

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Lucas
Invocation: Steve Brownell
President Bob provided an Irish Blessing in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

GUESTS

Sierra Donaven, Diane Simmons, and John and Carrie Maliszewski

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

None.

ANNIVERSARIES

Suzanne Klein, 23 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Doris Neal Van Tiem
-- In the Grosse Pointe Magazine, Jessica Keyser was quoted in an article about Phase 1 of the GP Libraries renovations being completed. In the magazine, many Rotarians are front and center: Jon Gandelot, Ted Everingham, Lina Bowman, and, of course, John Minnis.

RED BADGERS

-- As John Mozena explained, when we had in-person meetings, new members wore red badges so that the other members could recognize them as such and to welcome them to the Club. Once certain steps are completed (volunteer in a service project, greet people at the sign-in table, etc.), the badges are changed out for the standard blue ones.

OIL CAN

-- Diane Strickler passed it to Ted Everingham for always being one of the first to volunteer for service

projects and for championing a few of them himself.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Johann Finkelmeier is having hip surgery tomorrow. We wish him a speedy recovery.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The next GP Memorial Food Drive will take place from 10:00AM to 11:00AM on 4/10.
-- Great Lakes Watershed Clean-up. The Club is partnering with GP Sunrise to clean up the waterfront at the Ford Estate from 10:00AM to Noon on 4/17. Contact Diane Strickler to volunteer.
-- The GP South Interact Club is still accepting new/slightly worn shoes for its shoe drive. To contribute, email Kevin Cox at coxj@gpschools.org. The shoes can be collected from your front porch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The virtual District Conference will take place from 7:00PM to 8:30PM on May 4 & 5. Register at www.rotary6440.org.
-- March is Rotary Water & Sanitation Month.
-- Hybrid Meeting Update. Phil MacKethan is meeting with the owner of Village Grill and hopes to have up to 15 attendees at the restaurant for our meeting in 2 weeks.
-- The Club fundraising appeal has raised \$11,945 to date. Donations can be made on the Club's website and will be accepted through June 30th. 100% participation is the goal.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Lori Ziolkowski, Regional Director of the Mid-Michigan Chapter of Families Against Narcotics (FAN).

There are two paths to addiction: (1) "Zero Entry Pool", which can start with smoking, vaping, and then slowly escalates; and (2) "Cliff Dive", where a person is given a prescription narcotic after an injury or surgery and then becomes addicted. Since 1999, there have been over 450,000 opioid overdose deaths, with a 13% increase in 2020 over 2019.

FAN is helping to address substance abuse disorders through coaching, support, and education. Coaching includes peer/family recovery where a person/family will provide assistance through their life experiences. Support includes Hope Not Handcuffs that partners with police departments to find treatment centers for those requesting help and Comeback which provides post overdose wellness checks. Education consists of Naloxone training and outreach to eliminate the stigma attached to those suffering from the disease.

Ms. Ziolkowski founded the Great Lakes Bay Region chapter of FAN after her daughter, whom she describes as athletic, beautiful, smart, and funny, became a heroin addict in high school. She is now in her fifth year of recovery.

As stated by a former Surgeon General – "addiction is a chronic disease and not a moral failing." www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org

CALENDAR

Mar 24: Sarah Emerson & Nicole Runyon – Mental Health Impact of the Past 12 months.