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# **OPENING**

Time: 6:00

Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation: Susan Mozena

## **GUESTS**

None.

# VISITING ROTARIANS

Dennis Hyduk, GP Sunrise

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Bob Bury (9/22) and Amanda DeVeaux (9/23).

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

None.

# **ROVING REPORTER**

Neil Sroka

- -- Former Rotarian Rebecca Fannon is very proud of her son, Gregory (a Sladen Scholarship recipient) who recently passed a test on his path to an electrician fellowship.
- -- Kudos to the 7 Rotarians who volunteered packing onion rings at Forgotten Harvest this past Saturday.
- -- Congratulations to Heather Mayernik's daughter, Caitlin, who had a fashion show during Fashion Week at the Guggenheim Museum and was a production assistant on a recent Matt Damon movie.
- -- Per Susan Mozena, John is having a great time on a rock & roll trip to the southern states.

## **OIL CAN**

Postponed

#### SUNSHINE NEWS

- -- Please keep Dio Rockers in your thoughts and prayers as he battles some health issues while recovering from back surgery.
- -- Sad to report that former Grosse Pointe Rotarian Bill Huntington

died in an accident on 9/14. His funeral will be on 10/12 at St. Paul Church.

# **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- -- GP Sunrise's 45<sup>th</sup> Grosse Pointe Run is looking for volunteers this Saturday, 9/21. They are needed to hand out water and marshal/guide traffic. 7:30am check-in time. Please contact President Neil with any questions.
- -- Life Remodeled Clean-up. Volunteers are needed from Noon to 4:00pm on 9/25. This link to register is in Judy's email.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20 F0548AFA72EAAFF2-50612961life#/

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- -- A Club information table, with refreshments, will be set up at the Tot Lot from 9:00am 11:0am on 9/28. All are welcome to help promote our Club.
- -- Lunch Bunch: Noon on Friday at Alma Kitchen.
- -- Progressive Dinner on 11/23. Mark your calendars.
- -- The McNeill Raffle is scheduled to take place on 12/13 with tickets distributed by the end of October.
- -- No meeting next week. Fellowship dinner at Whiskey Six at 5:30pm. The next meeting on 10/2 will be our District Governor, Nick Krayacich

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Krita Siddall, Executive Director of The Helm

Seniors Onward for Change was formed in 1978, then was renamed Services for Older Citizens, eventually becoming The Helm in 2019. Some of the services it provides include Meals on Wheels, tax preparation, medical escort

service, Medicare assistance, and medical equipment lending. Some of their programs include ping pong, ballroom dancing, and many different types of fitness classes. They benefit the 23% of Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods residents that are age 65 and over.

In 2023, 26,000 meals were delivered, over 16,000 transportation services to medical appointments and grocery shopping took place, and 1,900 pieces of medical equipment were provided. This was all accomplished by 350 active volunteers, providing a value to the community of \$326,000.

To help expand the services available, including the start of adult daycare, there is a senior services millage on the ballot for the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. As the only 501(c)3 in the area for seniors that would use the funds if the millage passes, this would double The Helm's current \$1.3 million budget.

#### FLOWER RAFFLE

\$36 in the new pot. Eva Habib purchased the winning ticket but was not able to pick the joker.

# CALENDAR

Sep 25: No meeting. Whiskey Six Fellowship Dinner

Oct 02: District 6400 Governor Nick Krayacich

Oct 09: Molly Mitchell – Downtown Boxing Gym