

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance: President Bob
 Invocation: Steve McMillan

GUESTS

Cindy DeLadurantaye and John Bruce, representing the Motor City Mitten Mission.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Scott (7/31)

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Susan Mozena
 – Nice article, with picture, of George McMullen in the GP News on his return to the GP Woods City Council. After four months of treatment, George is doing well with his chemotherapy ending, the tumors shrinking, his weight back to normal, and he will only be having to undergo immunotherapy every two weeks.
 -- The GP News also had a nice article on the Tot Lot’s grand reopening on August 8th.
 -- Liz Vogel sent out a very nice e-mail about an article in the Rotarian by RI President Holger Knaack about how clubs need to be flexible and willing to adapt to changing environments and how well our Club has done with this.
 -- Susan showed a recent picture of 2012-13 exchange student, Felix D’haenens, looking fit and without the dreadlocks he sported while here. Susan thought it would be a great idea to reach out to former exchange students to see if they can attend a

virtual meeting to provide updates on their lives.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No report.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

-- George McMullen presented it to the Motor City Mitten Mission, with Executive Director Gail Marlowe accepting the award. Since 2017, the organization has been helping the homeless, needy, and the sick. To learn about their great programs, please visit their website at www.motorcitymittenmission.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – The committee will be having a virtual meeting following the Club meeting on August 5th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The Tot Lot grand opening will take place at noon on August 8th.
 -- The Club directories are available at the Blue Book/Towar office on Mack Ave.
 -- Don’t forget to complete the online GP Rotary survey.
 -- Jackie Gleason thanked Neil Sroka for taking on the “register for online meeting” e-mail duties.

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Peggy Hayes, Executive Director of The Helm Life Center.

Ms. Hayes was born and raised in Grosse Pointe before her family moved to Rochester and is glad to be back. Prior to joining The Helm, she had two 20-year management and marketing careers, one working with malls and the other with hospitals.

The Helm started out 2020 with great expectations for its 40 programs and 700 members and then Covid 19 hit. Considered an essential service, it has since had to adjust its programs. For example, Meals on Wheels used to be hot meals 5 days a week and is now 5 frozen meals delivered one day a week and its lunch service, which typically served 15-20 people a day, switched to carry out only and now serves 50-55 a day. It has never stopped offering its connection to 2,480 services, such as home health care.

The Helm’s building closed on March 13th and only opened back up on a limited basis, on July 20th. During this time, the organization continued its bus program taking individuals to doctor visits and has started a program to handle grocery shopping and pharmacy pick-up. It has taught a “how to Zoom” class and will try to deliver programs online, if unable to at its location. Trying to slowly bring the services back to normal, there are now light exercise programs being offered and it has held a “party on the patio” and an ice cream social.

Mark your calendars for The Helm’s gala auction (which raises 40% of its revenue) on October 8th. It will be an online event so attendees can make their bids from their living rooms. To learn more about the organization and see all of the great programs offered, go to www.helmlife.org.

CALENDAR

Aug 05: Karen Kendrick-Hands – Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group