

## OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy

Invocation: Steve McMillan

## GUESTS

Molly Marrocco, guest of Phil MacKethan. Mary Kay Sogge, guest of Liz Vogel. Linda Dewey, guest of Judy Masserang.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

John Brooks, Naples

## BIRTHDAYS

Bill Scott (7/31).

## ANNIVERSARIES

None.

## ROVING REPORTER

Mark Weber

-- Mark noted that that there are 4 years of District Governors in attendance: Mark Zmyslowski and Kim Towar (1 year), and John Brooks (2 years).

-- Susan Mozena met with Detroit Abloom about building a butterfly garden in their backyard and plans on making it a reality for under \$500.

-- Mark Zmyslowski's house is for sale if anyone is interested in living on a quiet street in GP Shores.

-- Bill Scott has another scuba diving adventure planned for Cozumel, Mexico where he will be swimming with whale sharks.

-- Phil MacKethan and Molly Marrocco recently spent a couple of nights at the Grand Hotel and the West-Bluff cottages on Mackinac Island.

## SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Florence Seltzer is feeling better after battling pneumonia and will be attending next week's meeting.

## OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Crossroads Lunches. The next one is on 8/6. Thank you to those who have volunteered.

-- Life Remodeled. 8/7/19. Per Ted Everingham, the number of volunteers is disappointing and he is hoping for a last minute push. To register, go to the Club website's calendar and click on the link to the Life Remodeled website.

-- Northeast Guidance Center Backpack Project. Remember to bring your donations to the GP Libraries or to one of our meetings.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Cruise for a Cause. Remember to invite your friends to this great fundraising event on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

-- Liz Vogel, as chair of the speaker program, is putting together a list of volunteers to set up and/or tear down the set-up for our weekly meetings. She is looking for one month commitments and if you are able to be on an "on call" list, please let her know.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Tot Lot Reimagined.

In 1973, our Club installed the Tot Lot at the corner of St. Clair and Waterloo. The Club then raised funds in 1997 for a makeover which is what is currently in place there.

Bob Lucas noted that this ambitious project began in March and that 18 Rotarians are involved. Mike Carmody then followed with more details and a very informative video was played. To view , cut and paste:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpRqwbKs81Q>

Roger Hull, as the fundraising chair, completed the presentation, stating that every member is part of this committee as either an ambassador, an advocate, or an "asker". If you know of anyone who would be willing to make a sizable donation, please contact Roger. He is hoping to be bombarded with names.

The goal is to raise \$250,000 before the end of the year to purchase new ADA/ADHD compliant playscape structures. There will be two sets of structures, one for ages 2-5 and one for ages 5-10.

If you would like to make an online donation, cut and paste:  
[www.GPTotLot.com](http://www.GPTotLot.com).

To publicize, articles will appear in the Grosse Pointe Magazine, weekly in the GP News, and banners will be placed around town. Thank you to John Minnis and Kim Towar.

A press conference will take place at noon on August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Tot Lot.

## FLOWER RAFFLE

A pot of \$90 with \$45 going to the winner. Neil Sroka purchased the winning ticket but the joker remains hidden. Thank you to Charvat the Florist for the beautiful flower arrangement.

## CALENDAR

Aug 07: Elizabeth Weigandt, Author – Queen Bee

Aug 14: TBD

Aug 21: Gail Marlow – Motor City Mitten