups to keep the men active as a way to keep them from drinking.

Their 3 pillars for 2021 include Women's Empowerment, Peace Building, and Agriculture Development. The women, who do most of the manual labor, are being provided with leadership training. For agricultural development, the hope is to provide a grain mill so the refugees can grind their own grain and possibly earn money doing it for others.

To learn more, please visit www.hopeforsudan.com

CALENDAR

Jan 20: Mil Hurley – Moross Greenway Project

Jan 27: Marie Horak & Adrien Carlier – Surviving WWII & Working in the Belgian Underground