

**OPENING**

Time: 6:00 PM (Johann Finkelmeier presiding)  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Invocation: Judy Masserang

**GUESTS**

Bryce Thomas

**VISITING ROTARIANS**

None.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Mark Brooks (5/28) and John Dewald (5/28)

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Jim Fikany, 25 years. Ted Everingham, 23 years. Cindy Eggleton, 1 year. Beth Konrad-Wilberding, 1 year.

**ROVING REPORTER**

Tom Youngblood  
-- John and Susan Mozena are in Annapolis, MD, attending the high school graduation of their granddaughter. Congratulations!  
-- The family of Bruce Bockstanz, a 50+ year GP Rotarian, made a donation to Rotary in his name to commemorate what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Bruce was an active member until he passed away in 2008. The donation was accompanied by a nice note praising Rotary's work and our Club.  
-- Johann shared a few thoughts about his first District Conference. He really appreciated the camaraderie of the GP Rotarians and enjoyed learning about all of the great projects other Clubs are doing and about Rotary's impact in the world.  
-- Diane Strickler received an award for "Connecting the Pointes". Congratulations.

-- Mark Weber awarded Frank Sladen scholarships to students at GP North and GP South at their recent awards banquets.

**OIL CAN**

-- Postponed.

**SUNSHINE NEWS**

Steve McMillan  
-- Steve talked to Florence Seltzer who is hoping to attend the Passing of the Gavel.  
-- Continue to keep Fred Ollison in your thoughts and prayers.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Bob Lucas  
-- Thank you to the six Rotarians who helped at the Second Mile Center clean-up on 5/21 before the rain came.  
-- There is a food collection drive on 6/4 from 10am-11am at GP Memorial Church. With the high cost of groceries, these donations are more important than ever.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- Helping Gaylord residents!  
President Liz is organizing a supply run to those impacted by the tornado and is seeking monetary donations. Checks and cash were collected at the meeting, and you can also pay by Venmo or contact Liz by text or email with your pledge. She will purchase and deliver the supplies on Friday, 5/27.  
-- Thank you to Kim Towar for organizing the fellowship dinner at Whiskey Six last Wednesday.  
-- Passing of the Gavel on June 29 at the Tompkins Center. Volunteers are needed to set up (5:00-6:00) and clean up (post event). Contact Bob Lucas if able to help.

**TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Tom Youngblood and Cathy Champion – Home Tax Assessment Process.

With the Headlee Amendment in 1978 and Proposal A in 1995, the amount that a homeowner's property tax can be increased in a given year has been capped to avoid large fluctuations. The maximum increase is 5%.

A home's assessed value is determined at the end of the year and a Notice of Assessment is mailed out by the municipality in February. It contains the Assessed Value (SEV), which reflects 50% of its true cash value (which can go up or down by any amount) and a Capped Value. The taxable value is either the SEV or capped value, whichever is less. With the cap, if one owns a home for a number of years, the home's taxable value can become much less than its assessed value. This amount is reset when a house is sold, and that new taxable amount will show up in the calendar year after purchase.

Homeowners can appeal their assessment before a Board of Review (using GP Farms rules). It's up to the individual to present information as to why their assessment is wrong and it's recommended to hire a realtor or a fee assessor to determine the amount. If dissatisfied with the review, the next step is going before the State Tax Tribunal.

**CALENDAR**

Jun 01: No Meeting

June 08: Joseph LaVere – Vocational Talk