

OPENING

Time: 6:00
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Invocation: Eva Habib

GUESTS

Amanda DeVeaux, guest of Steve Cornillie

VISITING ROTARIANS

Nicole Valentini (our speaker), Detroit.

BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Cox (12/5).

ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Wilberding, 3 years.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena
 -- Per Jessica Keyser, over 1,000 people attended the Central Library's 70th anniversary ribbon cutting.
 -- Mark Zmyslowski's daughter, Kara, became engaged over the weekend, and is on her way to becoming a doctor. His son, Brian, is expecting his first child in March. Congratulations to both.
 -- Per Isabella Haindl, the GP South Class of 2024, is hosting a volleyball fundraiser on Friday, 12/1. Tickets are \$5 at the door.
 -- Per President Phil, the Grunyons holiday concert will take place at 7:30pm on 12/18 at GP Methodist Church. To purchase tickets, go to www.christmasonlakeshore.com.

OIL CAN

Jessica Keyser passed it Eva Habib for her work with the sales event to benefit polio prevention at J. McLaughlin's and for her overall support for our Club's and Rotary's mission.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Keep Beth Konrad in your thoughts as she undergoes knee replacement surgery tomorrow.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Steve Cornillie sent out an email today regarding Adopt-A-Family and is hoping to raise \$1,000 to purchase gifts and provide gift cards for a local family. You can Venmo or PayPal him or make sure to bring extra cash to next week's meeting.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

-- Beverly Curtiss Walsh lives in Grosse Pointe City and is retired from her occupation as an independent clinical social worker. She is very active in the community and is looking forward to furthering that through our Club. Please make her feel welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Remember to complete your online ballot for the Club boards. The election date is 12/6 and, if you have not voted, look for a reminder email from President Phil this weekend. Mark Cory will have paper copies at the meeting.
 -- Please RSVP to Dave Colton for the Celebrate the Season event on 12/14 at the Bayview Yacht Club.
 -- Rotary Int'l has agreed to donate \$24,800 in support of the Egypt women empowerment project, that was spearheaded by Eva Habib, and supported by Paul Rentenbach and Kim Towar.
 -- The Lunch Bunch meets every Friday at noon at Almas in GP Park. RSVP to Mike Carmody.
 -- Next weeks' speaker is Renata Conger, who will talk about the Workcamp Summer Program, which is co-sponsored by First English Church in GP Woods.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Nicole Valentini, MSW, the Development Director for BuildOn Detroit. BuildOn is a national organization, operating in five regions, with the Detroit branch being formed in 1993. Its mission is to break the cycle of illiteracy and low expectations through service and education.

The Detroit branch operates in 4 of the 14 Detroit public schools, with the hope to extend into all of them. It has Engagement Specialists in each school, partnering with teachers and operating as mentors, looking to recruit students into their program. Their strategy is to engage 9th graders and focus on dispute resolution and community action.

In addition to partnering with other service organizations for local projects, BuildOn wants students to think globally. They do this by offering 12-day international service projects. 97% of the students in the Detroit program graduate from high school.

To donate or register for an upcoming event, please go to www.buildon.org/buildon-detroit.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$232 in the pot and Cissie Cappola was able to pick the joker. Congratulations!

CALENDAR

Dec 06: Renata Conger – Workcamp Summer Program
 Dec 13: No meeting.