

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Invocation: Steve McMillan

GUESTS

Jean Hull, guest of Roger Hull.
 Jack Harkins, guest of Dick Allison.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

None.

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Vince Van Tiem (slow news day)
 -- Nina Gazel took her dog, Odin, to the dog park twice today.
 -- Liz Vogel will be enjoying some time in Florida, unfortunately, the projected forecast is a high of 55°.

OIL CAN

-- Dave Colton passed it to John Mozena for the new member process being almost too efficient, all he does for the Club, and the pride he has in Rotary in general.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

-- Cissie Cappola was born and raised in Grosse Pointe Farms, lived outside the state for several years, before moving back to Grosse Pointe in 2017. A widow, she is looking to give back to the community. (Side note – she introduced Roger and Jean Hull to each other).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Valentines for The Helm's Meals On Wheels recipients. There will be signing sessions at our next two

meetings and you can also write your own cards (signed in the name of Rotary) that can be brought to a meeting or dropped off at the homes of Doris Neal, Diane Strickler, or Dick Allison by 2/11.

-- Humane Society Telethon. 4 more volunteers are needed for the Telethon in Bingham Farms on 2/10 from 6-9pm. Please contact Steve Cornillie, Bob Lucas, or Heather Mayernik for details.

-- Food Drive on 2/5. It runs from 10am-11am in the GP Memorial Church parking lot. Any questions, please contact Judy Masserang.

-- The Club is looking for a clean-up project in honor of Earth Day the week of 4/18 to 4/23 and for someone to champion the project. Contact Jackie Dale or Doris Neal with ideas.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Steve McMillan – No news.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Dino Valente provided an update on his fundraising work for South Sudanese Leadership & Community Development that helps Sudanese refugees in northern Uganda. Through appeals to numerous Rotary Clubs and District 6400, over \$15,000 was raised, helping 20,000 people. Great work Dino! www.hopeforsouthsudan.com.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Richard Allison: Hobby Writing Personal Military Histories Using Family Correspondence. Dick has written three books on WWII in the last 12 years and calls it hobby writing because he writes at his own pace, without any deadlines. In his writing, he has two questions: (1) What do wars and short stories have in common? A beginning, a

a middle, and an end. Dick uses personal letters and other documents for the “middle” that he writes about. (2) What is the job of a family historian? It's to add context to the letters, of which 10% actually ends up in the story.

From his book, Pacific War Stories, Dick had access to a survivor's statement from Ensign Paul Harkins, a Grosse Pointe resident, who was on the USS California in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The battleship was 624 feet long with 57 officers and a crew of 1,206. On that day, 102 died from two torpedo strikes and a bombing.

Ensign Hawkins's statement showed the horrors and chaos in battle. He suffered mental shock dealing with the dead and wounded and also suffered survivor's guilt. Post attack, there was confusion and disorder as the ammunition on the California was ordered to be taken to shore and then back to the ship three times.

Dick gathers his information from many sources. He uses letters in the possession of Grosse Pointe residents, photos and other survivor's reports are downloaded from the Naval History and Heritage Command, and he uses the Fold3 website, which has a huge library of military records.

CALENDAR

Feb 02: John C. Mozena – How to Grow an Economy: Lessons from Watching it Done Wrong

Feb: 09: Cindy Eggleston – Learning Recovery