

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation: John Mozena

GUESTS

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

-- The system was down so, if there are any, they will be announced at next week's meeting.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena
-- An article in the GP Times quoted Jessica Keyser as the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Congratulations.
-- Congratulations, also, to Suzanne Klein, who became a first-time grandmother, with the birth of her grandson, Oliver!

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Steve McMillan
-- Please keep Fred Ollison in your prayers as he is in the hospital dealing with an infection connected to a previous heart procedure.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The community service committee will meet in-person immediately after next week's club meeting at the Village Grille. All are welcome.
-- Plans are in the works for a spring clean-up in honor of Earth Day this April. Details to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- District 6400 will be conducting two Grant Management Seminars on 3/23 and 3/31. They are online, starting at 7:00pm. The Club needs at least two members to attend one of the meetings to be eligible to apply for grant money in the 2022-23 Rotary year. Please contact President Liz if interested.
-- District Conference. May 12th to May 15th at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. This a great way to learn about all of the good Rotary does, meet other Rotarians, and, most importantly, enjoy Kim Towar and Dave Colton's hospitality suite. You can register at www.rotary6400.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kim.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Ed Boyd, Founder of Connect the Dots, Inc.

Connect the Dots Consulting works with Results Mentoring -- an organization that focuses on redirecting student behaviors using mentoring, physical training, and tutoring programs -- to provide trips to young men who live in the Detroit metropolitan area. It encourages them to look beyond the place they live, and to observe the opportunities that are available to them in other places. The idea is that if they see more, they can do more.

Prior to a two-year Covid hiatus, the organization has conducted four trips over a five-day period to Washington DC and New York City. From Monday to Friday in early August, forty teenage boys and ten chaperones visit museums, a network television station, Black

owned companies, and go to a baseball game. At least 90% of the young men who go on the trips have never been outside of the metro Detroit area. Plans are in the works for an August trip this summer.

The participants are referred by like-minded people at area schools and churches. These same people will then mentor the attendees through their programs. Mr. Boyd believes that the gap in learning is due to a lack of exposure. Getting one outside of their neighborhood allows them to actually see themselves in these new environments.

The trip is an incredible bonding experience for all involved. The bus on Monday morning is very quiet but the bus returning on Friday is "on fire" with excited talk and new friendships.

It costs around \$1,000 per attendee and the organization makes it free for each. The hope is to expand the program to multiple trips each year and to provide one for teenage girls. To donate, please go to www.resultsmentoring.org

CALENDAR

Mar 16: Kim Towar: The Rotary Foundation – Doing Good in the World