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OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM – Judy Masserang presiding Pledge of Allegiance Invocation: Diane Strickler

GUESTS

Ryan Berns

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Brooks, North Naples.

BIRTHDAYS

Bob Bury (9/22). Carla (our server) will be celebrating her 60^{th} on 9/23.

ANNIVERSARIES

Doris Neal-Van Tiem, 5 years. Vince Van Tiem, 5 years. Heather Mayernik, 5 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Vince Van Tiem

-- Roger Hull, Ron Vitale, Dio Rockers, and Dave Colton enjoyed playing in the District Governor's Golf Outing on Monday at a challenging Grosse Ile Country Club.

-- David Eardley, Doug Horst, and Neil Sroka participated in the GP Sunrise's Grosse Pointe Run in very nice weather this past Saturday. -- Diane and Ron Strickler enjoyed attending a couple of plays (Gypsy and The Apple Cart) at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-On-The Lake. -- John and Carrie Maliszewski have sold their condo in Colorado and are set to move back to the GP/SCS area.

OIL CAN

Postponed.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Jackie Dale -- No news.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Six people packed 8,000 lbs. of food at Forgotten Harvest this past Saturday. Great job! -- Life Remodeled Six Day Project. Our Club's day will be 10/4 from 11:00am to 5:00pm at 9740 McKinney (10 minutes away). To sign up, copy and

paste <u>www.signupgenius.com/go/2</u> 0F0548AFA72EAAFF2-life2#/.

Volunteers are needed! -- 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 or Diane Strickler

-- The Family Center is promoting a bike donation day on 9/30 at Home Depot locations for a local organization. Contact Diane Strickler for more details.

MCNEILL RAFFLE

-- The drawings will take place on 11/15. Ticket packets were handed out at the meeting and will be brought to future meetings. They are also available for pick up (9/21 & 9/22) on the porch at 217 McMillan in GPF. Contact Mark Brooks with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lunch Bunch meets every
Friday at noon at Almas in GP Park.
RSVP to Mike Carmody.
Michelle Hodges will talk about the Belle Isle Conservancy at the
9/27 meeting. This is a "Pick 6" meeting, so send out email invites to those you think would enjoy and/or possibly want to become members. Wording you can use is in Judy's Monday email.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Amanda York – Mason Elementary inclusive playground

Ms. York was joined by Katrina Bennett, the Mason PTO president. Mason Elementary's playground is the oldest in the District and is at the point where parts to fix the equipment are no longer available. The playground is used year-round, and the community is in need of a wheelchair accessible location. A wheelchair sidewalk is very expensive so the design is still being determined and will be finalized based on the funds raised.

The school district does not provide funding for playgrounds, so it is left to the school's PTO. Through many fundraisers and some generous donations, they are \$12,000 from the base \$250,000 needed. Installation is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2024. The ultimate goal is to raise \$300,000 to include some much-needed shade structures.

To donate, please visit their website <u>www.masonplayground.com</u>.

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$112 in the pot. Diane Strickler bought the winning ticket but was unable to find the joker. Other items raffled were a Rotary lunch/tote bag (Dino Valente) and a War Memorial pewabic tile (Doris Neal-Van Tiem).

CALENDAR

Sep 27: Michelle Hodges – Belle Isle Conservancy

Oct 04: Judy Florian – League of Women Voters

Oct 11: Fellowship Event – Whiskey Six