

ROTARpinte

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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Gary

Invocation: Steve McMillan

GUESTS

Joe Gleason and Anna Gleason

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Rice (7/15) and Florence Seltzer (7/20).

ANNIVERSARIES

Steve Brownell, 7 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Tom Youngblood

-- Diane and Ron Strickler, and 10 of their family members, just returned from a western Canada vacation.

-- Susan Mozena vacationed closer to home, enjoying a day of canoeing and golfing with her grandson at Belle Isle (and then a nap at home).

-- Kudos to John Minnis who, as a SOC board member, helped a senior with mobility issues secure a lift and started a successful "go fund me" page to help pay for it.

OIL CAN

-- Judy Masserang went "old school" and passed it to John Maliszewski for a faux paus. John forgot to mute his phone at last week's meeting, his first as a past-president, and, obviously, Gary's first.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The two remaining Crossroads volunteer lunches, run by Dave Colton, have enough volunteers and are running smoothly.

-- The GP public libraries are accepting school supplies at all three branches for the NE Guidance Center. Jessica Keyser is happy to collect donations at our meetings.

SUNSHINE NEWS

No news.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Anna Gleason, who graduated from GP South in three years, will be an outbound exchange student in Finland. Her father, Joe, was reluctant to send his daughter off to live with strangers but after hearing the stories from past inbound and outbound exchange students and their host families, he is very excited for the opportunity she is undertaking.

-- There is a 7:30 AM board of directors meeting on July 19 at the Farms Pier. They will discuss giving honorary membership status to Gaylord Creedon, Bill Rice, and Dick Dunlap.

-- Committee chairs should have received an e-mail from Phil Mackethan about their committee responsibilities. Please reply to Phil that the description is accurate or offer changes.

-- There is a fellowship dinner at RP McMurphy's in Wyandotte on July 19.

-- Bill Scott received a nice card from Simon, thanking the Club for his year here.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Lucas Ottinger, Business Development & Sales, at Rocket Fiber.

Rocket Fiber, part of the Quicken Loans family, is a Detroit based internet company. Internet service

provided through fiber optics offers hyper-fast home internet speeds at a cost of \$70/month without a contract. For businesses, it offers services that cater to the individual company's needs with 24 hour customer service.

Rocket Fiber is in negotiations with the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, the GP Public Library, and the GP School System to bring its services to the area. The entities would share in the cost of building the fiber optic ring and Rocket Fiber would then provide 10 gigs of internet speed for 15 years and maintain the ring for 20 years, at no additional cost. The company would deal directly with businesses and residents who would like to sign up.

Mr. Ottinger believes that bringing in fiber optics will increase the value of individual homes, greatly increase the educational experiences for students, reduce government spending, and improve public safety. To learn more, visit www.rocketfiber.com.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$412 in the pot with \$206 going to the winner. Mark Cory purchased the winning ticket but couldn't pick the joker. Thank you to Charvat The Florist for the beautiful arrangement.

CALENDAR

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

Aug 01: Robert Cannon, Chair of the 16th Annual Gratiot Cruise in Clinton Twp.