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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Steve McMillan

Invocation: Susan Mozena

GUESTS

Richard O'Neill, guest of Judy Masserang.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Joe Fikany (3/14).

ANNIVERSARIES

Suzanne Klein, 20 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Fred Ollison

-- Fred just returned from Florida and doesn't remember the weather ever being so nice. Also, after 50 years of watching sunsets, he finally witnessed a "green flash".

-- WXYZ just ran a story on our recent speaker Julie Baumer's attempt to receive compensation from the State for being wrongfully convicted.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Michelle Roberts, through President John, asked for thoughts and prayers for her ailing mother and for her father who is caring for her.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

-- Irena Politano, sponsored by Fred Ollison, was inducted by Mike Carmody. Irena is a consultant with Atlas Advisors LLC and she and her husband Patrick live in Grosse Pointe with their 3 children. Please make her feel welcomed.

OIL CAN

Postponed.

SERVICE PROJECTS

-- There will be a Gleaners outing on 4/14 from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

Looking for 10 to 12 volunteers to take part. To sign up, go to www.gcfb.org. If you run into any issues, please contact Phil MacKethan.

-- More volunteers are needed to make the process run smoothly at Kids Against Hunger on 3/17 at GP Memorial Church. If able to help, please let Diane Strickler know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The St. Patrick's Day theme for Euchre Night was on full display in the bar area. Liz Vogel is looking to have two more nights, one in April and one in May, before a summer break.

-- Please let George McMullen know of any deserving nominees for the Club's individual Spring Vocational Service Award.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Vocational Talks

Bill Roche is an investment banker with Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co and has been in the business 37 years. He deals with municipalities and nonprofits.

With municipalities, he will sell voter approved bonds to institutional investors to finance capital improvements and will also secure loans for municipalities with a small tax base. Locally, he has worked on obtaining the financing to build the

GP Cable system and with Bon Secours Hospital (now Beaumont) to build a senior living community.

John Ellis is the CFO at Motor City Industrial and, before that, he worked at Edward Jones. He was working for a German company in Beijing when his wife, Wen, was accepted to WSU Medical School. After 10 months apart, John decided Grosse Pointe looked like a nice community to live in. He is very appreciative of his Rotary membership in making him part of the community. Congratulations to Wen (and John) as she reached another milestone in her goal of becoming a surgeon.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$768 in the pot with \$384 going to the winner. President John didn't have to walk far to collect the beautiful flower arrangement provided by Charvat The Florist but couldn't find the joker.

CALENDAR

May 02: Not Without My Father: One Woman's 444 Mile Walk of the Natchez Trace