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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance: President Bob
 Invocation: Steve Brownell

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Doris Neal Van Tiem
 -- Frank Wilberding and Beth Konrad Wilberding welcomed their first grandchild. Congratulations!
 -- Vince Van Tiem's father, a renowned Club Euchre player, will turn 90 on May 30.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- GP Memorial Church Food Drive. The next one takes place from 10:00AM to 11:00AM on June 5. Our Club has been a big supporter in the last few drives so keep it going. A list of items to purchase will be in Judy's Monday e-mail.
 -- Brilliant Detroit Book Collection. We are in the final stretch to donate books and/or money. Both will be accepted through May 31 at the homes of Diane Strickler or Jessica Keyser.
 -- Second Mile Center Clean-up. Thank you to all who helped spruce up the Center's exterior this past Saturday.
 -- Detroit Abloom. Volunteers are needed on June 12 after 9:00AM. to help work on their gardens.

Details will be in the next few Monday e-mails.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Dino Valente's mother passed away after a short hospice stay. Please keep Dino and his family in your prayers.

OIL CAN

Postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Mark Cory is chairing a committee to search for in-person meeting venues. Contact him if you would like to participate.
 -- The transition from hybrid meetings. Phil MacKethan recently sent out a survey e-mail asking for member feedback. Please take a moment to give your input.
 -- Fundraising Appeal. The appeal has topped \$20,000. Donations will still be accepted through June 30 with a goal of 100% participation, in any amount. Thank you to all who have donated so far.
 -- District 6400 Peace Picnic on June 15. Details about the event are in the Monday e-mail.
 -- District Governor Golf Outing. June 28 at the Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club. Information is available on the District website. Contact President Bob if interested in playing

TODAY'S PROGRAM

District Governor Aruna Kousik – India and Rotary this Year

India is being hit hard by Covid 19 with the cremation locations full and dead bodies being lined up in front of people's homes. Many of the rural hospitals and clinics don't have the equipment necessary to treat those who have the virus.

So far, Rotary has raised \$200,000 for oxygen concentrators to be delivered to India. Our District is partnering with another to raise funds and Rotary is partnering with Sewa International, a Hindu faith-based humanitarian non-profit that specializes in disaster relief and has Asian connections, to manufacture and deliver the concentrators.

Rotarians in India are also very involved in the process. The concentrators are first delivered to large cities, like Calcutta, and then transported to government hospitals which treat the poor and to rural locations.

With vaccine production, storage, and delivery being patchy, the crisis created by Covid 19 in India could continue for a while. The best way to help is to contribute financially.

CALENDAR

- Jun 02: No meeting
- Jun 09: Sierra Donaven – New Member Presentation
- Jun 16: Michael Newman – New Member Presentation
- Jun 30: Passing of the Gavel – From Bob to Liz