

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy

Invocation: Steve McMillan

SPECIAL NOTICE

President Judy shared a special Rotary announcement regarding corona virus precautions.

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Irena Politano, 2 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Fred Ollison

-- Fred shared a March 5th GP News article regarding the medical condition of George McMullen. He works out with George, noted him to be an excellent jump-roper, and hopes he can return to it soon.

-- Per Ted Everingham, the hometown newspapers are up for awards again.

-- Diane Strickler recently returned from a cultural exchange trip to Cuba.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- No report.

TOT LOT REIMAGINED

-- Per Bob Lucas, the Tot Lot Reimagined initiative has filled 83 of the 368 volunteer slots needed. Be sure to sign up and spread the word to family and friends. You can register at www.gptotlot.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

No update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Scott Matthews is still conducting GP Rotarian interviews so please contact him if interested. His video production will highlight Tot Lot Reimagined.

-- Liz Vogel needs two more Euchre players for tonight's games.
-- President Judy thanked Dave Colton for, once again, catering the meeting's hors d'oeuvres.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Richard Yeager-Stiver – A lone cold road in Scotland.

Richard's story began on a lone cold road in Scotland while on a religious pilgrimage. He had pre-purchased trip packages and carried only credit cards while travelling by buses and ferries, which became a problem when he found out a key bus fare could only be purchased by cash. This led to him coming across a character who sent him running around to various places in unsuccessful attempts to obtain cash with his credit cards. Missing the last bus to Fionnphort, his next destination, Richard was forced to hitchhike.

This part of his travels introduced him to a man name Frasier and his dog Moses. Frasier took him on a series of unusual excursions, akin to kidnapping, all while commenting

that hitchhiking was very dangerous and that people have gone missing. He refused to let Richard leave his vehicle until they reached his cottage for an overnight stay with the plan being to catch a ferry the next day.

At the cottage, Richard met Frasier's wife, Hillary, who was suffering from Multiple Sclerosis and had completely given up on God. Upon learning of Richard's profession, she opened up, talking to the next morning, and almost caused him to miss yet another departure.

His entire experience and ordeals worked to reveal God not only to him but especially to a woman in need of spiritual guidance. As everything worked out, Richard believed he was blessed and can only describe his travels as a "Blessed Kidnapping".

FLOWER RAFFLE

A pot of \$62 with \$31 going to the winner. Fred Ollison held the winning ticket but couldn't find the joker. He and Sarah are able to enjoy the beautiful flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

Mar 18: James Lady – Bigfoot

Mar 25: Ken Zahrt -- 826Michigan Director of Development

Apr 01: Scott Tagliareni (New York Life) – The Secure Act (2019) & Retirement Planning

Apr 08: Gerald Hasspacher – "Let's Go Green" Sierra Club