

VOLUME 83 * * * June 17, 2020 * * * MASSERANG #43 -- 12th Online Meeting

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy
 Invocation: John Mozena

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

District Governor, John Chambers
 and incoming District Governor
 Noel Jackson

BIRTHDAYS

None.

ANNIVERSARIES

Dick Allison, 32 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Vince Van Tiem
 -- Slow news day with “news”
 centering around the Covid 19
 shelter in place issues of haircuts,
 border closings, and returnables.
 -- It’s great that George
 McMullen’s cancer battle is going
 well enough that he is able to fill in
 and close out the term of a GP
 Woods city council member who
 resigned a while back. This, of
 course, was George, who is taking
 back his position.
 -- Congratulations to Mark and
 Holly Cory, who are celebrating
 their 40th wedding anniversary.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Following up on former Rotarian
 Lori Stefek, she is doing well after
 her health scare and will be taking
 steps to correct a medical issue.
 -- Roger Hull is very happy to
 report that his sister, who was
 diagnosed with cancer in December,
 is showing no signs of cancer today.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- No news.

TOT LOT

-- Mike Carmody has been updating
 the Club with e-mails about the Tot
 Lot’s progress. Bob Lucas and
 Peter Stroh thanked Mike for being
 the project’s general contractor,
 coordinating with the contractors
 and GP City, and securing a lot of
 donated work. Steve and Sharon
 McMillan are in charge of the
 August 8th grand opening.

HUGH ARCHER AWARD

At the virtual district conference,
 the Club received the Hugh Archer
 Award for its work with the Tot
 Lot. The award is in honor of Hugh
 Archer, a Dearborn Rotarian and
 Rotary International President, and
 is given to a Club with a new
 project that requires teamwork
 among its members.

CLUB BYLAWS

-- A requested amendment to the
 bylaws -- moving the procedure for
 electing members to the Club
 Board’s control and outside of the
 actual bylaws -- was approved. It
 will be posted on the Club website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Passing of the Gavel on June 24th.
 Let’s celebrate Judy Masserang and
 welcome Bob Lucas by dressing up,
 a bit, for the occasion.
 -- Thank you to Liz Vogel for her
 time as chairperson of the programs
 committee. A tough, but very much
 appreciated, job.

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Dr. Naimah Wade – 826Michigan.
 826Michigan imagines a future
 where all students readily access

their personal creativity through
 writing and confidently stand in the
 power of their stories. With
 beginners, it can be as simple as
 making them comfortable with
 letting their ideas out. This is
 accomplished with the help of adult
 volunteers.

It’s goal is to assist 5-18 year olds
 with their writing skills through
 one-on-one attention with the belief
 that strong writing skills are
 fundamental to future success.
 Volunteers are provided with
 focused training and are then able to
 assist students through the writer’s
 club writing series, workshops, field
 trips through a virtual learning lab,
 and weebots for young (age 5-10)
 learners. During the school year,
 there are also weekly tutoring
 sessions.

826 began in San Fransisco in 2002
 and there are now 9 chapters around
 the country, with locations in Ann
 Arbor and Detroit. Dr. Wade joined
 the non-profit 2 years ago.

826 Michigan is comprised of 2
 full-time staff members, 3 part-time,
 2 Americorp members, 7 interns,
 and 500 volunteers (mostly college
 students) and has served 3,265
 students. Its annual budget is
 \$920,000, with money coming from
 grants, individual donations, and
 from their retail store. Each 826
 location has a whimsical retail
 theme, with Michigan’s being
 robots.

CALENDAR

Jun 24: Passing the Gavel

Jul 01: Frank Sladen Scholarship
 Recipients – Awards Presentation