

OPENING

Time: 6:00
Pledge of Allegiance:
Invocation: Eva Habib

GUESTS

Carrie Maliszewski, guest of John Maliszewski. Vanessa Reilly-Bates, guest of Mike Carter. Alex Beauchamp.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Mike Carter, GP Sunrise.

BIRTHDAYS

Mark Cory (3/5) and Doris Neal-Van Tiem (3/12).

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Johann Finkelmeier
-- Steve McMillan feels that he has finally been accepted as a Northern Michigander after purchasing a Ford F-150.
-- Liz Vogel, former GP Rotarian and now a Member of the Traverse City Club, will be a grant reviewer for their Foundation. (The TC Club may be the richest in the world as, decades ago, it acquired land, with very profitable mineral rights).
-- Former member Rebecca Fannon wrote a very nice thank you to the Club for the Sladen Scholarship that her son, Greg, received for trade school as he now begins working for Ferndale Electric.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

ROTARY BUSINESS

-- For the first time in 40+ years, there will be a contested election for District Governor, which means the individual clubs will be casting

votes. President Neil will be sending out an email with further details.
-- The next Club Board meeting will be via Zoom at 5:00pm on 3/20.
-- Fellowship Dinner: Antonio's in GP Park on 3/12. RSVP to Cissie Cappola.

MEMBERSHIP R&R

-- Rotary apparel story. Mike Carter was wearing a Rotary hat while walking his dog, which drew Vanessa Reilly-Bates's attention as she passed by as she had been a RI scholar. They then had a nice discussion about Rotary (two of our guests). Mark Cory has promotional bookmarks, pamphlets, and business cards available, and apparel can be purchased online.

ROTARY INT'L HISTORY

-- Formed by four men in Chicago on 2/23/1905 to encourage fellowship among businessmen, Rotary soon grew into a worldwide service organization. Important milestones include Interact (1962), Polio Immunization Campaign (1979), and women being allowed to join (1989). RI now has 1.4 million members in 35,000 clubs spread out over two hundred countries that provide 47 million volunteer hours/year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer Opportunities
-- The next food drive at GP Memorial Church for the Second Mile Center will be from 10:00 am-11:00 am on 3/8.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- On 3/19, the next speaker will be Heidi Pfanne of the Albert Kahn Legacy Foundation, who will share insights about Albert Kahn's impact

on architecture and industry throughout the ages.
-- Lunch Bunch: Noon on Friday at Alma Kitchen. Mike Carmody made a personal appeal to enjoy great food, great service, and great fellowship. Please RSVP to Mike by 11:00 am Friday.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Brandon Elliott – New Member Presentation

Brandon was born in Dayton, Ohio on 3/2/1994, has two sisters, and was student council and Interact president (his first contact with Rotary) in high school. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati with an operations management degree.

His work history includes joining a firm in South Carolina for a year after graduation that consulted with BMW before transferring over to BMW's leadership program. Since moving to Grosse Pointe in September 2023 he has worked in Systems Integration & Compliance with Mercedes Benz in Farmington.

Brandon met his wife, Carrie, at BMW, and she is now a corporate strategy consultant. His interests include architecture, travel, antiquing, home renovations, Christmas, and volunteering.

MEETING RAFFLE

\$251 in the pot. Tim Klepp purchased the winning ticket but did not pick the joker.

CALENDAR

Mar 12: Fellowship Dinner – Antonio's in GP Park