

ROTARpinte

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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Gary

Invocation: George McMullen

GUESTS

Marcia Everingham, guest of Ted Everingham. Mark Weber, Jr., guest of Mark Weber.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Dave Charvat (1/16).

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Henderson, 7 years. George McMullen, 5 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Tom Youngblood

-- This Friday will be the last January Detroit Auto Show Preview Gala as it becomes a summer event in 2020.

-- Fred Ollison, apparently due to a majority consensus, has shaved the mustache he was sporting last week.

-- Ron Vitale is heading down south to beat the snow and cold weather coming and will return in late April.

-- Jon Gandelot shared some U of M news that the men's basketball team is ranked #1 in the country.

OIL CAN

-- Julie Baumer, after putting the recognition up for bids, passed it to Florence Seltzer for her handling of the flower raffle every week.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Upcoming events. The volunteer commitments for Gleaners on 1/26 and the Michigan Humane Society Telethon on 2/7 have been met. There will be a Kids Against Hunger

at GP Memorial Church on 3/23 and Forgotten Harvest on 4/13. Sign-up sheets will be available at future meetings.

-- Phil Mackethan reminded everyone to check the Club website's calendar for volunteer opportunities. For many, you can sign up online.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

VOCATIONAL TALK

-- Paige Niehaus is Provost and Executive Director of the Design Center at Wayne County Community College. In her 28 years of experience with community/junior colleges, Paige enjoys serving the students and believes people aren't aware that these colleges offer a low cost education with credits that transfer to 4 year universities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Club Board meeting at 7:30 AM on 1/17 at the Farms Pier.

-- GP Sunrise has put together an Evening at the DSO on 1/26. Tickets are \$26 which includes an optional dinner and lecture before the concert. If interested, contact Liz Landers or Beline Obeid.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Ted Everingham talked about the Power of the Human Spirit in his continuing recovery from alcoholism.

Ted was born in Buchanan, MI, grew up in Jackson, and described his childhood as a Norman Rockwell painting. This idealistic life, at least from an outsider's perspective, continued through college/law school, his becoming a husband and father, and then a successful lawyer at

a prestigious law firm.

This all changed at age 38 when he was confronted by the law firm's managing partner to fix his problem or leave the firm. As Ted stated, he was a "functional drunk". Somewhat reluctantly, he attended his first AA meeting and then checked into Brighton Hospital for treatment. While there, he was struck by the universality of the disease in that it strikes people from all walks of life.

Alcoholism is the 3rd leading preventable cause of death in the country with a huge social and economic impact. In the Grosse Pointes, Ted believes that the money available fuels addiction, the ability to hide it, and is a relapse trigger.

Ted believes that it's his turn to help those fighting addictions. Today he feels like Norman Rockwell has returned as he able to enjoy and remember special occasions with family and friends.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$1,440 in the pot with \$720 going to the winner. Fred Ollison purchased the winning ticket but couldn't find the joker. Thank you to Dave Charvat for the beautiful flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

Jan 23: Craig Donnelly, Tech Town & Wayne State

Jan 30: Lisa Gandelot & Stuart Grigg – GP Historical Society

Feb 06: John C. Mozena – Center for Economic Accountability