

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy

Invocation: George McMullen

GUESTS

Tom Van Tiem, guest of Vince Van Tiem.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

None.

ANNIVERSARIES

Dick Dunlap, 4 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Vince Van Tiem

-- From 11/14 to 11/16, George McMullen will be leading 105 high school students at RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), taking place at the Wayne County Community College - Downriver Campus.

-- Not sure how it came up, but Gary and Paige Neihaus are celebrating 2½ years of marriage. Congrats! (?)

-- Tom Youngblood and Mark Weber travelled by train to Chicago this past weekend and "enjoyed" a chilly architectural boat tour.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No news.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

-- Jackie Gleason lives in GP Woods and is a financial specialist with New York Life. She has shown her commitment to service before even becoming a member and the Club looks forward to her involvement going forward. A reminder that Jackie's daughter, Anna, was an outbound exchange student to Finland.

OIL CAN

-- Dino Valente passed it to Jackie Gleason for participating in Club volunteer projects and being a progressive dinner host before becoming a member. She is obviously the fastest recipient.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Diane Strickler thanked those who donated to the \$200 raised at last week's meeting for the Children's Center's purchasing of Thanksgiving turkeys and to the 18 members who are providing cooked turkeys for Crossroads.

-- Marshalls are needed for the GP Santa Clause Parade from 8:30 to 10:00 on 11/29. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Contact Bob Lucas for details.

-- The community service committee is meeting at 7:00 PM on 11/19 at GP Congregational Church to map out volunteer projects for the next six months.

TOT LOT REIMAGINED

-- The Children's Foundation has unofficially approved a grant request of \$25,000, bringing the total raised to just under \$240,000. Thank you to Roger Hull and Lisa Gandelot. Remember to donate so that it can be noted that 100% of the Club has participated in the fundraising.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- For the holidays, Dino Valente will be selling boxes of Sanders chocolate at the front table at fundraising prices (tbd) to help support the tot lot.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Scott Matthews – Vocational Talk. Scott was born in Grosse Pointe but raised in Birmingham. He attended

Cranbrook, Lawrence University (WI), received an MBA at U of M and worked towards a PhD at Tufts. He has worked in Massachusetts, New York, and Florida before coming back to Michigan in 1985.

His business, Matthews Software, is a tier 1 software supplier to Ford Motor and has built the company's website for after-market parts www.performanceparts.ford.com.

Scott has also started an employee owned company called MetroAlive that combines custom local business profiles with comprehensive city profiles to offer a virtual hub where one can find an interactive directory of local businesses, the latest deals, and upcoming events in the area. It works with 5,000 businesses in 40+ cities over 3 states and is a one-stop guide for those looking for "where to go and what to do". www.metroalive.com.

As a big proponent of local business, Scott believes in "out of the box" thinking with coordinated events between businesses, the idea of making shopping "entertainment", and thinking regionally by bring residents of other cities to our community to shop and dine.

FLOWER RAFFLE

A pot of \$694 with \$347 going to the winner. Ron Vitale is able to enjoy the beautiful flower arrangement provided by Charvat the Florist but couldn't find the joker.

CALENDAR

Nov 20: Madeline Bialecki – Gilda's Club Detroit

Nov 27: No meeting