

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy
 Invocation: Roger Hull

GUESTS

Molly Marrocco, guest of Phil MacKethan. Katie Dotson, our outbound exchange student, guest of Bill Scott.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Paige Niehaus (7/25).

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Fred Ollison
 -- After much Roving Reporter delay, it was finally reported that Phil MacKethan's son, Ben, has graduated from the University of Kentucky. He is currently refinishing furniture to support his art career.
 -- Jessica Keyser is proud to report that 2,000 people have participated in the GP Library's summer reading program.
 -- Fred supplemented a slow news day with jokes, topical news, and a biography of Cecilia Payne, an unknown scientist who discovered what the universe is made of.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No report.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Crossroads Lunches. Two remaining: 8/6, and 8/20. Register

to volunteer on the Club website's calendar.

-- Life Remodeled. 8/7/19. The number of volunteers is lower than expected. To register, go to August 7th on the Club website's calendar and click on the link to the Life Remodeled website.

-- Northeast Guidance Center Backpack Project. Donations of school supplies can be dropped off at the GP Libraries or brought to a meeting for Jessica Keyser.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Cruise for a Cause. 58 tickets have been sold for this event on 9/12. The Club is looking to double that number so make sure to RSVP and invite your friends to join you.

-- Be sure to attend next week's meeting to hear a presentation on the ambitious Tot Lot project. It will be kicking into high gear with a press conference at noon on 8/1 at the Tot Lot location. Put it on your calendar to attend.

-- Michelle and Paul Roberts have generously agreed to host another exchange student for 2020-21. They view their first exchange student, Sebastian, as their son and continue to interact with him.

-- Thank you to Kim Towar and the staff at the Little Blue Book for the new Rotarpointe header.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Christopher Bunch, Executive Director of the Six Rivers Land Conservancy

Six Rivers Land Conservancy is a private, non-profit land conservation organization working to sustain the quality and character of the natural resources around us. Its mission is to conserve, sustain, and connect natural areas, lands,

and waters that make the places we live special.

The primary way it fulfills its mission is through conservation easements which are legal agreements between a landowner and Six Rivers that permanently restricts the future activities on the land in order to protect its natural resources and conservation values. This allows the organization to protect the land without owning it.

Another way that Six Rivers tries to preserve land is by purchasing it. It's in the process of raising funds to buy 300 acres of forested wetlands in Anchor Bay. It also assists public agencies with land purchases as they try to qualify for state money through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Mr. Bunch noted that "nature is not just up north" and his hope is that the residents of southeast Michigan recognize the value of preserved land where they live and work. To learn more, go to www.sixriverslc.org.

FLOWER RAFFLE

A new pot of \$18 with \$9 going to the winner. Jim Fikany held the winning ticket but couldn't pick the joker. Thank you to Charvat the Florist for the beautiful flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

Jul 31: Tot Lot Presentation

Aug 07: Elizabeth Weigandt, Author – Queen Bee