

## OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Invocation: Steve McMillan

## GUESTS

Mike Huellmantel, guest of Mark Cory

## VISITING ROTARIANS

None

## BIRTHDAYS

Steve Brownell (3/31).

## ANNIVERSARIES

Sierra Donaven, 1 year.

## ROVING REPORTER

Lisa Gandelot  
-- Congratulations to Fiona Lacroix, who has been accepted to the University of Michigan!  
-- The Grosse Pointe Garden Club has upcoming field trips to two newly installed rain gardens. On 4/13 at the Ford House and on 4/27 at the Oudolf Garden on Belle Isle. To learn more, go to [www.gpgardencenter.org](http://www.gpgardencenter.org).  
-- Lisa was subbing in for Fred Ollison so members shared a couple of "Fred" stories. As someone in attendance noted, what makes him such a great roving reporter is that nobody laughs harder at Fred's jokes (usually personal anecdotes) than Fred.

## OIL CAN

-- Dino Valente passed it to Jon Gandelot as a consolation prize for U of M (Jon's alma mater) men's basketball team losing to Villanova (Dino's alma mater). He noted that Jon could take solace in U of M women's team finding a way to beat the Wildcats.

## SUNSHINE NEWS

Steve McMillan  
-- Per Ted Everingham, Judy Masserang is recovering nicely from knee surgery last week and hopes to attend next week's meeting.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Food Collection at GP Memorial Church this Saturday, 4/2, from 10:00am to 11:00am. In addition to food and household items, the Second Mile Center is in need of men's clothing. If unable to make it Saturday, items can be dropped off beforehand at Mark Cory's house – 638 Westchester in the Park.  
-- Moross Greenway Community Clean-up. April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00. Meet in the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church with gloves and dress for weather. Please contact Diane Strickler if planning on volunteering.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Rotary District Conference, May 12-15, at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. A great location to socialize with Rotarians and learn of all of the great projects going on. For more information and to register, [www.rotary6400.org](http://www.rotary6400.org).

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Donnie Cook, Owner of Lou's Pet Shop – GP Zoology (via Zoom).

GP Zoology is located at 21151 Mack Ave in GP Woods, a few blocks away from Lou's Pet Shop. Since last October, the 1,500 square foot facility offers educational nature programs and can host schools, community events, scout badges, story times, science camps and private parties.

Mr. Cook has a federal license to rescue exotic animals, such as a 60 lb. tortoise that outgrew its home. Some of the animals, including an orphaned 2-toed sloth (who was fed zucchini during the talk) are ambassador animals for presentations. The facility also breeds animals, such as geckos and snakes for purchase and the eggs from the breeding process are available to be studied by the local high schools. (We also had the pleasure to see a 15-year-old tarantula).

The GP in its name has a double meaning -- Grosse Pointe, but also Green Planet. The company teaches one to be conscious of the environment with a motto of "education through nature". To learn more, please visit [www.gpzology.com](http://www.gpzology.com)

## CALENDAR

Apr 06: Sofia Farah – Global Partners in Peace