

OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Steve Brownell

GUESTS

Renee Miller. Valerie St. John.

Matt Bejin, Beyond Basics HR Director

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Brooks, North Naples.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

President Mark confessed that he forgot to look up who was celebrating this week but will make it up next week. An impromptu raising of hands showed that Lee Johnson and Carla (our server) are celebrating birthdays this week.

ROVING REPORTER

Tom Youngblood

-- Tom welcomed Ted Hadgis, who has not been able to attend a meeting in a while.

-- Ted Everingham, after 35 years, is retiring from judging sailboat races.

-- Julie Baumer is an apprentice director for Grosse Pointe Theatre's Youth on Stage, which will be performing *Seussical, Jr.* at Parcels Middle School from 11/11-11/13.

Tickets can be purchased at

<https://gpt.org/seuss>.

-- Susan Mozena will soon be spending two weeks in France.

Jerome, a Rotary exchange student who John and Susan hosted, will be picking her up at the airport.

-- Congratulations to Steve McMillan's wife, Sharon, who is celebrating 25 years with Towar Productions.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Steve McMillan

-- No news

OIL CAN

Jackie Dale passed it to Steve Cornillie who, as a newer member of the Club, has been an active volunteer at service projects and is co-chairing a committee.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Life Remodeled volunteer clean-up day from Noon to 4:00pm on 10/5. You can register at www.liferemodeled.org. Ted Everingham will be sending out a reminder email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- There will be a Club Forum at the Farms Pier at 5:30pm on 9/28 instead of a meeting. Mark Cory emailed a survey/RSVP form so please confirm your attendance by 9/26. Volunteers are also needed to set up and clean up.

-- McNeill Raffle. The 10/26 drawing date will be on us before you know it so be sure to sell your tickets. Any questions, please contact Mark Brooks.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Pamela Good -- Beyond Basics Co-Founder and CEO

Incorporated in 2002, Beyond Basics is a nonprofit working to eradicate illiteracy, which it views as America's largest and most solvable disability. It addresses the Literacy Gap, which includes any student reading more than one grade level behind. This is a huge issue, with 85% of the 43,000 Detroit Public Schools students falling into this gap. It may be surprising, but

the percentage in the GP Public Schools is 31%. A child who struggles to read becomes an adult who struggles to succeed.

Beyond Basic's solution is to provide intensive one on one hour long, daily, tutoring that delivers results: seeing students achieve grade-level movement in an average of six weeks. This is done through four different programs. They offer 14-week *Readiness* for those two or more grade levels behind, 10-week *Read to Rise* for those at least one grade behind, 4-week *Scholars* for those less than one grade level behind, and *Scholars Plus* to assist with college and career readiness. Beyond Basics has a staff of just under 160, which includes paid tutors, and have impacted 90,000 students since incorporating.

To learn more, please visit www.beyondbasics.org or watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mchLd3UmqDU>

FLOWER RAFFLE

-- One of our guests, Valerie St. John, purchased the winning ticket but couldn't pick the joker. The \$313 in the pot rolls over to the next meeting.

CALENDAR

Sep 28: Club Forum – Farms Pier

Oct 05: District Governor Traci Sincock -- Governor Report

Oct 12: Steve Kiefer, Chairman of the Kiefer Foundation (mission to end distracted driving)

Oct 19: Rebecca Fannon – Vocational Talk