

OPENING

Time: 6:00
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation: David Eardley

GUESTS

Ben MackKethan, guest of Phil MacKethan. Erin Rentenbach, guest of Paul Rentenbach. Tim Edwards, guest of Mark Cory. David Brandon, guest of Heather Mayernik. Amanda Debois, guest of Steve Cornillie. Cherine Smith, guest of Jessica Keyser.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Dave Colton (11/10).

ANNIVERSARIES

Jackie Dale, 4 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Susan Mozena
-- Susan asked for, and received, a hug from our speaker, who was an 8th grade student of hers 52 years ago.
-- Congratulations to Neil Sroka for being re-elected to the GP Farms City Council (for willing to serve again, even if running unopposed).

OIL CAN

Liz Vogel passed it to Jessica Keyser for all of the great work she has done as Director of the GP Public Library, especially with the handling of the Central Branch renovation.

SUNSHINE NEWS

No news.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- The GP Memorial Church food drive for the Second Mile Center takes place this Saturday, 11/11, from 10:00am to 11:00am. A list of needed items, with some highlighted, was attached to Judy's Monday email.
-- Crossroads Turkey Dinner. 14 members have volunteered to prepare and drop off turkeys on 11/17 and 11/18. The details can be found in the Club's Monday email and you contact Eva Habib with any questions.
-- A sign-up sheet was circulated to volunteer as a marshal for the GP Santa Claus Parade on 11/24. Ted Everingham is running point on this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The McNeill Raffle is next Wednesday, 11/15. Get your ticket stubs and payment to Mark Brooks as soon as possible. Let's finish strong!
-- Everyone should have received an emailed ballot on 11/5 for the Club and Foundation Boards. Please take the time to vote. Mark Cory will bring paper ballots to our meetings.
-- Next week's speaker is Jenny Boettcher, Executive Director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce
-- The Lunch Bunch meets every Friday at noon at Almas in GP Park. RSVP to Mike Carmody.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Mark Higbie – Michigan Central Station Art Program. Mr. Higbie describes the artwork at the Station as a “persistent presence” since it was built in 1913. It was the tallest railroad station in the country with the same designers as Grand Central

Station in New York. At its peak, 200 trains and 4,000 passengers would pass through daily, and in the floors above, there were 3,000 office workers. In the 1970s, the amount of train travel at the Station dwindled, until it finally closed in 1988.

From the Station's artistic perspective, there are three acts. Act 1 is its Rise and Fall: It was built with polished marble hallways, with a huge concourse that had skylights, as light was part of its design. Starting in 1988, 30 years of neglect allowed the elements to tear away at the structure. Act 2 is New Voices in the Hall: During this neglect, graffiti artists from around the country decorated the walls and columns. It was vandalism, but skilled, and art found its voice through these murals. Act 3 is Welcome to the Future: Since purchasing the building and surrounding properties in 2018, Ford Motor Co. has pledged to spend \$740 to renovate. In addition to bringing the structure to its 1913 glory, some of the graffiti has been archived and all of it has been digitally preserved. New artists have also been hired to bring in new art, some of which can already be seen at the Bagley Mobility Hub. To learn more, please visit www.michigancentral.com.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$\$216 in the pot. Dave Colton bought the winning ticket (again) but was unable to find the joker.

CALENDAR

Nov 15: Jenny Boettcher – Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

Nov 22: No Meeting