

**OPENING**

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

**GUESTS**

None.

**VISITING ROTARIANS**

None.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Jackie Dale (6/2), Dick Allison (6/4), John Kronner (6/6), Rebecca Fannon (6/8), and Susan Mozena (6/8).

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Ron Vitale, 40 years. Dick Allison, 34 years. Mark Brooks, 26 years. Diane Strickler, 20 years. Julie Baumer, 4 years.

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD**

-- Irena Politano presented the club's Individual Vocational Service award to Father Andrew Kowalczyk, the Pastor at St. Clair Church, for his work in Poland on behalf of Ukrainian refugees. He will soon be making his third humanitarian trip there.

**ROVING REPORTER**

Lisa Gandelot  
 -- Brilliant Detroit is offering High Dosage Tutoring this summer and volunteers are needed, ideally 2x/week, from 7/11 to 8/19. Contact info: Aryeh Perlman (734) 846-2196 [aperlman@brilliantdetroit.org](mailto:aperlman@brilliantdetroit.org).  
 -- Fiona Lacroix is in attendance as GP South's graduation has been postponed to June 9<sup>th</sup>, due to the weather forecast. She received a scholarship from the GP Sunrise

Club at their Tuesday meeting. Congratulations!  
 -- Diane and Ron Strickler recently attended Ron's 55<sup>th</sup> medical school class reunion in Toronto.  
 -- GP Memorial Church food drive collected two carloads of supplies on 6/4, with 10 Rotarians taking part. The next food drive will be on the second Saturday in September.  
 -- John and Susan Mozena are excused from attending this evening as John is cooking dinner for Susan's birthday. (I assume this is a good thing).

**OIL CAN**

-- Postponed.

**SUNSHINE NEWS**

Steve McMillan  
 -- Please continue to keep Fred Ollison (and Sarah) in your prayers.  
 -- A moment of silence was given for the sudden passing of Dave Carpenter, the 2006-07 District Governor.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

-- No report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- Passing of the Gavel on June 29. Invitations are out so mail your checks to Ted Everingham and RSVP to Bob Lucas.  
 -- Club dues invoices have been emailed out.  
 -- President Liz thanked the Club for its support for the Gaylord MI community as they recover from a tornado. \$1,500 was raised to purchase supplies.

**TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Joe LaVere – Catch 22 Afghanistan: 15 Months of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse the NGO Way

For his vocational talk, Joe gave a presentation about the time he spent with a nonprofit organization (NGO) in Afghanistan from 2009 -11. He was a 28-year-old structural engineer who applied for a job to evaluate buildings for their ability to withstand seismic activity.

The main NGO he worked with was International Relief & Development (IRD), which was 100% financed by USAID, a division of the State Department, with a budget of \$1 billion to aid the country. The NGO operated under a cooperative agreement, which was much less stringent than a traditional contract.

Areas of waste included: AVIPA, a voucher program that provided seeds to grow wheat during a drought that ballooned to over \$360 million; SPR, a road building project during a war that was budgeted \$500 million, where over \$14 million was unsupported by audit; HRLS, a catch-all of support functions. Joe's work evaluating buildings operated through HRLS.

On top of the large amounts of money being provided to the NGO, they often were tasked with providing quality control over their own work. USAID eventually suspended IRD, the largest nonprofit contractor in Afghanistan.

**CALENDAR**

- Jun 15: Auckland Rotary Club – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Oil Can
- June 22: Fiona Lacroix – GP Rotary Club Intern
- Jun 29: Passing of the Gavel – Tompkins Center