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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Gary

Invocation: Susan Mozena

GUESTS

Johann Finkelmeier, guest of Liz Vogel

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

George Shammas (1/6) and Tom Youngblood (1/10).

ANNIVERSARIES

Dave Charvat, 27 years. Peter Henry, 11 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Fred Ollison

-- Congratulations to Ted Everingham for becoming chairman of both the GP Chamber of Commerce and the GP Chamber of Commerce Foundation boards
-- Congratulations, also, to Murray Davis who has started a new job, He is the coordinator for a veterans treatment program in Dearborn.
-- George McMullen is apparently a glutton for punishment as he has purchased two Detroit Lions season tickets.

-- Kudos to Mike Carmody, as his weight loss is now at 55 lbs.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The Michigan Humane Society Telethon is on February 7th. We

have committed to provide 8 volunteers to man the phones. Contact Bob Lucas to take part.
-- Gleaners on 1/26. We have reached our volunteer commitment of 9 so it is all set.
-- Kids Against Hunger on 3/23 and Forgotten Harvest on 4/13. Details to follow.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

-- Kim Towar recognized Roger Hull as being a multiple Paul Harris Fellow with a PHx7 pin. As Kim stated, Roger has embraced all the good work the RI Foundation does.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The fundraising committee is meeting at 4:30 PM on 1/16 at the War Memorial. An agenda has been sent out.

-- A solid 12 will be playing at the monthly Euchre game after the meeting.

-- Kim Towar is on the Board for the RI Hope & Relief Foundation which helps the impoverished children living in Nicaragua.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Nick Monacelli, TV reporter for WDIV.

Mr. Monacelli is the morning reporter for the station. He starts his day at 2:00 AM, arriving at work at 3:30 AM to prepare for the 5:00 AM newscast. After the morning show, he continues to work on stories for the evening newscasts, with his day ending at 12:30 PM.

He is proud to be a reporter on a local news station. Studies show that local TV is the primary and most trusted source for news. Some of the

national stories that came about by local reporting are the Flint water crisis, the Kwame Kilpatrick corruption case, and the Larry Nasser case. There are also national stories, such as hurricanes, that requires the local TV news to notify its viewers of available shelters and which areas are being hardest hit. Mr. Monacelli flew down to Houston to cover Hurricane Harvey so that the local reporters could take care of their families and property.

The 24 hour news cycle and social media have changed the news dynamics. Where, in the past, a breaking story would be held until the 11:00 PM broadcast, it is now put out on the station's website to give it publicity for the evening's show. As social media grows, a larger percentage of WDIV's revenue is coming from its website. With the changing environment, there is a journalistic fine line between providing the immediacy needed with a story and making sure that its accurate.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$1,384 in the pot with \$692 going to the winner. Ron Vitale was not able to pick the joker so the pot continues to grow. Thank you to Dave Charvat for the beautiful flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

Jan 23: Craig Donnelly, Tech Town & Wayne State

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

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