

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy
 Invocation: Susan Mozena

GUESTS

Kristin Mayernik, guest of Heather Mayernik

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Paul Rentenbach (6/30), Steve McMillan (7/3), Dino Valente (7/7), Bill Rice (7/15), and Heather Mayernik (7/15)

ANNIVERSARIES

Liz Vogel, 2 years. Lisa Gandelot, 4 years. Steve Brownell, 8 years.

ROVING REPORTER

No report.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Florence Seltzer is battling pneumonia. She had a stay in the hospital but is at home now and planning to return to Rotary in August.

-- John Sheoris is ailing a bit. Please keep both in your thoughts and prayers.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed. Apparently, Liz Vogel is unable to pass it along from her vacation spot in France. ☺

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Four upcoming projects.
 -- Crossroads Lunches. 3 remaining: 7/23, 8/6, and 8/20. You can register to volunteer on the Club website's calendar.
 -- Detroit Abloom. Gardening opportunity from 10:00 AM to 12:00

AM on 7/13. Bring gloves. Tools will be provided.

-- Life Remodeled. Three shifts available on 8/7. Our online calendar has a link to sign up on the Life Remodeled website. It's founder will be speaking at GP Memorial Church at 9:30 AM on 7/28.

-- Northeast Guidance Center Backpack Project. The Center is gathering school supplies to fill 200 backpacks. Jessica Keyser has a list of supplies needed which can be dropped off at the GP Libraries or brought to a meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Cruise for a Cause. 54 tickets have been sold. If you're planning on attending, why not have friends join you? If you need an invitation or if you have any questions, please contact Irena Politano.

-- New meeting location information. Drinks can be purchased during the meeting. Valet parking is available as part of our contract with GPYC but tips would be paid by the member.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Nancy Weigandt and Tom Milano, Detroit Abloom.

Detroit Abloom is a non-profit that began repurposing vacant land in Detroit by planting vegetable gardens. After receiving a Kresge Foundation grant to demonstrate whether 'non-edible' crops grown on the land could generate enough revenue to pay the land taxes and property maintenance, it shifted its focus from food to flower production.

The organization is involved in many activities, such as a healthy community coalition in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, planning school gardens, having horticultural projects for youth, putting together a native plant nursery and a pollinator garden. The hope is to turn 11 square miles of Detroit and the Grosse Pointes into a butterfly sanctuary. Detroit Abloom will provide a free consultation to anyone interested in having a butterfly waystation at their residence.

Detroit Abloom earns money by providing flower arrangements for weddings and events, selling live plants, and providing presentations and consultation services. To learn more, please visit www.detroitabloom.com.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$714 in the pot with \$357 going to the winner. Congratulations to Bob Lucas for picking the joker and walking away with the money.

CALENDAR

- Jul 17: No meeting
- Jul 24: Christopher Bunch – Six Rivers Land Conservancy
- Jul 31: Megan Gunnell – Thriving Well Institute