

OPENING

Time: 6:00

Pledge of Allegiance

GUESTS

Patrick Gleason. Beth Newhart, guest of Lee Johnson. Karen Feldman, guest of Ron Feldman.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

BIRTHDAYS

Bryce Thomas (9/3) and Steve Cornillie (9/8).

ANNIVERSARIES

None.

ROVING REPORTER

John Mozena

-- John praised Lisa Gandelot for epitomizing service above self, both within the Club (foundation chair, fundraising committee, among others) and outside the Club (on The Helm board and co-chair of the GP Library Books & Bubbles event).

-- John was surprised, and pleased, to see an article in the Rotary Magazine on a Macon, Ga Club where one of Otis Redding's relatives is in a member and doing work with the singer's legacy. It ties in nicely with John's Rock and Roll tour that he talked to our Club about.

-- Liz Vogel's work at DTE helped the Lake Orion FD rescue a kitten stuck in a DTE pipe. Of course, the power to a few businesses had to lose power to allow this to happen.

-- Kim Towar received a very welcomed surprise "hi" email from Clara Ellsinger, a 2003-04 Rotary exchange student from Sweden, along with a picture of her family.

OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers:

-- Bill and Jackie Scott as Jackie needs constant care to manage her dementia. Bill misses our meetings and appreciates those to reach out to him.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- 9/12. Food Collection for The Second Mile Center from 10:00am to 11:00am at GP Memorial Church.

-- 9/19. GP Sunrise Rotary Run. 7:30am to 10:30am. Volunteers are needed to marshal and help register the runners. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Contact Heather Mayernik with any questions.

-- Our Club's Life Remodeled neighborhood clean-up will take place on 9/30. Details to follow.

EXCHANGE STUDENT NEWS

-- Carlotta, our exchange student from Italy arrived yesterday. (Note, she prefers to go by Lola). Please make her feel welcomed as she starts her school year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The District Governor's golf outing takes place on 9/11. If interested in playing, please contact President Dave.

-- District Conference. 5/6/27 to 5/9/27 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. To register, go to www.rotary6400.org.

-- No Lunch Bunch at Alma Kitchen this week.

-- If interested in purchasing a Rotary polo shirt, please contact Doug Horst.

-- District 6400 has put together a Peace Walk on the Gordie Howe Bridge on 9/26. Please see the attached flyer for information.

-- Bar donations (bottles or cash) are needed to replenish the stock used at the progressive dinner as well as Club assemblies

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Connie Boris, Executive Director of the Wayne County Conservation District (WCCD).

The WCCD is a nonprofit whose duties include the protection of public lands. Ms. Boris's current project is the raising of funds to purchase the Sibley Prairie, a 440-acre rare lakeplain prairie just 15 minutes from Detroit, in Brownstown Township. The prairie is a mix of prairie, wetlands, and forest and is the home to over 200 native plant species, some of which are protected, as well as threatened wildlife.

A coalition has been formed to try to raise \$6 million by the end of 2026 to purchase the land (\$2 million to go). Otherwise, it goes up for auction to possibly be sold to developers. To learn more, please visit. www.savesibleypairie.org

MEETING RAFFLE

\$163 in the pot. Liz Vogel purchased the winning ticket but did not pick the joker so the pot grows.

CALENDAR

Sep 9: No meeting

Sep 16: DG Kim Spirou – District Governor Official Visit