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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance: President Bob
 Invocation: John Mozena

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Murray Davis (5/20), Ted
 Everingham (5/22)

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Fikany, 24 years. Bill Roche, 5
 years. Ted Everingham, 22 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Tom Youngblood
 -- Ted Coutilish has accepted a
 communications position with U of
 M's College of Engineering. He is
 now a proud "Go Blue" supporter.
 -- A slow news day, Tom provided
 some tidbits from the Bartender's
 Newsletter.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Second Mile Center Clean-up on
 5/22 from 9:00AM to Noon. Please
 sign up on the link that was
 included in Judy's Monday e-mail.
 Volunteers are needed.
 -- GP Memorial Church Food
 Drive. The next one is from
 10:00AM to 11:00AM on June 5.
 Mark your calendars.
 -- Brilliant Detroit Book Collection.
 Over 300 books and \$1,000 in
 donations have been received to
 date. Both will be accepted through
 May 31 at the homes of Diane
 Strickler or Jessica Keyser.
 -- GP Library book loading. Help is
 needed at the Woods Branch at
 3:00PM on 5/22 to move unsold

books to a Goodwill truck for
 distribution.
 -- Detroit Abloom. Volunteers are
 needed on June 12 after 9:00AM.
 to help work on their gardens.
 Details are in the Monday e-mail
 and you can contact Paige Niehaus
 for more information.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Steve McMillan is happy to
 announce that his radiation
 treatments are now over and he is
 feeling great.
 -- Dino Valente is in Florida
 assisting his mother who has
 entered Hospice care. He and the
 Valente family are in our prayers.

OIL CAN

Postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Fundraising Appeal. \$19,335 has
 been received to date with
 donations being accepted through
 June 30.
 -- District 6400 Peace Picnic on June
 15. Details about the event are in
 the Monday e-mail.
 -- President Bob read a nice thank
 you note from Sierra Donaven for
 the warm reception she received at
 her invocation into the Club.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Beth Konrad – New Member
 Presentation

Beth grew up in Poletown where
 her neighborhood spoke Polish.
 Back in the 1950s, the cities were
 very segregated and her family had
 difficulty buying a home in Grosse
 Pointe due its point system and,
 after moving here, was unable to
 join any of the clubs. These
 childhood obstacles helped define

who she is and she is a firm believer
 in inclusion and equality.

After college, Beth's goal was to
 become a broadcast journalist. At
 the time, there were no women on
 the radio and the only ones on
 television were doing weather
 forecasts. Her first job was at
 WRIF where she provided hourly
 news updates and had a half-hour
 newscast at 4:30AM (as was
 required by the FCC).

Beth then moved to Chicago to
 work at a radio station, where her
 expanded duties included covering
 speeches, such as one by Spiro
 Agnew, and providing daily 5-
 minute national newscasts. She
 returned to WRIF and part of her
 job involved researching and
 putting together news
 documentaries, which included
 stories on skydiving, the Moonies,
 and the lack of rules regarding the
 referral services for abortions.

After a long time away, Beth
 believes that Grosse Pointe has
 become a much more inclusive
 community and feels comfortable
 being back.

CALENDAR

- May 26: District Governor Aruna
 Kousik – India and Rotary this Year
- Jun 02: Sierra Donaven – New
 Member Presentation
- Jun 30: Passing of the Gavel –
 From Bob to Liz