

VOLUME 87 \* \* \* November 15, 2023 \* \* \* MacKethan #15

# **OPENING**

Time: 6:00 Pledge of Allegiance Invocation: Judy Masserang

**GUESTS** Ryan Bernes

VISITING ROTARIANS None.

#### BIRTHDAYS

Mark Wilson (11/20).

# ANNIVERSARIES

Dave Colton, 2 years.

# **ROVING REPORTER**

Tom Youngblood -- Mark Cory visited Dick Allison to deliver an award he received at the Passing of the Gavel and Dick gives his regards to the Club. -- Johann Finkelmeier has set up his and Liz Vogel's mobile home in Naples, FL, in preparation of avoiding the cold weather as much as possible.

-- Diane and Ron Strickler will be celebrating Thanksgiving in Cincinnati with their daughter, and Ron will also be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Congratulations! -- Per Ron Vitale, the GP Symphony Orchestra's Christmas Concert will be at 3:00pm on 12/3 at Star of the Sea Church. -- Kim Towar, Dave Colton, Lina Bowman, and Eva Habib attended a District 6400 fundraiser dinner, where the Club received a certificate for its support of the RI Foundation.

# OIL CAN

Postponed.

# SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Please keep Judy Masserang, who will be undergoing elbow surgery, and Eva Habib, who is recovering from hand surgery, in your thoughts and prayers.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

-- Crossroads Turkey Dinner. If there are any questions about the turkey preparation and drop offs on 11/17 & 11/18, please contact Eva Habib

-- Marshals are needed for the GP Santa Claus Parade on 11/24. If you have not already signed up and would like to volunteer, please contact Ted Everingham.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- McNeill Raffle. Thank you to all who sold tickets, especially those who made the effort to sell 15 or more. The unofficial net total is \$14,225. Congratulations! -- Remember to complete your online ballot for the Club and Foundation Boards.

-- In honor of Veteran's Day, President Phil took a moment to recognize the veterans in the club: Bob Lucas, Bill Scott, Mike Carmody, Murray Davis, and John Maliszewski.

-- No meeting next week.-- The Lunch Bunch meets every Friday at noon at Alma Kitchen in GP Park. RSVP to Mike Carmody.

## **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Nov 15: Jenny Boettcher – President & Executive Director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Boettcher talked about the many benefits that the Chamber provides to its membership. This

includes a directory of businesses, with a map provided by Towar Productions, sharing information about available grants and loans, and helping businesses find brick & mortar locations or just new locations. New residents to Grosse Pointe are provided with a canvas gift bag with information about where they can shop, dine, and play.

Other benefits include a professional network for 18 to 40year-olds, webinars, a student intern service, and an employment board. The Chamber also provides a monthly newsletter and monthly networking events.

Events put on by the Chamber this past year include the Art Festival and Restaurant Week. Upcoming is the Santa Claus Parade on 11/24, where Santa will have a brand-new sled. Also, to increase foot traffic, there will be a snow globe scavenger hunt, where participants can use a QR code to locate snow globes designed and displayed by local businesses.

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#### **FLOWER RAFFLE**

\$232 in the pot. Phil MacKethan bought the winning ticket but was unable to find the joker. Johann Finkelmeier won a Rotary glass, one of many to be raffled off.

# CALENDAR

Nov 22: No Meeting

Nov 29: Nicole Valentini, MSW – BuildOn Detroit