

OPENING

Time: 6:00

Pledge of Allegiance

GUESTS

Cheryl Hanna. David Megebier and Cassim Bwanali from the Warm Hearts Foundation.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Tom Youngblood (1/10) and Scott Matthews (1/12).

ANNIVERSARIES

Cissie Cappola, 4 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Tom Youngblood

-- Good luck to Brandon Elliott who has started a new job with Gentherm in Novi.

-- Doug Horst was recognized by the War Memorial for his volunteer work there.

-- Congratulations to Mark Weber, who was an honoree at a recent Holley Institute event. Also, Mark and Judy wished safe travels to their daughter, MG, a U of M professor, and her husband, who began a six-month academic sabbatical in New Zealand.

OIL CAN

Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

ROTARY BUSINESS

-- If anyone would like to be part of the committee sharing reflections at the beginning of our meetings, please contact Susan Mozena.

-- The community affairs committee is meeting at 11:00am on 1/10 at the Higbie Maxon Agency in The Hill. Let Bob Lucas know if you would like to attend.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The next Food Drive for Second Mile Center at GP Memorial Church will take place this Saturday, 1/10, from 10:00am-11:00am. Needed items are listed in Judy's Monday email.

-- Dinner prep on 2/3 for Shelter Week at GP United Methodist Church. For more info, please contact Dave Colton.

-- Kids Against Hunger on 3/14 at GP Memorial Church. Details to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Next week's speakers are Ashley and Nicholas Batt, who created The Bryson and Baker Batt Foundation to support families with babies in the neonatal intensive care unit and for those families who don't get to take their babies home by providing care packages, comfort items, and resources.

-- Alma Kitchen Lunch Bunch: The last one for this year takes place at Noon on Friday. If you plan on attending, RSVP via email to Ted Everingham by 11:00am that day.

-- The Heroes' Movement Gala takes place on 1/24 at the War Memorial. Tickets are \$125 and, so far, 7 Rotarians are attending. If interested, please contact Beverly Curtis-Walsh.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Paul Brink and Kip Nickel – Warm Hearts Foundation

Warm Hearts Foundation, formed 25 years ago, is a nonprofit that works

in rural communities in the Mangochi District of Malawi and provide funding and mentorship in the slums of Nairobi and Kakamega in western Kenya. Its mission is to improve the health and education of women, children, and families in those areas.

In Kenya, the organization provides a hot lunch to 800 students in one of the schools it works with and provides skill training in tailoring, computer graphics, hair dressing, and cosmetology for young women on the streets of one of its slums. The Malawi projects include, digging wells, supporting maternal health, the building of classrooms and purchasing desks, providing feminine supplies, and a bicycle program.

With students having to travel long distances to schools, Warm Hearts provides bikes that the schools own and allocate out. In the last 6 years, 733 bikes (60 per school) have been distributed. They have also started to provide bikes to teachers, who purchase them on a payment plan. Our foundation provided \$3,000 to purchase 20 bikes, which will be matched by World Bike Relief for a total of 40.

MEETING RAFFLE

\$99 in the pot. Lisa Gandelot purchased the winning ticket but did not pick the joker.

CALENDAR

Jan 14: Ashley & Nicholas Batt – The Bryson and Baker Batt Foundation

Jan 21: Sherry Wells & David Yaki – Rotary Fellowships