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OPENING

Time: 6:00
 Pledge of Allegiance:
 Invocation: Eva Habib

GUESTS

Frances Sroka, daughter of President Neil. Chris Zurowick. Katie Shubnell, Kids On The Go Development Manager.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Heather Mayernik (7/15).

ANNIVERSARIES

Bryce Thomas, 2 years. Michael Newman, 3 years. Lisa Gandelot, 10 years. John Maliszewski, 19 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Tom Youngblood
 -- Congratulations to Phil MacKethan's son, Alex, and his bride, who were married in late June, at the Little Club.
 -- Dino Valente will be attending his 41st straight MLB All Star Game, this year in Arlington, TX.
 -- President Neil and his family entertained family from the Czech Republic over the July 4 holiday.
 -- Roger Hull's daughter, son-in-law, and grandson are moving to GP Farms, having lived in NY City for several years. Needless to say, Roger and Jean are very happy.
 -- Bob Lucas co-chaired the fundraising committee for the new playscape at the GPP Waterfront Park and will be at the ribbon cutting at 6:00pm on 7/11.
 -- Mark Weber attended the very moving funeral of the Hillsdale County Sheriff who was shot in late June while on duty. Mark's son is a prosecutor for Hillsdale County.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Jackie Dale (no membership news so Jackie talked Rotary)
 -- Our District Conference is in Windsor next year, from 5/30 to 6/1. You can register at www.rotary6400.org.
 -- There is a Computer Donations for Donuts event taking place from 11:00am – 3:00pm on 7/13 at 3333 E Jefferson in Detroit. Contact Jackie for more details.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The committee is putting together an active Rotary year and is seeking champions for some of the projects.
 -- Dates are being lined up to serve lunch at Crossroads. Look for details.

GP ROTARY FOUNDATION

-- Judy Masserang presented a check to Katie Shubnell of Kids On The Go to sponsor 4 kids to attend their summer program. Around for 26 years, this year there are 500 scholarships worth \$500 each, allowing special needs kids to participate at no cost.
www.kidsonthegocamp.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- GP Sunrise's 45th Fun Run will take place on 9/21. If you would like to participate or volunteer, please contact Ted Everingham for more information.
 -- Lunch Bunch: Noon on Friday at Alma Kitchen. RSVP to Mike Carmody so he can reserve a table.
 -- Nex week's speaker will be Ryan Berns with his new member presentation.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dio Rocker – New(ish) Member Presentation

Dio grew up on a farm in Austin, Minnesota, the home of Hormel. His dad worked for Hormel so that left Dio to run the farm, before and after school, and on Saturdays. He enjoyed doing this, but, while in college, the farm was sold. Following a short stint in the army, he eventually started a career in industrial adhesive sales with National Starch and Chemical.

He began in Kansas City, before moving back to Minnesota and, working for a global company, Dio also lived in Johannesburg, South Africa and London. He then worked out of the New Jersey home office for 8 years before the company was sold.

Dio started his own adhesive distribution company in Scottsdale, AZ in 1999. He sold this business while in his early 70s and continued to live in Scottsdale until his wife passed away due to cancer in 2018. With children in California and GP Park, Dio settled into his condo on Cadieux in 2019. He was introduced to Rotary, which he loves, by Cissie Cappola, his condo neighbor.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$442 in the pot. Roger Hull purchased the winning ticket but was not able to pick the joker.

CALENDAR

Jul 17: Ryan Bens – New Member Presentation

 Jul 24: Casey Kempton – Milk & Honey Bakery