

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy
 Invocation: Steve Brownell

GUESTS

Leigh Kistler. Holly Cory, guest of Mark Cory.

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Brooks, Naples.

BIRTHDAYS

Fred Ollison (10/19), John Mozena (10/21), Liz Vogel (10/22), and John Brooks (10/19 – his 80th).

ANNIVERSARIES

Jessica Keyser, 3 years. Tom Youngblood, 41 years. Al Ceravolo, 53 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Susan Mozena
 -- Diane Strickler will soon be traveling to Manitoba on a polar bear excursion.
 -- Dick Allison's son-in-law is a Navy rescue swimmer and an instructor at the Great Lakes Training Center.
 -- Scott Matthew's father recently celebrated his 101st birthday and Scott gave him two cards – one celebrating his 100th and another celebrating his 1st. They were well received.
 -- Roger Hull recently traveled to Scotland and was able to play a round at Inverness.
 -- Bill Roche's daughter and son-in-law are civilian employees for the Department of Defense and his son-in-law just completed a 6 month stint at the Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Former Rotarian, Kathleen Mullins, who ran the Ford Estate for years, passed away after battling cancer.
 -- Jack Cobau is dealing with some health issues. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Upcoming events. (1) Defer gardening/clean-up on 10/19 from 9:00 to 11:00. Just show up with yard tools in hand. (2) Gleaners on 11/2 from 1:00 to 3:30. 20 volunteers are required and 9 have signed up so far. Contact Dick Allison to register.

TOT LOT REIMAGINED

-- The donation/commitments total is \$197,589 (with \$163,000 already in the bank). More small donations are needed so pass along the gofundme link to family and friends.
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/GPRotaryTotLot>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Thank you to the Progressive Dinner Chairs – Lisa Gandelot, Paige Neihaus, and Heather Mayernik – and to all who hosted.
 -- George McMullen and Julie Baumer will be attending the District 6400 Foundation & Membership Dinner on 11/2. They have room for two more in their car.
 -- The communications committee will be sending out an e-mail looking for members willing to participate in “video shorts” about why they joined Rotary and what keeps them going.
 -- District Governor's visit at next week's meeting. Please attend.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Rebecca Fannon, Community Relations Specialist for the GPPSS, discussed the millage proposals on the November 5th ballot: (1) Operating Millage Restoration and Extension which funds textbooks, technology tools, and other instructional materials for the students, and (2) Sinking Fund Renewal which funds the construction and repairs of school buildings and facilities. Studies have shown that the district needs to spend \$10 million/year to maintain its facilities. If these millages don't pass the GPPSS would lose 25% of its operating budget and \$3 million of the funds needed for its buildings. Although not legally able to state so on the ballots, both proposals will only renew what is already being paid.

Ms. Fannon began by reviewing the quality of the GPPSS. It is the #1 place to teach and its teachers are constantly at the top in best teachers polls. The GPPSS is the #4 district in the State, #1 in Wayne County, and in the top 5% nation-wide.

FLOWER RAFFLE

A pot of \$544 with \$272 going to the winner. Paige Neihaus held the winning ticket, but the joker remains hidden. Thank you to Charvat the Florist for the beautiful arrangement.

CALENDAR

- Oct 23: John Chambers – Rotary District 6400 Governor
- Oct 30: Carmen Szurpicki – The Children's Center Detroit