

ROTARpinte

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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Lucas

Invocation: Judy Masserang

GUESTS

Sladen Scholarship winner Caitlin Mayernik and her mother, Heather.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Lina Bowman (5/14).

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Rice, 20 years and Jim Fikany, 21 years.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena

– John and Susan’s grandson, Jack, was in attendance as his parents were celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary. Jack, a student at Parcels, will be participating in a social studies Olympiad. 40 schools around the state will be participating and Parcels is the defending champion.

-- Simon will be attending prom on Friday and is prepared to impress with his suit. He is going stag to maximize the number of girls he can dance with.

-- Judy Masserang loved her first District Conference and was amazed to learn of all that Rotary does.

-- Roger Hull was recently in New York with his daughter and did some stroller shopping. Their technology and cost were both a bit shocking to him.

-- Murray Davis will be soon be on a family reunion cruise to Bermuda.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Please continue to keep Dick Dunlap in your thoughts and prayers.

OIL CAN

-- Diane Strickler passed it to Judy Masserang, a member since 2016, for agreeing to be president in 2019, participating in 6 volunteer activities this year, and sponsoring a member.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Diane Strickler

-- Ten Rotarians have signed up to work at the Full Circle Edible Garden planting at 10:00 AM this Saturday.

-- There is a community affairs committee meeting on 5/29 at GP Congregational Church. Please contact Diane if interested in attending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Caitlin Mayernik thanked the Club for the scholarship and read her college essay about how she has persevered through a condition called Best Disease that is causing her to lose her eyesight.

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Joel Hatline and Catherine Belte talked about their time in the Peace Corps.

The idea of the Peace Corps was first announced by John F. Kennedy at U of M in 1960 and became a reality in 1961. It started in 9 countries, has been in 141 countries total, with 60 active countries today. The average age of a volunteer is 28 with a surprising number of people over age 50 participating. The four areas in which the Peace Corps focuses are

health, education, economic, and community.

Joel and Catherine met while training for their respective duties. Both went to the country of Moldova where Joel taught English at a Russian speaking school while Catherine worked in the health care industry where they spoke Romanian.

Although both had to handle serious language barriers, unusual customs, and living in remote areas where cleanliness was not a priority (leading to health issues), both came away with great experiences. For Catherine, she was able to connect to her family heritage and Joel was able to be the first American to whom some of the residents had ever spoken.

To learn more, please visit www.peacecorps.gov.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$224 in the pot with \$112 going to the winner. Mark Cory is able enjoy the beautiful arrangement provided by Charvat The Florist but couldn’t find the joker.

CALENDAR

May 23: No Meeting

May 30: GP South Interact Club