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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Tom Youngblood

Invocation: George McMullen

GUESTS

Irena Politano, guest of Fred Ollison.
Joel Hatline, spouse of Catherine Belte. Julie Baumer, guest of John Mozena. Susan Allison, spouse of Dick Allison

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

John Ellis, 2 years.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena

-- Nice article in the Grosse Pointe Magazine on John Ellis (who knew that he surfed?) and his wife, Wen.

-- A nod of appreciation to John Minnis for having a Rotary connection in each issue of the Grosse Pointe Magazine.

-- Paul Rentenbach has heard from 5 of the 6 Rotary scholar recipients after their first semester and all have a GPA of 3.8 or better. Great news!

-- Roger Hull is heading to Chicago for a "rock" concert featuring the *Tedeschi Trucks*.

-- Liz Vogel says that the GP Public Library board and the union have reached a mediator settlement.

Fingers crossed that it's approved.

-- Congratulations to Joel Hatline for surviving his first semester at WSU Law School.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sad news to report.

-- Long time former GP Rotary member Carl Meyering has passed away.

-- Former GP Rotarian Charles Fisher's wife, Deborah, has passed away.

OIL CAN

Postponed.

SERVICE PROJECTS

-- Joel Hatline passed around a sign-up sheet for two volunteer opportunities. One was to gauge interest in helping to prepare bag lunches for the homeless at the Pope Francis Center in Detroit. The other was to assist at The Arc of Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods Valentine's Day dance on 2/16. If interested in either/both, contact Catherine Belte at Catherine.belte@mccrystalgroup.com

-- Volunteers are needed for the Michigan Humane Society Telethon at WXYZ on 2/8 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. If interested, contact Bob Lucas or register online at our website. www.grossepointerotary.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The next post-meeting euchre night is on 2/21 and Liz Vogel's theme is "Winter Sucks". Looking for at least 8 card players but all are welcome for the fellowship.

-- The Club has a new Facebook page. Please take a moment to "like/follow/share" to generate activity to the page.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dick Allison, author of *Begging for Chocolates; A Story of World War II Italy*.

Dick's second book on World War II, it focuses on the U.S. forces fighting in Italy (the "Forgotten Front") in 1944-45. He started his research years ago when he finally went through his father's belongings and read letters from his time in the army. Through his father's letters, diaries, and poems, along with those of three other soldiers, he provided insight on what was happening in Italy at that time.

The first thing Dick noticed was how censored the letters were. They couldn't provide details about locations or the names of any officers. He also noted an innocence and humor found in many of them, including one soldier's attempt to date an Italian girl.

It was apparent that the writing of this book was a labor of love for Dick.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$484 in the pot with \$242 going to the winner. Florence Seltzer held the winning ticket but the joker remains hidden. Thank you to Charvat the Florist for the beautiful flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

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

Feb 07: Kim Fix, Huron-Clinton Metroparks System