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OPENING

Time: 6:00 Pledge of Allegiance

GUESTS

Cheryl Hanna, Patrick Gleason, Lynn Gadzinski, Joe Snyder, Max Weiner, and Jay Lydell.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Diane Strickler (10/27) and Frank Wilberding (10/30).

ANNIVERSARIES

John Mozena, 55 years. Tom Youngblood, 46 years.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena

- -- Pointing out how international Rotary is, John noted that our last president was Swiss, the current one is Italian, and the next one will be Nigerian, and for those who have donated \$250,000 or more to Rotary this year, 56 out of the 92 are not from the U.S.
- -- With decades of being friends with Jon Gandelot, John was not aware that Jon was a huge soccer fan when he was younger and actually announced a game in which Pele played in a Detroit park in the early 1960s.
- -- Dave Colton and Kim Towar went through a "wedding ceremony" when they were 5 years old. Who knew they would repeat it as adults and have now been "remarried" for 34 years.
- -- John and Susan Mozena's son, John, testified before the Michigan legislature about corporate subsidies, of which he has long been an opponent.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers:

- -- Mark Brooks, whose father, John Brooks, passed away on 10/27.
- -- Dawn Drozd, whose father passed away two weeks ago.

OIL CAN

Kelly Boyd passed it to Amanda DeVeaux for the fantastic work she does as our program chair.

ROTARY BUSINESS

-- The 11/19 meeting will be a fundraising forum to brainstorm different ways to raise funds. Come prepared with ideas.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- -- Thank you to all who helped with the clean-up at the Second Mile Center on 10/25.
- -- Food Drive at GP Memorial Church for the Second Mile Center takes place from 10:00am – 11:00 am on 11/8. Let's make it a good one!
- -- There will not be a Crossroads Thanksgiving turkey collection this year but there is a volunteer opportunity available on 11/23. (See attached flyer).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- -- At the 11/5 meeting, we'll hear from Lily Frey with her Intern Presentation
- -- Lunch Bunch: Noon on Friday at Alma Kitchen. If you plan on attending, send an RSVP email to Ted Everingham by 11:00 am that day
- -- We wish our server, Mariah, good luck as she begins a career with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, the first 6 months at the Wayne County Jail!

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Jen Bingaman and Mary Jo Harris – The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods

The Family Center is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a mission to help build happier, healthier families and a vision to be the source for building connected, resilient families who thrive at every stage. The organization is going strong with over 100 free programs, such as Preschool Playtime, Community Yoga, Dinner & Discussion (with therapists), and QPR training (CPR for mental health), with a 46% increase in attendance. It also partners with organizations like The Helm and the Special Needs Resource Alliance.

The Family Center has a substance abuse arm called the Healthy GPHW Coalition. It's working to reduce the stigma of addiction so that those in need use the Center's resources. At the youth level, it works with 9 school systems. To learn more and to sponsor/buy tickets for the 11/20 Hollyfest gala, please visit www.familycenterhelps.org

MEETING RAFFLE

Liz Vogel purchased the winning ticket but did not pick the joker. The pot continues to grow.

CALENDAR

Nov 05: Lily Frey – Intern Presentation

Nov 12: Mike McKay – Founder of Heroes' Movement

Nov 19: Fundraising Forum