

OPENING

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

GUESTS

Bryce Thomas (potential new member).

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Brooks, Naples North.

BIRTHDAYS

Roger Hull (5/3) and Vince Van Tiem (5/6).

ANNIVERSARIES

Dino Valente, 36 years. Steve McMillan, 34 years. Susan Mozena, 7 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Doris Neal Van Tiem
-- It's the 35th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision allowing women into Rotary, who, as of 2020, make up 23% of the membership worldwide. District 6400's Jennifer Jones will be the first female President of Rotary International, starting July 1st.
-- Neil Sroka has a new job as a communications officer for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the 7th largest philanthropic foundation in the U.S. Congratulations!
-- Per Rebecca Fannon, GP Schools Superintendent Jon Dean will be hosting a Listening Session from 6:00-7:00pm on 5/11 at GP South. Also, the graduation ceremonies at GP North will be on 6/6 and at GP South on 6/8.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- All our thoughts and prayers go out to Fred Ollison as he battles his health issues.

-- President Liz conducted the meeting via Zoom as she tested positive for Covid. She praised the medications helping her through it and asked that the membership stay healthy.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The community service committee will be meeting at 10:00am, on 5/7, at Bob Lucas's office (83 Kercheval, GPF). All are welcome.

-- There is a volunteer opportunity to prepare lunches at Crossroads on 5/8 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Judy Masserang sent out an email with a link to register or you can do so on the GP Memorial Church website.

-- There is a volunteer clean-up opportunity at the Second Mile Center on 5/21. Details to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- District Conference is the weekend of May 13. Kim Towar and Dave Colton will be hosting a hospitality suite and are looking for donations to help underwrite the cost of beverage and food supplies. Please help out if you can.

-- Fellowship dinner at Whiskey Six on May 18. An invite will be sent out soon.

-- Passing of the Gavel on June 29 at the Grosse Pointe Park Tomkins Center. Mark your calendar.

-- Per Ted Coutilish, a new public relations intern will start in June. Anna Gulyas, a GP South student, will learn the ropes from Fiona during that month.

-- Nina Gazel thanked Irena Politano and Jackie Dale for throwing her a baby shower with formal "thank yous" to follow.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Our scheduled speaker had to cancel due to illness. This allowed members to give updates on Rotary activities, tell jokes, provide inspirational messages, and work out scheduling issues.

Steve McMillan took the opportunity to expound on the importance of women in Rotary, the impact that District Conference has had on him over the years, and how much he is looking forward to hearing Jennifer Jones speak at this year's conference. Steve is a great spokesman for Rotary at all levels.

CALENDAR

May 11: Lisa Vallee-Smith, PR Hall of Fame Inductee and Philanthropist

May 18: Fellowship Dinner at Whiskey Six