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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Jon Gandelot

Invocation: Liz Vogel

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Liz Landers, GP Sunrise.

BIRTHDAYS

Diane Strickler (10/27) and Jennifer Boettcher (10/28).

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Suzanne Klein

-- Suzanne is a big fan of the Rotarian Magazine and had high praise for stories about Rotary scholarship recipients and the projects they are undertaking around the world. She also challenged the members to explain what Rotary is in a few words. The responses, including one from Simon, were right on target with RI President Ian Risely's. See the Rotarian for more.

OIL CAN

-- Bob Lucas passed it to Dick Dunlap for his perfect attendance, his involvement on numerous committees, and his participation in almost every service project.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

No news.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Diane Strickler

-- A sign-up sheet is being passed around for a Life Remodeled cleanup project at Durfee School on 12/16.

Mark your calendar if you're able to help out.

-- Are you able to cook and carve a turkey for Cornerstone and then drop it off at 266 Lewiston the Friday before Thanksgiving? If yes, please contact Diane for more details.

-- Kids Against Hunger. A sign-up sheet is being passed around to participate in one of two time slots on 11/11 at Henry Ford Community College.

-- Thank you to Ron and Diane Strickler and Catherine Belte and Joel Hatline for representing our Club at a District 6400 tree planting this past Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Liz Landers challenged our Club to beat the \$500 that GP Sunrise raised for the Polio campaign over the past 2 days. Richard Yeager-Stiver is selling *Give Polio The Finger* t-shirts and passed around a "collection plate" for that purpose.

-- The Progressive Dinner takes place on 11/4, starting at Judy Masserang's home.

-- Invites will be going out for the 12/14 Christmas party at Ardmore Café.

-- Roger McNeill Raffle. The first drawing is 11/15 so be sure to sell your tickets and get them to Mark Brooks. The goal is for every member to sell at least five.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Maria Rivera, League of Women Voters. The LWV is a nonpartisan political Organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

There are 23 chapters in Michigan.

Ms. Rivera's topic was about redistricting. With the current gerrymandering of districts, politicians are picking voters rather than the other way around. Both major parties engage in the practice but Republicans controlled the most recent drawing of districts. For the US House, Republicans received 48% of the votes but 64% of the seats and the votes/seats gap is larger at the State House and Senate levels.

There are many solutions to try to solve this problem, including establishing an independent commission to draw the districts. This system is used in California and it has led to higher voter turnout, less bias, and more competition. There is currently a petition being circulated to amend Michigan's constitution to change how the districts are determined. The website is www.votersnotpoliciticans.com.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$112 in the pot with \$56 going to the winner. Steve McMillan is able to enjoy the beautiful arrangement from Charvat the Florist but the pot continues to grow.

CALENDAR

Nov 01: No meeting

Nov 08: Rotary veterans present.