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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Gary

Invocation: Richard Yeager-Stiver

GUESTS

Marcia Everingham, spouse of Ted Everingham, who thanked her spouse for taking care of her while she recuperates from knee and eye surgery.

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Brooks, PDG x 2.

BIRTHDAYS

Kim Youngblood (7/27) and Bill Henderson (7/29).

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Mark Weber

– Richard Yeager-Stiver is heading on a three week ecumenical trip to Israel, where he says that he will see essentially the entire country.

-- Ted Everingham was the voice of the Port Huron to Mackinac Race, providing 24 reports on WJR and live broadcasts on Port Huron radio.

-- The Supper Club will next gather on August 23rd and it will include Mark Weber's boat. Details to follow.

-- John Brooks recently celebrated his 58th work anniversary with Allstate Insurance.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Paul Rentenbach underwent a double heart catheterization today. How this went, combined with a MRI on Friday, will dictate what further procedure/surgery he may need. Please keep him in your thoughts and wish him a speedy recovery.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Remember to bring school supplies to a meeting (or to any of the GP Public Libraries) for the NE Guidance Center.

-- The NE Guidance Center is looking for volunteers to work at its produce stand on Wednesdays from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. If interested, please contact Diane Strickler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Mike Carmody sent out e-mails regarding two upcoming Rotary activities. (1) Cruise for a Cause will take place on September 6th. If you know of anyone who should receive an invitation, please let Kim Towar know. (2) Operation Warm. Pamphlet distribution to local businesses will take place after August 12th. This process has resulted in \$5,000 in donations.

-- To all committee chairs, please reply to Phil Mackethan's e-mail about your committee responsibilities.

-- Please keep the family of past GP Sunrise president Anthony Kalogeridis in your thoughts as he passed away unexpectedly at age 55.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Liz Vogel, Deputy Supervisor of Clinton Township.

As Deputy Supervisor, Liz describes

her job as putting out daily fires, ranging from the mundane to the extraordinary.

Her topic: Fix the Damn Roads! Did you know that there has been no proactive road funding since 2007? The majority of the funding comes from state and federal gas taxes but it is not enough. As an example of how behind road repairs are, Sterling Heights has spent (and has allocated) \$500 million dollars to fix their roads since 2014 and it's not enough. With the money the communities have, most of the repairs are stopgap fixes.

Liz and other local government employees went to Lansing in April to talk to legislators about funding road repair. They walked away frustrated with the excuses. As result, she drafted a proclamation for all cities and townships to join to reprioritize state funding by updating Act 51 (which deals with funding), enforce weight limits, improve collaboration, and bring in more stakeholders.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$446 in the pot with \$223 going to Kim Towar, if she picked the joker. Alas, she did not. Thank you to Charvat The Florist for the beautiful flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

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

Aug 08: Melissa Roy, Executive Director – Advancing Macomb