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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Dick Allison

Ted Invocation: Phil MacKethan

GUESTS

Dave Colton, spouse of Kim Towar.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Steve McMillan (7/30), Dean Valente (7/7), and Bill Rice (7/15).

ANNIVERSARIES

Liz Vogel -- 1 year. Lisa Gandelot -- 3 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Fred Ollison

-- Congratulations to Gary Niehaus and Paige Vanderyden who were married this past Friday!

-- Being a slow news day, Fred went to his Roving Reporter files, accumulated over 25 years, and entertained with a few jokes.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

No news.

SERVICE PROJECTS

-- Phil MacKethan showed off a few of the donated items for the NE Guidance Center Backpack Project. A link with a list of items can be found on our website and monetary donations are welcomed.

-- Ted Everingham is trying to rally a large contingent, inside and outside of our Club, for a Life Remodeled volunteer day August 2nd.

(www.liferemodeled.com). Info to come.

-- Dave Colton is in charge of the Crossroads of Michigan lunch programs that we are running on 7/18, 8/8, and 8/29. There are 14 Rotarians volunteering on those days.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

-- Steve McMillan awarded a Paul Harris pin (PHF+1) to George McMullen. This money, and all donations, helps our District and Rotary International.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

-- Mike Carmody inducted James Miller, who works for *i3 Verticals*. James and his wife, Danielle, live in GP Woods and he is interested in becoming involved with membership, Interact, and community services. Please make him feel welcome.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Murray Davis, Director of External Affairs at Vehicles for Change.

For Detroit residents, 25% of the jobs are outside of the City, 25% of the population do not have vehicles, and only 60% live near a transit stop. These numbers, along with the inability to engage in family and social events, emphasize the need to own a vehicle.

Vehicles for Change, based out of Baltimore, started accepting car donations in Detroit in 2015 and opened up a tech training center in January of this year. What makes Vehicles for Change different is that donated cars are repaired, in house, before they are awarded.

A car is awarded to a deserving,

vetted individual/family for the price of \$900. It is done this way so the owner has some "skin in the game". If the owner can't afford the payment, he/she will be provided with a 12 month micro-loan.

The tech training facility, called the Full Circle Service Center, is open to the public with cars being fixed by trainees under the supervision of master mechanics. The first 10 trainees graduated this year with Vehicles for Change providing interview preparation training and follow-up with job retention.

For the recipients of vehicles, studies since 2015 show that 75% obtained better jobs, saw an overall \$7,000 increase in pay, and 87% were able to transport their kids to after-school activities. Vehicle and financial donations are always welcomed. To learn more, please visit www.vehiclesforchange.org.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$1,572 in the pot with \$786 going to the winner. Steve McMillan (who seems to be a regular winning ticket holder) could not find the joker so the pot continues to grow. Thank you to Charvat the Florist for providing the beautiful flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

Jul 19: Fr. John Phelps and Hon. Tom Hathaway – Life Directions