

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy

Invocation: Steve McMillan

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Vince Van Tiem (5/6) and George McMullen (5/7).

ANNIVERSARIES

Scott Matthews, 1 year. Bob Lucas, 6 years. Steve McMillan, 32 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Tom Youngblood

-- Tom thanked Jack Cobau for bringing him into Rotary and is indebted to him for the friendships made and the good times he has had.

-- Congratulations to Mark and Judy Weber (and their daughter) as she is expecting her second grandchild this fall.

-- With the shelter-at-home rules, Tom believes that the next new member to our Club should be a barber/hair stylist.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Don't forget to write a couple/few "kindness notes" to be distributed to those in need. Just a few lines expressing "thinking of you" and they can be dropped off at the homes

of Bob Lucas, Jessica Keyser, Dick Allison, or Diane Strickler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Tot Lot. We should have all received e-mails about the ramping up of the Tot Lot installation. The actual dates should be sent out by Monday so look for volunteer opportunities.

-- Per Mark Weber, the names of six Sladen Scholarship nominees (three from each high school) have been given to the scholarship committee. They are in the process of setting up online interviews.

-- The RI Covid 19 telethon on May 2nd raised \$500,000. You are still able to make a donation at www.my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bettina & Lena Gaechter -- dealing with Covid 19 in Switzerland.

Bettina and Lena are sisters living in Siblingen and Schaufhausen, Switzerland. Their father, Hans Peter, is a life-long best friend of Johann Finkelmeier. Bettina, age 26, is in veterinary school and Lena, age 24, works in multi-media production and will be pursuing a masters in business administration.

Bettina describes herself as an introvert so self-quarantining has not had a huge social impact, except she is now spending a lot more time with her 6 roommates. She has filled her time by gardening, painting, and doing craft work. Unfortunately, it did cause the cancellation of her practical veterinary training. After 5 years of technical, she was looking forward to working with animals.

Lena is working from home, which is a newer concept in Switzerland. She believes that the routine she has established – coffee, work, exercise, lunch, work, socialize – has made the transition to staying at home easier.

Both feel that their age group, and the country as a whole, has taken the stay at home orders seriously. They are not fans of Sweden's decision to take a herd mentality approach.

Bettina and Lena are very proud of their country for doing their part and following the rules. One of the silver linings that Bettina has noticed is how silent her world is when she steps outside. She finds it very calming to hear the sporadic conversation and see nature blooming. Both are optimistic that we will all get through this and will adapt to our "new normal"

The country is set to open shops and schools in the next week. (Note: Lena was a guest at our Club on 7/27/2016).

FLOWER RAFFLE

Postponed.

CALENDAR

May 13: Gerald Hasspacher – Sierra Club