

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Bob

Invocation: Steve McMillan

GUESTS

Representing the Autism Alliance of Michigan: Colleen Allen, Jill Matson, Doug Czajkowski, and Paul Hulsey.

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Maliszewski.

BIRTHDAYS

Fred Ollison (10/19).

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom Youngblood, 42 years. Jessica Keyser, 4 years. Gary Marowske, 1 year.

ROVING REPORTER

No report.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Bill Rice, a 22-year Club member, passed away on October 12th after a brief battle with pneumonia. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Ginnie, and the rest of his family.

-- George McMullen is in the hospital, and has started chemotherapy again, as to continues his fight against pancreatic cancer and the pain he is currently suffering. He is up for taking phone calls. Please keep him in your prayers.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Thank you to the Rotarians and Interact students who helped clean up the Moross Greenway this past Saturday.

-- Liz Vogel reported that there were two sellers of fluorocarbons through Project Drawdown. As a pilot project, Liz is very excited about the impact the collecting of these compounds will have on the environment.

-- The Club's fundraiser for World Polio Day has reached \$1,400! The hope is to reach \$2,000 by this Friday as the Gates Foundation is matching all contributions 2:1. Donations, payable to our Foundation, can be mailed to Mark Cory or made online through our website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Club Directories are available for pick-up at the Blue Book/Towar offices.

-- District Conference registration reminder. Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island's from May 6 – 9, 2021. You can register at www.district6400.org and first-time attendees receive a \$150 discount.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Heather Eckner – Education Specialist at the Autism Alliance of Michigan. The AAoM's mission is to lead efforts to raise expectations and expand opportunities for people touched by autism across the lifespan. Ms. Eckner believes her role is to be an advocate, which she defined as “positive disruption”.

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disability that affects the way an individual perceives the world, making communication and social interaction difficult. ASD includes a wide range of symptoms, which can range from gifted to severely and are typically recognized in the first three years of life. There is no

cure, but early recognition, evaluation, and evidence-based intervention can significantly reduce symptoms and improve development and learning.

Schools and the medical profession evaluate a triad of characteristics – communication, social, and restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior. These three areas of focus can have numerous offshoot issues, such as irritability, intellectual disabilities, and hyperactivity.

It wasn't until 1975, with the passing of the Individual with Disabilities Act (IDEA), that access to public education for children with disabilities to help prepare them for further education, employment, and independent living became the law of the land. The AAoM's four pillars operate based on this Act – to navigate those touched by autism to create high education expectations, to maximize employment opportunities, and to drive initiatives to attain independent living.

With the diagnosis of autism becoming more prevalent nationwide (from 4.9% of students to 10.5 in a 10-year period), the work of the AAoM has become that much more important. To learn more, visit www.AAoMI.org and you can contact an autism specialist by calling 1-877-463-AAOM or by e-mailing Navigator@aaomi.org.

CALENDAR

Nov 04: Dan Carmody – Eastern Market