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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Gary

Invocation: Steve McMillan

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Chambers, Detroit AM Club and District Governor-Elect.

BIRTHDAYS

None.

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles Gabel, 19 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Shortened version due to traffic.

-- John and Susan Mozena just returned from a trip to Australia and New Zealand. They attended the Sydney Cove Rotary Club's meeting (on a boat) and brought back a flag from the Club. They highly recommend attending meetings when travelling as a way to meet the locals.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- No report.

OIL CAN

-- Bob Lucas passed it to Paul Rentenbach for two reasons: (1) telling everyone how old he is and (2) all of Paul's work on Operation Warm with 25,000 coats being distributed over the last 7 years. (See, Community Service).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Diane Strickler thanked all who provided turkeys for Crossroads and marshalled at the GP Santa Claus Parade.

-- The community service committee

met recently and have the following volunteer opportunities scheduled: (1) Gleaners on 1/26, (2) MI Humane Society Telethon on 2/7, (3) Kids against Hunger on 3/23, and (4) a Forgotten Harvest opportunity in April. Specific details to follow.

-- Operation Warm: Paul was proud to announce that \$67,000 has been raised through individual donations and foundation grants and that a fourth order of coats (3,000+) is being processed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Roger McNeill Annual Raffle. The four drawings will take place on 12/12 so make a final push to sell your tickets. Any questions, please contact Mark Brooks.

-- President Gary talked about a great article he read about Paul and Jackie Rentenbach's son and how his friends continue to attend a MDA camp each year. www.success.com/the-never-ending-summer-of-the-g-p-crew. (Might need a tissue).

-- The 12/5 meeting will be about the youth exchange program with a panel discussion. If you know anyone with students who might want to participate or potential host families, please invite them.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Brian Peterson-Roest, Founder of Bees in the D.

Bees in the D is a non-profit whose mission is to create a cooperative effort between residents, schools, organizations, and businesses in Detroit and southeast Michigan to contribute to both the health of honey bee colonies and the education of their importance to our environment. It started with 2 rooftop hives and

now has 38 locations consisting of 102 hives in SE Michigan and Canada. Each hive attracts 60,000 bees.

Brian's main goal is to educate on the importance of pollinators and the conservation of the honeybee through a network of hives. Honeybees can travel up to 3 miles to look for food so the organization is looking to build hives along highways to allow them to travel long distance in three miles blocks. He encourages everyone to help attract bees by putting rocks in bird baths and growing pesticide free flowers.

To learn more about the organization, find out about upcoming events, or donate, visit www.beesinthed.com.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$1,156 in the pot with \$578 going to the finder of the joker. Jeremy Henner gave it a shot but the joker remains hidden. Thank you to Charvat The Florist for the beautiful arrangement.

CALENDAR

Dec 05: Youth Exchange – Panel of Rotarians

Dec 12: Rev. Susan Mozena – My Trip on a B-52 Bomber

Dec 19: The Grunyons – A Cappella Christmas Performance