

OPENING

Time: 6:00
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation: Susan Mozena

GUESTS

Sandy MacMechan. John and Dawn Drozd, guests of Judy Masserang.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Julie Jorgensen (3/25) and Kim Towar (3/25).

ANNIVERSARIES

John Kronner, 17 years. Suzanne Klein, 26 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Doris Neal-Van Tiem
-- Mark and Gail Zmyslowski's daughter, Kara, will be practicing medicine at Corewell Health in Grand Rapids and their son, Brian, welcomed his first child (and their first grandchild), Maxwell, into the world. Congratulations!
-- Congratulations to (just recently) former GP Rotarian Nina Gazel, who is expecting child #2.
-- Tomorrow is National Down Syndrome Day so feel free to wear mismatched socks in support.
-- In a "its good to laugh at things" moment, Doris surprised the Roseville District Court when she walked out of the bathroom at home, sans clothes, not knowing that Vince was on a Zoom call with the court.

SUNSHINE NEWS

No news.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- There are a few openings for Kids Against Hunger this Saturday, 3/23, at the War Memorial. A link to register is in Judy's Monday email.
-- There is a Forgotten Harvest volunteer opportunity from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on 4/6. If interested, please contact Paul Rentenbach.
-- Moross Greenway clean-up from 9:00am to Noon on 4/13. No need to register, just show up with clean-up clothes and supplies in hand.
-- There will be a Second Mile Center spring clean-up the morning of 5/4. Details to follow.
-- 5/18 Mutt March at the Ford Estate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Club members can now pay the \$10 meeting fee through Venmo.
-- Lunch Bunch: Noon on Friday at Alma's Kitchen. RSVP to Mike Carmody so he can reserve the right size table.
-- Due to a Rotarpointe oversight, it was not reported that the proposed amendment to the Club bylaws was approved at the 3/13 meeting.
-- Progressive Dinner on 4/13. Remember to rsvp to Jeanie Hull before 3/27. Dinner hosts are still needed. Please contact Diane Strickler if able to help.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Mark Mals, Executive Director of the Mercy Education Project.

The organization's mission is to provide the tools for educational equity, economic stability and mobility; and cultural enrichment opportunities for women and girls who have limited access to resources empowering them as they work towards a brighter future.

Formed in 1992, the MEP is located at Trumbull and Howard and primarily serves southwest Detroit. Since its formation, it continues its core purpose, which is to help girls and women with reading and math through its volunteers. The organization has a budget of \$1.25 million, which is 70% financed through government funds and 30% through private donations/grants.

Due to the hardships faced by many of their students, it is hard for them to recognize their potential, let alone try to reach it. The safe space offered by the MEP gives them a chance to focus on bettering themselves, and not just surviving. As a former philosophy teacher at U of D Jesuit, Mr. Mals believes in Plato's pursuit of perfection, making oneself better every day, even if it is something that can never be fully attained. To learn more, please visit www.mercy.net

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$221 in the pot. Diane Strickler bought the winning ticket but was not able to pick the joker.

CALENDAR

Mar 27: Roger Hull – Socio-political aspects of his recent trip to southern Africa

Apr 03: Michelle Boggess-Nunley – Posterity Gallery

Apr 10: Darraugh Collins – Food Rescue US - Detroit