

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Mark Cory

GUESTS

Dio Rockers. Via Zoom, Nina Gazel's son, Kieran.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Steve Brownell (3/31) and Cissie Cappola (4/1).

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark Weber, 30 years. Joe Fikany, 39 years. John Dewald, 37 years. Richard Ferrara, 30 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Tom Youngblood

-- Roger and Jean Hull are heading to Hawaii for a 17-day vacation, with 10 days on Kauai and 7 on Maui.

-- Dave Colton is wondering where the years have gone as he now has an 18-year old grandson.

-- Ted Everingham was honored in a ceremony at Bayview Yacht Club for his dedication to officiating sailboat racing.

-- Congratulation to Lina Bowman's son, who is in his second year of medical school at MSU and was accepted into a PhD program.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Jackie Dale

-- No member news so Jackie wanted to promote an upcoming fundraiser, Full Circle's Soup and Art event. To purchase tickets:

<https://fullcirclefdn.org/event/soup-and-art-event/>

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The Moross Greenway clean-up and gardening takes place at 9:00am on 4/15. Please contact Diane Strickler with any questions.

-- The first of three, or more, phases of painting took place this past weekend at The Helm. Thank you to those who participated. Rebecca Fannon is working with the GP high schools' art classes to submit mural designs for the walls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

--- Congratulations to Joe LaVere for completing the new member process and securing his blue badge.

-- Thank you to all who have completed the Club survey and to Ted Coutilish for preparing and analyzing it.

-- The deadline to sign up for the District Conference is 3/31. It will take place from 5/5 – 5/7 at Caesars Windsor and you can register at www.rotary6400.org.

-- Liz Vogel is a District 6400 organizer of a membership drive for ESRAG (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group). It's a 5-year membership that can be completed at www.esrag.org. To incentivize the first 50 to sign up, Liz will be awarding hand-made ceramic vases. (pamphlet attached to the email).

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Amelie Catheline, co-chair, Food Waste Task Force. Food waste is defined as all food lost during its processing, distribution, retail, and consumption. In the U.S., food accounts for over 20% of the

municipal solid waste generated, with 40% coming from households. Globally, in 2019, 931 million tons of food was lost or wasted, which is a quarter to a third of all food produced.

Food waste impacts the U.S. in many ways. Economically, it costs \$160 billion/year at the retail and consumer level and millions of dollars to manage and dispose of it. Environmentally, landfills are expanding and the rotting food in them produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas and a major contributor to the climate crisis.

To help solve this problem, a food recovery hierarchy - a reverse pyramid - has been put in place with landfills at the bottom. The top starts with simply reducing wasted food, then to using excess to feed people and animals, and then composting. The benefits of not going to landfills is that it reduces the carbon footprint, the use of natural resources, and the overall cost of food.

To help locally, food banks should be supported, as well as school programs that "get the lunch out of landfills" with ways to donate excess edible food and composting the rest. On an individual basis, simple steps to follow include knowing what food you already have when shopping and making sure that leftovers are not forgotten.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$33 in the pot. Dino Valente purchased the winning ticket but was unable to find the joker.

CALENDAR

Apr 05: Dr. Jody Rappe, Chief Medical Officer, Beaumont GP