

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
 Pledge of Allegiance: President Judy
 Invocation: Ron Vitale

GUESTS

Jackie Gleason. Tom Van Tiem,
 father of Vince Van Tiem

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

None.

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Lisa Gandelot
 -- Fred Ollison's son Fred IV and his wife, Heather, have lost power due to the California fires and are using gas from their car to power a generator.
 -- Julie Baumer is pleased to report that her 7-month old 127 lb. Mastiff is recovering nicely from surgery.
 -- Judy Masserang will soon be travelling to North Carolina to visit Peter Henry.
 -- Diane Strickler has returned from her trip to the wilds of Manitoba to view the polar bear migration.
 -- After the recent tragedies (a high school student's fatal bike accident and the devastating house fire), Lisa made a plea for all to follow proper bike safety rules and to have a fire escape plan for your home. (Gary Niehaus gave an overview of the support the District has provided for the students and faculty at Richard Elementary this week). A moment of silence was observed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Ted Everingham is recovering nicely from surgery and is set make

Marcia's life difficult for the next few days.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Gleaners this Saturday, 11/2, from 1:00 to 3:30. 15 have volunteered and 20 are needed. If able to help, please contact Dick Allison.
 -- Volunteers are needed to hand out coats at the NE Guidance Center in 2 hour blocks from 11/5 to 11/8. Please contact Diane Strickler.
 -- Book transfer at the GP Woods Library on 11/9 at 2:00 PM.
 -- Cooked and sliced turkeys are needed for the Crossroads Thanksgiving dinner. They will need to be dropped off on 11/22 or 11/23 at former Rotarian Yolanda Turner's home at 266 Lewiston. Contact Diane for details.

TOT LOT REIMAGINED

-- \$210,000 has been raised towards the \$250,000 goal. The playscapes have been ordered and there is a plan to add a bathroom to the reconfiguration. 22 Rotarians have donated at this point and the goal is for 100% participation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Liz Vogel has the tables and prizes all set for Euchre Night.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Carmen Szurpicki, Senior Manager, Individual Philanthropy for the Children's Center. The Center, located in Midtown Detroit, is celebrating its 90th anniversary. Its mission is to help children and families shape their own futures with a purpose to improve the lives of children and

families which, in turn, will strengthen communities. It offers annual support to 7,500 children, many who have behavioral or educational issues in addition to having suffered severe trauma.

It offers 20 programs/services which are broken down into four categories: (1) Healthy Start – addresses autism, parent-child interactions, and pregnant moms; (2) Healing the Hurt – offers clinical, medical, and crisis care; (3) A Safe Home – provides foster care and adoption services and a young adult (16-21) self-sufficiency program; (4) Bridging the Gap – offers a boutique with clothing and household items, homework help, a center for family literacy, and an activity room for all sorts of gatherings.

The Center's \$26.5 million budget is raised through Medicaid, State money, and private donations. To learn more, please go to www.thechildrenscenter.com.

FLOWER RAFFLE

A pot of \$622 with \$311 going to the winner. Peter Stroh, a first-time winning ticket holder, was not able to find the joker. Thank you to Charvat the Florist for the beautiful arrangement.

CALENDAR

Nov 06: Randall Tellerico – CMO, Urban Science

Nov 13: Scott Matthews – Vocational Talk

Nov 20: Madeline Bialecki – Gilda's Club Detroit