

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Invocation: Diane Strickler

GUESTS

Ken and Amy Kish, guests of Mark Cory. Dio Rocker, guest of Cissie Cappola. Tom Mercer

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Doris Neal-Van-Tiem (3/12) and Joe Fikany (3/14).

ANNIVERSARIES

Irena Politano, 5 years. John Maliszewski, 2 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Mark Weber
 -- John and Susan Mozena's son, John, co-authored an article on economic development strategy in Crain's Detroit.
 -- Dave Colton and Kim Towar are heading to Toronto to visit with their "Columbian daughter" Daniella, now a lawyer, who they hosted as a foreign exchange student in 2003.
 -- The Club received a nice thank you card for the dinners that were prepared for the homeless at GP United Methodist Church.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Jackie Dale
 -- Gary Niehaus update. Gary had his pacemaker replaced and will continue to be on antibiotics, getting used to his "new normal".
 -- Rustic living agrees with Steve McMillan as his blood pressure is very good and he is cancer free.

OIL CAN

-- Ted Everingham passed it to Judy Masserang for her Monday emails, being the Club foundation president, and now prepping to take over as the Club's treasurer. Judy will be undergoing knee replacement surgery this month and we wish her a speedy recovery (as we obviously need her) 😊

COMMUNITY SERVICE

--Food Drive from 10:00am – 11:00am at the GP Memorial Church parking lot on 3/11.
 -- Kids Against Hunger at the War Memorial on 3/18. You can register for one of the three shifts (10-12, 12-2, and 2-4) on the Club's website calendar. Openings are available.

SPECIAL PROJECT

-- Painting at The Helm. With a potential start date of 3/25, volunteers are needed to paint the basement, which has been approved to host arts and crafts work. It will be used as an area for seniors to make blankets and dolls for hospital patients. High school student-artists will add murals. The Club is providing the money to purchase all of the supplies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

--- Euchre following today's meeting.
 -- The 3/15 meeting will be a fellowship event at Antonio's in the Park. Email your RSVP to Nina Gazel or Jessica Keyser.
 -- Michael B's March Madness fundraiser on 3/23.
www.michaelbcafe.com/events

TODAY'S PROGRAM

David Swank and John Zettner, The Plant Advisors.

The Plant Advisors is a new venture that brings on-site advice to metro Detroit homeowners who are learning about biodiversity and native plants. They provide a two-hour initial visit to assess a homeowner's plants, understand their goals, and then provide a detailed list of plants to fit their needs.

80% of the homes in America have ornamental plants that are not functional. For example, hostas do not support any butterfly or moth caterpillar species, while native plants such as dogwoods support 115 species. These and other bugs are needed to support the bird population. Birds like Chickadees, which require 6,000 bugs to feed their babies over a three-week period, will not build nests if there are no bugs available.

They are huge proponents of Doug Tallamy, a University of Delaware Professor of Agriculture and Natural Resources, who is promoting a grass roots call-to-action to plant native plants.
www.homegrownnationalpark.org
 "If you plant them, they will come."
www.theplantadvisors.com

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$19 in the pot. Heather Mayernik purchased the winning ticket but was unable to find the joker.

CALENDAR

Mar 15: Fellowship Event at Antonio's in the Park

Mar 22: Angela Brown Wilson – COO, Eastside Community Network