

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: John Mozena

GUESTS

David Eardley (a new member, but not yet inducted). Olga Tecos, guest of Eva Habib. Alex Beauchamp, son-in-law of Roger Hull.

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Brooks, North Naples.

BIRTHDAYS

Florence Seltzer (7/20).

ANNIVERSARIES

Steve Cornillie, 1 year.

ROVING REPORTER

Vince Van Tiem

-- Diane and Ron Strickler have returned from a three-week trip to France where they took a cooking class at Le Cordon Bleu and met up with family for a trip to Normandy.

-- Eastland Mall is officially gone as the location where Hudsons operated has been demolished.

OIL CAN

-- Ted Everingham passed it to Susan Mozena for the detailed memoriams she provided at the Passing of the Gavel for the four Rotarians we lost this year. If you didn't know these Rotarians before, you do now.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Connie Dunlap, the spouse of Dick Dunlap, sent us a nice thank you card for the support we provided.

-- Please keep Mike Carmody in your prayers as he recovers from a heart attack he suffered at the end of April.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- A sign-up sheet was passed around for two projects: (1) Kids On The Go Ice Cream Social on 8/5 and (2) three Crossroads lunches on 8/5, 8/12, and 8/16. The lunches will take up about three hours of your time and volunteers are needed to distribute lunches and play games with the kids after they eat. For more information, please contact Bob Lucas.

MEMBERSHIP

-- As the membership chair, John Mozena described what Rotary is: a non-political, secular, volunteer service organization. But it really is an organization where you develop lifelong friendships while serving our local and global communities. He gave two personal examples of what Rotary means to him: one emphasized his friendship with Fred Ollison and the humor he provided in his 52 years with the Club, and the other expressed his and Susan's appreciation for Heather Mayernik's assistance in helping their grandson navigate Macomb Community College. They asked for help, and she readily accepted. John noted that it's everyone's responsibility to recruit new members so they can bring their gifts to the Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

David Newhouse – International Trade Development Manager at Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

The mission of the MEDC is to achieve long-term economic prosperity for Michiganders by

investing in communities, enabling the growth of good jobs, and promoting Michigan's strong image worldwide. Its strategic focus is to position Michigan at the leading edge of economic development in the nation.

The MEDC has 9 pillars of business development and Mr. Newhouse works with the international trade component. It collaborates with economic development partners and focuses on established small, non-agricultural, businesses companies that are export-ready. Its objectives are to increase both export sales and entries into new markets.

It started the Michigan State Trade Expansion Program in 2011 which offers financial incentives to provide companies with a competitive edge in the global marketplace. The MEDC has international trade centers in almost every country, which serves 100+ global markets.

The MEDC offers export services in areas such as legal, market research, and website localization. Mr. Newhouse's department will be involved in numerous trade events in foreign countries over the next two years. www.michiganbusiness.org.

FLOWER RAFFLE

Julie Baumer

- With the inaugural reinstatement of the raffle, Judy Masserang took home the flowers, but the small pot continues to grow.

CALENDAR

Jul 27: Julie Huellmantel – Early Intervention Specialist, GPPSS