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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Peter Henry

Invocation: Richard Yeager-Stiver

GUESTS

Irena Politano, guest of Fred Ollison.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Dave Charvat (1/16).

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Henderson, 8 years. George

McMullen, 3 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Fred Ollison

-- It was very apparent that Fred is looking forward to heading to Florida on Friday (because he mentioned it twice).

-- The GP News had a picture of Lisa Gandelot and her daughter, Nancy, attending a Forgotten Harvest fundraiser.

-- Per a request from Sarah Ollison, Fred put out a "save the date" for a Friends of Art and Flowers lecture and luncheon at the DIA on April 23.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

No news

OIL CAN

Liz Vogel (via President John) passed it to Ted Everingham for always being available as a supporter, friend, and mentor.

SERVICE PROJECTS

-- The Michigan Humane Society is hosting a telethon at WXYZ on February 8

from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Bob Lucas has committed to 6 volunteers so, if interested, please let him know. You can also register online at our website. www.grossepointerotary.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Host families needed: Second Announcement! Two families are needed if the Club is to commit to an exchange student for next year. We have a soft deadline of January 31. As President John stated, this program is an important part of our Club and Rotary and, as a Club, we need to do better. Ask your friends and neighbors and consider hosting yourself.

-- Supper Club: The next dinner is at Antonio's in the Park tomorrow night. Please RSVP to Bill Scott.

LEARN ABOUT SWEDEN

Our exchange student, Simon, gave a presentation on his home country, Sweden. He says it is a lot more than just Ikea, Swedish meatballs, and people with blue eyes and blond hair.

It's a society based on equality for all and where, although taxes are high, one's education (through college) and medical care are free. It has a symbolic monarchy with an elected prime minister and politicians. Simon believes that it is a country that is always striving to be better. (Editor's note -- Simon has a future has a pitchman for Swedish tourism).

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Global Ties Detroit. Marian Reich, Executive Director, accompanied by Marion Christiansen, Community Outreach and Events.

Global Ties Detroit is a nonprofit organization that hosts international exchange programs on behalf of the U.S. State Department. It was founded in 1972 with a goal of connecting Detroit with global leaders. This is done through "citizen diplomacy" improving foreign relations one hand shake at a time.

Its programs include short term (2-3 days), longer term (1-3 weeks), and youth exchange (2 weeks in the summer). For the short term, volunteers provide delegate dinners to introduce them to local way of life. For the longer term and youth exchange, volunteer home-stay hosts are used. There are also fellowships where 25 to 35 year olds shadow at businesses with similar projects/purposes.

Global Ties Detroit is one of 90 cities that provide this service. To learn more or become a volunteer, please go to www.globaltiesdetroit.org.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$436 in the pot with \$218 going to the winner. Tom Youngblood was unable to find the joker so the pot continues to grow. Thank you to Charvat the Florist for the beautiful flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

Jan 24: Richard Allison – Begging for Chocolates: A Story of WWII Italy

Jan 31: Vocational Talks – Learn About Your Fellow Club Members.