

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy

Invocation: Susan Mozena

GUESTS

Madeline Bialecki

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Gandelot (3/4), Mark Cory (3/5), Johann Finkelmeier (3/7).

ANNIVERSARIES

John Minnis, 8 years. John Sheoris, 34 years.

ROVING REPORTER

-- President Judy gave an abbreviated report, noting that the recent edition of the Grosse Pointe Magazine has pictures from Cruise for a Cause and a nice poem written by Ron Strickler.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- George McMullen was in attendance and a group picture was taken before he starts his cancer battle on March 5th. Our thoughts and prayers are with George as he starts his treatment process.
-- Paul Rentenbach developed walking pneumonia which resulted in a short hospital stay. He is now back home and feeling better.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

-- Kim Towar, after providing an update of the origin and importance of the Rotary International Foundation, surprised Judy Masserang with a PHF pin.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- 16 Rotarians are taking part in the Kids Against Hunger event on 3/7.

TOT LOT REIMAGINED

-- Make sure to sign up for one or more of the many volunteer opportunities on www.gptotlot.com. So far 68 people have signed up of the 368 needed. The community is outpacing Rotarians, so please go to the website to be a part of this great project. Also, don't forget to hand out the promotional cards and posters contained in your packets.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Regan Stolarski, GP Chamber of Commerce Director of Admiration and Liz Vogel, Clinton Township Deputy Supervisor – The 2020 census.

The census is important for three reasons: (1) it determines the number of seats the State has in Congress; (2) it determines the allocation of government money; and (3) it is mandated by the U.S. Constitution.

Ms. Stolarski noted that the 2010 census brought in \$1,800 annually per person in the State of Michigan over the past 10 years. The Grosse Pointes, surprisingly, didn't have a near 100% participation rate, which means not all of the available government funds were allocated to our area. These funds are used for services such as Hospice care and to provide federal student loans and Pell Grants.

For this year's census, a postcard will be mailed out to each household explaining how to complete the form online. If not completed in a reasonable amount

of time, reminder postcards will follow. After that, the actual form will be mailed out and, finally, a census taker will knock on each individual's door.

Liz is trying to use every available dollar to promote the census. In addition to determining how government funds are allocated, the data gathered is used by businesses when deciding whether to open a location in a particular city.

Both of our speakers' roles are to reach out to the public to eliminate some of the hurdles, such as distrust in the government, by explaining what it means to their community, and possibly their family, to accurately fill out the form. They are also reaching out to stakeholders - business owners and civic leaders - to promote the importance of completing the census.

FLOWER RAFFLE

With the joker being picked last week, a new pot of \$30 is being started with \$15 going to the winner. Gary Niehuas held the winning ticket, but could not find the joker. He and Paige do get to enjoy the nice spring flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

Mar 11: Richard Yeager-Stiver – A Lone Cold Road: In Scotland

Mar 18: James Lady – Bigfoot

Mar 25: Ken Zahrt -- 826Michigan Director of Development

Apr 01: Scott Tagliareni (New York Life) – The Secure Act & Retirement Planning