

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation: David Eardley

GUESTS

None.

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Brooks, North Naples.

BIRTHDAYS

None.

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

Tom Youngblood
-- Kim Towar and Dave Colton travelled up north to take part in the (9-mile) Mackinac Bridge walk on Labor Day. They stopped to see Steve and Sharon McMillan on the way and report that they are doing great.
-- There was a nice turnout for the recruitment and retention committee's passing out of donuts and cider at the Tot Lot this past Saturday.
-- The GP Library annex in The Hill has closed as the Central Branch is in the process of being reopened. Fingers crossed that it will be by the end of the month.

OIL CAN

Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Jackie Dale
-- A get well card was passed around for Florence Seltzer who Jackie says has a lot of spunk as she battles her health issues.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Forgotten Harvest volunteer opportunity from 1:00pm – 4:00pm on 9/16. If interested, please contact Paul Rentenbach.
-- Life Remodeled Six Day Project. Our Club's day will be 10/4 from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Volunteers are needed! To sign up, copy and paste www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0548AFA72EAAFF2-life2#/.
-- Moross Greenway clean-up from 9:00am to Noon on 10/7. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Any questions, please contact Bob Lucas.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

-- Jackie Dale was presented with her Paul Harris +2 pin. Donations like this help support Rotary's boots on the ground at the many natural disaster areas around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The Lunch Bunch meets every Friday at noon at Almas in GP Park. RSVP to Mike Carmody.
-- Upcoming Family Center Narcan Opioid Overdose Training dates: 9/14, 8:30am -- 9:30am at the Neighborhood Club
10/10, 7:00pm – 8:00pm at WCCCD -19305 Vernier. Register at www.familycenterweb.org.
-- J. McLaughlin in the Village is hosting a "Sip & Shop" on 10/25, where 15% of the purchases between 2:00pm & 6:00pm will go to Rotary's fight against Polio.
-- The annual McNeill Raffle will take place on 11/15. Ticket packets will be available soon.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Maria Miller, CEO of the War Memorial. Ms. Miller is very excited about the recent renovations at the War

Memorial, with the ballroom capacity at 300-350, and opening it all up will accommodate up to 600. Over 100 wedding receptions have taken place there this year.

Contrary to popular belief, they are not flush with cash and are trying to grow the endowment. There are many capital needs as the 113-year-old home has water problems and an aging roof. To raise funds, there are many historic preservation and veteran focused grant requests outstanding.

Ms. Miller is invested in making sure the building's rich history is shared with the community, especially as it pertains to veterans. In addition to Memorial Day and Veterans Day events, there is an existing veterans club, and they collaborate with other veterans' groups to provide support.

The War Memorial offers 100 unique classes, 70 events, and has 40 partnership collaborations. Ms. Miller is looking at legacy and historic events to see if any, such as Lawn Games Day, Battle of the Bands, or Summerfest should be brought back. To find out all that it offers, go to www.warmemorial.org.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$89 in the pot. Doris Neal-Van Tiem bought the winning ticket but was unable to find the joker.

CALENDAR

Sep 20: Amanda York – Mason Elementary Inclusive Playground

Sep 27: Michelle Hodges – Belle Isle Conservancy