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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Carmody

Invocation: Bill Scott

GUESTS

Laurie Smolenski, guest of Kim Towar. John Connor, guest of our speakers. John McCandless, guest of John Maliszewski.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Glenn Housey (7/18) and Florence Seltzer (7/20).

ANNIVERSARIES

Steve Brownell, 7 years.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena

-- Always nice when a Rotarian volunteers to be on a committee as Jeremy Henner has joined the ranks of the Roving Reporters.

-- Nice article in the GP News on Dick Allison's second book on World War II, titled *Begging for Chocolates*.

-- Phil MacKethan hiked the 10½ miles around Mackinac Island.

-- George McMullen and Mark Weber's wife, Judy, will be participating in an upcoming Dancing with the Stars fundraising event for Full Circle.

-- The new Club directories are available. John congratulated Mike Carmody for being able to include James Miller's picture and information after just being inducted last week. He also pointed out that Jack Cobau and Dino Valente win the award for oldest pictures.

-- Diane Strickler just returned from a

Canadian vacation at Muskoka Lakes.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

No news.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed

SERVICE PROJECTS

-- Phil MacKethan showed off a few more of the donated items for the NE Guidance Center Backpack Project. The last day to donate will be 8/16 and Phil have more information about the 8/26 "giveaway" day.

-- Thank you to the Rotarians who volunteered at last week's Crossroads Lunch Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Sebastian is returning to Taiwan tomorrow. Bill Scott thanked him for being an outstanding exchange student and being the first to ever receive a sports letter (track).

-- It's always great when Laurie Smolenski visits the Club. Laurie just finished her time as a Rotary Peace Fellow in Australia where she received a master's degree in Peace & Conflict Studies. This included an internship through the MacArthur Foundation studying human rights in Mexico City. She will be returning to her job with the New York Immigration Coalition. A side note -- the Smolenskis have hosted 17 exchange students.

-- Mark your calendar for the Club's Christmas party at Ardmore Café on December 14th.

-- A moment of silence for RI President-elect Sam Owori of Uganda who passed away on 7/15.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Judge Thomas Hathaway and Father John Phelps of Life Directions.

The mission of Life Directions is to motivate young adults, ages 13 to 35, especially the economically poor and "at-risk" to mature into responsible, productive adults through self-direction. This is accomplished through 3 interconnected programs: (1) Neighborhood Enrichment -- breaking the cycle of violence in the community; (2) Peer Motivation -- bringing achieving students together with at-risk students in high schools; and (3) Peer Mentor -- achieving high school students are trained to mentor 8th graders.

The organization has helped over 168,000 youth and young adults over the past 44 years, including former Congressman Hansen Clarke. To learn more please visit, www.lifedirections.org.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$1,616 in the pot with \$808 going to the winner. Tom Youngblood was not able to find the joker from the remaining 15 cards so the pot rolls over. Thank you to Charvat the Florist for providing the beautiful flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

July 19: Peter Dame, Grosse Pointe City Manager

August 9: Paul Sincock -- Rotary Youth Exchange