

ROTARpinte

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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Gary

Invocation: Roger Hull

GUESTS

Paige Niehaus, spouse of Gary Niehaus. Jibreel Lockhart, guest of Murray Davis. William Castiglione, guest of the Club.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

BIRTHDAYS

Diane Strickler (10/27) and Dave Colton (11/10).

ANNIVERSARIES

John Mozena, 49 years. Jon Gandelot, 31 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Fred Ollison

-- Via Ted Everingham, the GP Library millage renewal passed by a 3 to 1 vote. Fred said he went to bed early so was not aware of any other voting results. ☺

-- Slow news day so Fred came prepared with a number of jokes.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- There was a moment of silence for the passing of Jack and Arlene Cobau's granddaughter. Please keep the entire Cobau family in your prayers.

OIL CAN

-- Bill Scott passed it, along with a funny "living a long life" joke, to Bob Lucas for aging so gracefully.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Diane Strickler thanked those who

helped at the District 6400's Kids Against Hunger event in Belleville this past Saturday.

-- A sign-up sheet was passed around to provide cooked turkeys for the Crossroads Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, 11/18. Turkeys are to be dropped off at 266 Lewiston, GPF, on 11/16 or 11/17.

-- Mark your calendar if you are able to assist at the GP Santa Clause Parade the morning of 11/23. Bob Lucas will provide more details when available.

-- The community affairs committee is meeting the evening of 11/26 at GP Congregational Church. Committee members have been notified. All are welcome, contact Diane if you would like to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Due to changes in their work schedules, Catherine Belte and Joel Hatline have requested a one year leave of absence.

-- Roger McNeill Annual Raffle. Ticket packets were handed out last night. If you were not there and live in GP, look for a packet at your front door in the next few days. The drawings will take place on 12/12.

-- New blue badges are available. Contact Mike Carmody if you would like one. \$10 charge.

VOCATIONAL TALK

-- Doris Neal. Doris is a lawyer who covers all of the basics of law with her husband, Vince Van-Tiem. She met Vince on a cruise and they were married by his father, a 36th District Court Judge. Doris is a certified scuba diver.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Megan Owens, Executive Director of

Transportation Riders United (TRU).

TRU is a nonprofit dedicated to improving public transit throughout the greater Detroit region through education, engagement, and advocacy. It is an advisor to the Regional Transit Authority.

The national average cost of owning/driving a car is over \$8,400/year (even more in MI). This is second only to housing costs on an annual basis. This impact on those struggling financially, combined with the elderly who no longer drive and millennials who choose not to drive, shows the need for a mass transit system. It also needed to attract employees and businesses to the area.

There are too many gaps in the current public transit system. It needs to connect to more places, connect more frequently, provide express connections, and allow each community a voice in what level of public transit is needed in its area. To accomplish this, there needs to be a much higher level of public investment. To learn more, go to www.detroittransit.org.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$1,066 in the pot with \$533 going to the winner. Gary Niehaus held the winning ticket but couldn't find the joker. Thank you to Charvat The Florist for the beautiful arrangement.

CALENDAR

Nov 14: Michael Spence, Policy Planner (SEMCOG)

Nov 21: No meeting