

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy
 Invocation: Susan Mozena

-- President Judy commented on how much she enjoys from 5:30 – 6:00 online because it seems like we’re all sitting at the same GPYC table.

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Lina Bowman (5/14).

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Rice, 22 years. Jim Fikany, 23 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Mark Weber
 -- Mark started with some quarantine news – his scalp was nicked during a home haircut.
 -- President Judy has volunteered to be co-chair of the 2020 RYLA in November. Way to go, Judy!
 -- GP South Interact officers for 2020-21 are in place and a new position has been added – media specialist/publicist.
 -- Former Interact President Elliott Gunnell has been accepted to Lund University in Sweden (30 miles south of Copenhagen). Elliott hopes to travel to the campus in the fall and thanks Rotary for its generosity and teaching him the benefits of service above self.

OIL CAN

-- Julie Baumer passed it to Phil MacKethan for all of his work putting together our online meetings

(despite the slight technical difficulties today). 😊

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Gary Niehaus is finally undergoing much needed knee surgery tomorrow. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers and the same for Paige during his rehabilitation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Immediate need (by 5/15) for “kindness notes”. Write a few, or more, and drop them off at the homes of Diane Strickler, Dick Allison, Bob Lucas, or Jessica Keyser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Virtual interviews of the 6 potential Sladen Scholarship recipients will take place in the next two weeks. All will receive a brochure providing a history of Frank Sladen’s community service.
 -- Remember to buy graduation and/or front-line workers signs to support the Family Center and our scholarships.
https://www.towar.com/signs/?fbclid=IwAR39X73u1VZuR8iUbbefTdOOZ0sdxTe2C4qP7esZhupKiFRE35O_Sv8M6iQ.
 -- Tot Lot. Heavy lifting is needed on 5/26 and security during installation. To volunteer, go to <https://signup.com/Group/115702208579028003>. Fingers crossed for a grand opening on June 21st.
 -- Per Bill Scott, District 6400’s youth exchange program has been suspended for the 2020-21 school year.

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Gerald Hasspacher, co-chair of the Sierra Club of Southeast Michigan

Mr. Hasspacher described the stark reality of climate change and how greenhouse gases can exponentially reach a level that will impact our ability to grow food. These exponential loops include worldwide forest fires, the warming of the ocean, snow melting in the arctic, and the accumulation of calcium carbonate on the ocean floor.

Warnings indicate that there needs to be a 40% worldwide reduction of emissions by 2030. Ironically, Covid 19, causing the shutting down of factories and keeping people in their homes, has momentarily created a trend toward that goal.

Mr. Hasspacher offered a litany of ways to help reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, both large and small. On the larger end, this includes installing wind turbines, purchasing electric cars, and putting solar panels on our homes. On the smaller end, this includes not using fertilizer, replacing your grass with native plants, and not using waxed dental floss.

Our speaker’s hope is that those in charge will treat climate change as seriously as they have Covid 19.

FLOWER RAFFLE

Postponed.

CALENDAR

May 20: Kate Dotson, Outbound Exchange Student (with a TBD presentation)