

**OPENING**

Time: 6:00 PM  
 Pledge of Allegiance: President Bob  
 Invocation: Susan Mozena

**GUESTS**

Heather Eckner, next week's speaker.

**VISITING ROTARIANS**

None.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Bill Roche (10/7), Gary Marowske (10/8), Bob Lucas (10/9), and Ted Coutilish (10/10).

**ANNIVERSARIES**

None.

**ROVING REPORTER**

John Mozena  
 – The Helm's Virtual Gala takes place at 7:00 PM on October 8<sup>th</sup>. To register and bid online, go to [www.helmlife.org](http://www.helmlife.org) to access the Gala website. Great items to bid on in support of a great organization!  
 -- Many Rotarians, including Jessica Keyser, of course, attended the GP Central Library's Plaza ribbon cutting on 10/2. Even if the library is closed, its wifi can be accessed on the patio.  
 -- Ted Everingham will have a role in WJR's War of the Worlds to be broadcast on October 28<sup>th</sup>.  
 -- Roger and Jean Hull returned from an 8-day roadtrip to Nebraska with a stop to visit family (and golf) in Illinois.  
 -- Rotarians should be proud of our organization as it was the 9<sup>th</sup> largest donor of humanitarian aid in 2018-19. More than many countries.

**SUNSHINE NEWS**

-- Bill Rice was recently hospitalized for pneumonia and is

now receiving care at home. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

-- George McMullen is recovering from surgery to alleviate pain he has been experiencing. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers, also.  
 -- Gary Niehaus is doing well in his second week of rehab following knee surgery.

**OIL CAN** -- Postponed.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

-- Thank you to the 9 Rotarians who volunteered at Life Remodeled today, doing strenuous work clearing away brush and picking up trash in a Detroit neighborhood.  
 -- The Moross Greenway clean-up takes place from 9:00 – 12:00 on October 10. There will be bulb planting and trash removal so wear your gardening clothes and bring shovels.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- Club Directories are still available at the Blue Book/Towar office. Make sure to pick up a copy (to remove this item from our announcements ☺)  
 -- If you're looking for the full Rotary experience, attend the District Conference at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel from May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. You can register at [www.district6400.org](http://www.district6400.org). First-time attendees receive a \$150 discount.  
 -- World Polio Day is October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Club is asking for donations of \$50 (a portion of what you have saved with no meeting fees) but any amount is accepted. Donations can be made on the Club's website.

**TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Michele Hodges, President of the Belle Isle Conservancy and Richard

Thomas, a member of the Garden Club of Michigan.

Belle Isle consists of 982 acres. broken down into three zones: (1) Formal, which includes the fountain and Aguarium; (2) Natural, which is made up of forest, meadows, and wildlife; and (3) Active, which includes the playground and beach. Its historic pedigree includes being used by the underground railroad on the way to Canada, having a speakeasy in the Aquarium during Prohibition, and this year's Covid picture memorial.

The island has a \$300 million capital need and faces constant challenges, including the pandemic, the 4 million visitors, and flooding. Ms. Hodges tries to operate the Conservancy using the 4-Way Test.

Planting of the Oudolf Garden Detroit began four weeks (after delays due to flooding). The designer, Peter Oudolf, is a world renowned landscape designer who took on the project after a "love letter" from the Garden Club.

The 2.5 acre garden has a main area, a rain area, and wetlands. It's made up of 15 beds, consisting of 26,000 plants. The idea is for the garden to be beautiful in every season and for it to invoke an emotional response.

To learn more about the garden, go to [www.oudolfgardendetroit.org](http://www.oudolfgardendetroit.org)

**CALENDAR**

Oct 07: Heather Eckner – Autism Alliance of Michigan