

OPENING

Time: 6:00
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation: Eva Habib

GUESTS

Jaylen Bradley. Sandy MacMechan.
Betsy Creedon, guest of Beverly
Curtiss Walsh. Karyl Morris and Bill
Rafful, guests of Mark Cory.
Julianne Phillips, guest of Judy
Masserang.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Dennis Hyduk, Val Moran, and Sheri
Jones (GP Sunrise). Alita Moore
(Detroit).

BIRTHDAYS

Joe Fikany (3/14).

ANNIVERSARIES

Irena Politano, 6 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Jackie Dale
-- Eva Habib has a new Persian kitten
named Kenzie (Arabic for “my
treasure”).
-- An email was sent out for the
progressive dinner on 4/13. Make
sure to rsvp to Jeanie Hull by 3/27,
along with your payment of \$55 per
person. A sign-up sheet for appetizers
and desserts was passed around. (see
announcements).

SUNSHINE NEWS

Jackie Dale
No news.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

-- Kim Towar, with great examples of
all of the great work that the Rotary
International Foundation does,
presented a Paul Harris pin to Lee
Johnson and Paul Harris +2 pin to
Jackie Dale. Congratulations!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

*For all volunteer projects, please take
pictures and forward them to Heather
Mayernik.*

- The Club has enough volunteers for
the Michigan Humane Telethon on
3/14.
- There is a Forgotten Harvest
volunteer opportunity on 4/6. A sign-
up sheet was passed around.
- On 4/13, there will be a Moross
Greenway clean-up from 9:00am to
Noon. No need to register, just show
up with clean-up clothes and supplies
in hand.
- Mark your calendar for the Second
Mile Center spring clean-up the
morning of 5/4.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Club members can now pay the \$10
meeting fee through Venmo.
- Lunch Bunch: Noon on Friday at
Alma Kitchen. RSVP to Mike
Carmody so he can reserve the right
size table.
- Progressive Dinner. Dinner hosts
are still needed (the meal is catered)
to accommodate all who want to
attend. If able to open your home,
please contact Diane Strickler at
dianestrickler@hotmail.com.
- The 3/20 speaker will be Mark
Mals of the Mercy Education Project,
an organization dedicated to
providing educational opportunities
for women and girls who have limited
access to resources.
- Alita Moore promoted the Detroit
Rotary Club sponsored STEAMFEST
at Wayne State on 3/16. It will be a
fun-filled day of science, technology,
engineering, arts, and math activities.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Stephen Ahles – Project SMART for
Rotary Clubs

Mr. Ahles is leading the fight against
opioid addiction through community
naloxone training and Project
SMART. Over 1 million people in
the U.S. have died due to opioid
overdoses in the past 10 years.

Project SMART is designed to
address all the issues with drug
addiction, and to eradicate it. It's an
acronym for School Education,
Medicine and Drug Disposal,
Awareness, Recovery, and Treatment.
Mr. Ahles' focus was on school
education, where there has been a
169% increase in fentanyl overdose
deaths from 2019 to 2023. He works
with Drug Free Clubs of America to
educate high school students. The
second focus was on proper medicine
disposal, where drugs are not stolen
or get into our water supply. A kiosk
has been placed in the lobby of the
GP Woods Public Safety Dept. where
unused drugs can be deposited and
are exposed to a charcoal substance
that renders them unusable. When the
kiosk is full, it is shipped to a facility
for incineration. The goal is to place
a kiosk in every city nationwide that
has a Rotary chapter.

To learn more about the Rotary
Action Group for Addiction
Prevention, go to www.rag-ap.org.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$200 in the pot. Ryan Berns bought
the winning ticket but was not able to
pick the joker.

CALENDAR

Mar 20: Mark Mals – Mercy
Education Project (MEP)
Mar 27: Roger Hull – Socio-political
aspect of his recent trip to southern
Africa