

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Invocation: Richard Yeager-Stiver

GUESTS

Carolyn Graham (soon to be a GP Rotarian)

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Joe Fikany (3/14).

ANNIVERSARIES

Irena Politano, 4 years.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena
 -- Following her dad's path, Nancy Gandelot has become a member of Leadership Detroit XLII, with Jon previously a member of Leadership Detroit VI.
 -- The GP News had some Rotarian news recently with Beth Konrad being inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame and Dino Valente's work on the Sudanese Refugee project. Kudos to both.
 -- Mark Brooks's daughter, Megan, is graduating from the Ohio State Pharmacy School in May and will be starting a one-year residency rotation at Harper-Hutzel Hospital.
 -- On 5/23, Susan Mozena will be retiring from her ministry position at GP Memorial Church. (She will continue to minister).
 -- Murray Davis experienced pothole season with two tires rupturing and a damaged wheel, resulting in \$2,200 in damages.
 -- John and Terry Minnis are retiring from the GP News on 3/31 but will continue to publish the GP Magazine. Speaking of which, the latest edition had pictures of Roger

and Jean Hull (Masquerade for the Stacks) and Diane and Ron Strickler and Frank Wilberding (Hollyfest).

-- Per Fiona Lacroix, North and South Interact Clubs recently put together condiment packages for Crossroads.

OIL CAN

-- Fiona Lacroix passed it to Dino Valente for being a consistent meeting attendee (at the greeter's table), his wit, and his work with the Sudanese refugees.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Steve McMillan
 No news.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The next Food Drive at GP Memorial Church for Second Mile Center will be from 10:00am to 11:00am on 4/2. The date will be on us before you know it, so keep on stocking up on supplies.
 -- GP South Interact Club's medical supplies drive for Ukraine was a great success.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- President Liz thanked Rebecca Fannon and Eva Habib who will be attending one of the District's online Grant Management Seminars on 3/23 and 3/31. If anyone else is interested, please let Liz know.
 -- Club's Passing of the Gavel save the date: 6/29 at the Windmill Pointe Park Tompkins Center.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Kim Towar – Rotary International Foundation. The RI Foundation's motto is Doing Good in the World. 91% of the money donated goes straight to service projects. It helps train future peacemakers, support clean water, strengthen local

economies, and has wiped out 99 percent of all polio cases.

Both Kim and our Club have seen these RI Foundation dollars at work. Laurie Smolenski, who grew up in Grosse Pointe, was an exchange student, received a Global Scholar Grant, then a Rotary Peace Fellowship and now works for a human rights organization. Through a grant, our Club hosted a contingent from Australia to work on literacy in Detroit, and we also sent a group there. Kim helped install 10 wells in Nicaragua for families living near a trash dump who were scavenging for food in the dump. She visited again after the wells were installed and was told by a mother that "the children have stopped dying".

Kim acknowledged three Paul Harris Fellow recipients (for donating a cumulative \$1,000 and for every subsequent \$1,000): Lee Johnson, Dick Allison (+3), and Mark Wilson (+7). If you prefer, donations can be made on systematic basis. To set this up, go to www.rotary.org and click on the DONATE button. Kim's charge to our club is for 100% giving, at any dollar amount.

CALENDAR

Mar 30: Donnie Cook, Owner, Lou's Pet Shop – GPzoology

Apr 06: Sofia Farah – Global Partners in Peace