

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Lucas
 Invocation: Susan Mozena.
 Hybrid Meeting Update – Phil MacKethan is in discussions with Village Grille to allow 15 attendees to gather for our meetings with the rest participating through Zoom.

GUESTS

Sierra Donovan

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Maliszewski

BIRTHDAYS

Doris Neal-Van Tiem (3/12) and Joe Fikany (3/14).

ANNIVERSARIES

John Sheoris, 35 years. Irena Politano, 3 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Lisa Gandelot
 -- Fred and Sarah Ollison are on the set of a George Clooney movie as a grandchild will be in it and has a speaking part. How cool is that?
 -- If curious about the tents outside of GP South, they allow for the students to have lunch together and for clubs to meet in person (weather permitting).

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Good news to report on the cancer front. Murray Davis's oncologist is very pleased with his results and Steve McMillan's hormone therapy seems to be working before he begins radiation on 3/17.

OIL CAN

-- Comparing the recipient to the big hitter on her youth softball team, Jackie Dale passed it to Diane Strickler for always stepping up to the plate with service projects.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Judy Masserang thanked all who participated in the GP Memorial Church food drive on 3/6. The next one will take place on 4/10.
 -- Great Lakes Watershed Clean-up. Diane Strickler is looking for help in finding conservation groups and/or Rotary Clubs to partner with for a clean-up the week of April 17.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The virtual District Conference will take place from 7:00PM -8:30PM on May 4 & 5. You can register at www.rotary6440.org.
 -- Kevin Cox thanked all who provided new or slightly worn shoes for an Interact Club shoe drive. If you would like to contribute, contact Kevin at coxj@gpschools.org. He also thanked Gary Niehaus for the administration's investment in keeping the schools safe.
 -- A reminder that the Club Foundation is still accepting donations through June 30 for its fundraising appeal. You can donate on the Club's website.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Jessica B. Marcetti, Manager of Volunteer Services at Vista Maria.
 Vista Maria serves 1,200 children a year, over 450 per day, with 100 living on campus, offering residential treatment programs and on-campus charter schools. Its mission is to foster restorative relationships and deliver innovative care, treatment, and education so that vulnerable youth believe in their worth, heal, and build the skills for success. It serves primarily adolescent females who have been abused, neglected, abandoned, or involved in human trafficking.

What is human trafficking? It involves an action (inducing, recruiting, transporting) through a means (force, fraud, coercion) for commercial sex (sex trafficking) or labor/services (labor trafficking). Sex trafficking can occur at massage parlors, through escort services, and at private parties, to name a few. Examples of labor trafficking include domestic (nannies), and seasonal work at farms and hotels.

There were 364 human trafficking cases in Michigan in 2019, 40% involving the exploitation of a child, and nearly 300,000 U.S. children are at risk. There are certain risk factors that make children vulnerable, a few examples include a history of abuse in the home, substance abuse, and frequent school changes where there is no tie to the community.

People can help fight human trafficking by recognizing possible indicators that it's happening. A few examples are a sudden disconnection from family and friends, dramatic change in behavior, and often accompanied by someone they defer to. Be aware of the vulnerable people in your community and connect with them on an individual level. If a situation seems unsafe, report it to the authorities. To learn more about Vista Maria, go to: www.vistamaria.org.

CALENDAR

Mar 17: Judge Linda Davis – Hope Not Handcuffs