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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Diane Strickler

Invocation: Richard Yeager-Stiver

GUESTS

Don Smolenski, father of our speaker.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Charlie Davis, Detroit.

BIRTHDAYS

Dick Dunlap (10/1), Phil Mackethan (10/1), and Chuck Gabel (10/5).

ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Yeager-Stiver, 6 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Tom Youngblood

-- Good to see Ron Vitale, who has been taking advantage of a Rotary staple, making up meetings with other Clubs.

-- Tom emphasized the fellowship benefits that come from attending the monthly Supper Club dinners and the upcoming Progressive Dinner.

- Neil Sroka has double duty this evening, attending Rotary and taking care of his infant daughter as Christine is out of town.

-- Ted Everingham and Liz Vogel recently attended an Albion College Alumni Association function at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

-- Our exchange student, Simon, was able to experience the pomp and circumstance surrounding a high school homecoming at GP South.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Kim Towar checked in on Mark and Gail Zmyslowski as Gail recuperates from cancer surgery and reported that their spirits are good. Please keep both in your thoughts and prayers.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SERVICE PROJECTS

-- Detroit Heroes: Paul Rentenbach reported that the monument and flagpole at Sassar Park were renovated and club members spruced up the area around the structure before the September 30th flag raising ceremony.

-- Lee Johnson thanked the Rotarians who helped load 6,000 books onto a Goodwill truck for distribution this past Saturday.

-- Judy Masserang is still in need of 3 volunteers to distribute pamphlets to local merchants for Operation Warm. Please contact her to help make this project as successful as possible.

-- Operation Warm: an order for 800 coats will be arriving this week. Please contact Paul Rentenbach if you are able to help unload them off of the delivery truck.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Euchre Night is starting back up on October 25th. Contact Liz Vogel to reserve a spot.

-- Simon has an exchange student trip to Cedar Point this Saturday. A volunteer is needed to pick him up at a Bob Evans meeting point near Metro Airport that evening. Contact Bill Scott if able to help out.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Laurie Smolenski, Rotary Peace Fellow

Laurie (whose Rotary resume is pretty amazing) spoke about her work with a think tank, the Institute of Economics & Peace and on a project in Mexico with the MacArthur Foundation.

The IEP conducts a statistical analysis of peace at the global and national level which resulted in the Global Peace Index. Laurie is a GPI Ambassador, whose role is to share the findings with the Rotary network. The four key areas of research are Measuring Peace, Positive Peace, Economics of Peace, and Understanding Risk. As Laurie said, to take a deep dive, please visit www.economicsandpeace.org.

In Mexico, Laurie researched the 2014 disappearance of 43 students from a rural teachers' college. Pressure from civil society about the lack of justice led to an international panel of scientists being called in to investigate. Its findings were very critical of the corruption within the Mexican government and the government's attempt to close the case immediately. Although the boys still have not been found, the power of civil discourse and the scientific investigations shows the benefits of waging peace through interdisciplinary means.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$2,236 in the pot with \$1,118 going to the winner. The long wait is over as Lee Johnson was able to pick the joker. Congratulations! Thank you to Charvat the Florist for the beautiful flower arrangement.

CALENDAR

Oct 11: Jessica Keyser, Grosse Pointe Public Libraries

Nov 01: Club Assembly – Farms Pier