

# ROTARpinte

News & Information from the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe

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## OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Gary

Invocation: Susan Mozena

## GUESTS

None.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

## BIRTHDAYS

Steve McMillan (7/3) and Dino Valente (7/7).

## ANNIVERSARIES

Liz Vogel, 6 years. Lisa Gandelot, 16 years.

## ROVING REPORTER

Fred Ollison

– Dino Valente is heading to Washington DC to attend his 36<sup>th</sup> consecutive MLB All-Star game.

-- There was a nice going away party for Simon this past Friday at Gary and Paige's house. The weather cooperated by dramatically dropping from the 100 degrees at the start.

-- Good luck to Michelle Roberts who has a new job as the Individual Gifts Officer at the ACLU of Michigan.

-- Kim Towar and Dave Colton are happy to have their house back after having 12 relatives visit (and stay with) them for 5 days.

-- Phil MacKethan and family just returned from Portland, Maine. Their efforts to hike the Appalachian Trail was cut short due to the hot weather.

-- Steve McMillan celebrated his birthday in Gaylord and former exchange student (Germany 98-99), Flo Wackermann, visited him.

Travelling over from the RI Convention in Toronto.

-- In closing, Fred, as the one who asked John Maliszewski if he would be willing to be Club president, thanked him for his year at the helm.

**SUNSHINE NEWS**--No news.

**OIL CAN**-- Postponed.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The first Crossroads lunch took place on 7/10, serving 64 meals. There will be two more: on 8/7, and 8/28.

-- A few Rotarians took part in the clean-up of the Defer Elementary School property earlier today.

-- Jessica Keyser announced that all three library branches will be accepting school supplies for the Northeast Guidance Center. Supplies can also be brought to our meetings.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- There is a 7:30 AM Board meeting on July 19 at the Farms Pier.

-- The Club's 70 year history that Mike Carmody previously e-mailed will be at the front desk for the rest of the month. It includes pictures that were not included in the e-mail.

-- The 2018-19 Club directories are available at the front desk.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Matthew Wollack, VP of Strategic Development, Wolverine Human Services. (WHS)

WHS was founded in 1987 by Robert Wollack. How Mr. Wollack, who was born in New York, came to Michigan is an interesting story involving Serpico, prison time, and the Gambino crime family.

The organization supports diverse treatment needs such as juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, rehabilitation, foster care placement, adoption, and high security residential treatment. It operates in all 83 counties and is funded by the state of Michigan.

WHS operates a community center and soup kitchen on Dickerson in Detroit. The surrounding area is only 3% populated and, the organization not wanting to contribute to the decline, has formed Core Orchards Detroit, the city's first u-pick apple orchard. 350 trees have been planted so far, with the hope to raise that number to 5,000. The apples will be 100% organic with the trees bearing fruit in 2020. The ultimate plan is for the orchard to generate a profit to contribute to the services WHS provides and to be a centerpiece for the neighborhood.

To learn more, please visit [www.wolverinehs.org](http://www.wolverinehs.org) and [www.coreorchards.com](http://www.coreorchards.com).

## FLOWER RAFFLE

\$370 in the pot with \$185 going to the winner. Bob Lucas was hoping to start the new Rotary year by picking the joker but it remained hidden. Thank you to Charvat The Florist for the beautiful arrangement.

## CALENDAR

Jul 18--**Lucas Ottinger**, Business Development and Sales for **Rocket Fiber**.

Jul 25: Johann Finkelmeier, VP, Goodyear Tire – Automotive Hall of Fame