

# ROTARpinte

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## OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Gary

Invocation: Roger Hull

## GUESTS

None.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

## BIRTHDAYS

Mark Weber (1/22) and Jim Fikany (1/23).

## ANNIVERSARIES

None.

## ROVING REPORTER

Mark Weber

-- Heather Mayernik's daughter, a student at Purdue, was chosen to represent the University at a computer hacking simulation in Texas.

-- Neil Sroka noted that his daughter, a somewhat frequent meeting attendee, has just turned two years old.

-- Upcoming vacations: George Shammas and Jim Fikany will each be avoiding the cold on their respective trips to Florida.

-- Lina Bowman's son, a MSU grad, will be studying for a masters in medical science at Boston University.

-- Mark ended his report with an unusual fundraising opportunity from an Anchorage, Alaska club.

## OIL CAN

-- Florence Seltzer, looking to pass the oil can to someone who may not have received it before, gave it to Lina Bowman for raising a son going for his masters in the science field.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Upcoming events. (1) Gleaners on 1/26. (2) Michigan Humane Society Telethon on 2/14. This was pushed back a week so there is a volunteer spot available. If interested, contact Bob Lucas. (3) Woods Library book transfer at 2:00 pm on 2/16. (4) Kids Against Hunger at GP Memorial Church on 3/23. (4) Forgotten Harvest from 1:00 – 4:00 on 4/13. Sign-up sheets are being passed around and it is also possible to register for one on or more on the Club's website.

## SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Diane Strickler promoted the great presentations and programs offered by the Family Center (addiction intervention and smart parenting, to name a couple). To learn more, go to [www.familycenterweb.org](http://www.familycenterweb.org)

-- President Gary attended a meeting of District 6400 presidents where he provided a summary of all we are doing and heard updates from other clubs in the district.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Craig Donnelly, WSU Assistant VP of Economic Development and Chief Strategy Officer of TechTown Detroit.

Mr. Donnelly focused on his work with TechTown, Detroit's entrepreneurship hub. Its purpose is to help tech startups and local businesses, as an incubator and accelerator.

TechTown operates under three legs. (1) Space: It provides workspace at

its location near Wayne State. It has 30 full-time tenants and over 300 members who co-work where they can share desks and offices and use the facility for meetings and events. (2) Tech: Offers a Business Incubator Center for new businesses and DTX Launch Detroit, a summer accelerator for college students and recent grads. (3) Neighborhoods: It supports local brick and mortar small businesses through SWOT City for existing businesses, a Retail Boot Camp to prepare those trying to open a business, and Pop-up Opportunities at the SHOP, a monthly retail pop-up on the first floor of their facility.

TechTown supports those with a dream and a viable business plan. Through failures, much can be learned and the hope is to fail small to succeed big. To learn more, go to [www.techtowndetroit.org](http://www.techtowndetroit.org).

## FLOWER RAFFLE

\$1,486 in the pot with \$743 going to the winner. Ted Hadgis made the short walk to the remaining cards but was unable to pick the joker. Thank you to Charvat The Florist for the beautiful flower arrangement.

## CALENDAR

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

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

Feb 13: Mary Short, Marketing Director for the Grosse Pointe Public Library