

**OPENING**

Time: 6:00 PM  
Pledge of Allegiance: President Bob  
Invocation: Diane Strickler

**GUESTS**

None.

**VISITING ROTARIANS**

None.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Mark Wilson

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Doris Neal-Van Tiem, 2 years.  
Heather Mayernik, 2 years. Charles  
Gabel, 21 years.

**ROVING REPORTER**

Doris Neal-Van Tiem  
- Doris checked in on a few  
Rotarians. Scott Matthews is doing  
well but is frustrated by the Covid  
impact and Ruth had a 10-day  
Florida trip where she,  
unfortunately, didn't see the sun.  
Florence Seltzer is not a Zoom fan  
but is staying connected through e-  
mails and the Rotarpointe.  
-- Doris gave a few examples of  
famous events of 11/18, including  
that the U.S. started using time  
zones, an idea started by the  
railroads.

**SUNSHINE NEWS**

-- George McMullen has had a few  
setbacks as he undergoes chemo  
treatment but is in good spirits and  
was able to attend two of the RYLA  
sessions. Please continue to keep  
him in your thoughts and prayers.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

-- The November 27 GP Santa  
Claus Parade has been cancelled  
due to Covid. Thank you to all who  
were willing to volunteer.

-- Crossroads Lunch. December 13<sup>th</sup>  
from 8:30AM to 1:30PM. This is in  
coordination with GP Memorial  
Church. For details and to sign-up,  
[http://gpmchurch.org/web/crossroads-  
lunch-december-13/](http://gpmchurch.org/web/crossroads-lunch-december-13/).

**OIL CAN**

-- Postponed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- A reminder that November is  
Rotary Foundation Month. Support  
all of the good being done by our  
Club and RI.  
-- At 7:00PM on 11/18, the Rotary  
Clubs of Monroe and Detroit are  
hosting "Ask Your Diverse  
Neighbors", a virtual event where  
WSU students will answer  
questions about their different  
lifestyles and cultural backgrounds.  
-- Past President Nominating  
committee: President Nominee –  
Phil MacKethan. Club Board (vote  
for 3) – Ted Coutilish, Jackie Dale,  
Lee Johnson, Jessica Keyser, Irena  
Politano, and Neil Sroka.  
Foundation Board (vote for 3) –  
Mark Brooks, Johann Finkelmeier,  
Ted Hadgis, Judy Masserang, Scott  
Matthews, and Paige Neihaus.  
Election deadline is December 9.

**TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Ashley Holmer – Founder and  
Executive Director of the Red  
Sweater Project. (Ms. Holmer  
spoke to our Club in 2015 so this  
time was more of an update).

The school that Ms. Holmer, a  
former Grosse Pointe resident,  
helped create after going to  
Tanzania for the first time in 2005  
is going strong. There are 104  
students, over 4 classes, and a staff  
of 17 (15 of which are local). They  
also have 86 graduates who they

raise funds for to assist in their  
continuing education.

Ms. Holmer played a video with the  
Director of English as a Second  
Language and the Operations  
Manager speaking. The Director  
talked about the impact the school  
has on the students, focusing on one  
who has become much more  
confident and engaged. The  
students are currently taking their  
exams that will place them in their  
areas of study and, for the older  
students, qualify them for their post-  
secondary education. The  
Operations Manager takes care of  
the school and campus, helping with  
the garden and the rabbits. Both are  
used to feed the students, with a  
goal of providing meals four times a  
week. Rabbits are raised because it  
only takes 10 weeks to go from  
birth to being ready for  
consumption.

A second video focused on the  
school and students. The goal of  
the Red Sweater Project is to  
provide an affordable education no  
matter what challenges stand in the  
way, while also protecting the  
students and educators through  
every precaution, and ultimately  
creating a brighter future for every  
student.

A donation of \$1,500 (\$125/month)  
will pay all expenses for a child to  
attend school for a year. To learn  
more or make a donation, of any  
amount, go to their website  
[www.redsweaterproject.org](http://www.redsweaterproject.org).

**CALENDAR**

Nov 25: No meeting.