

# ROTARpinte

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## OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Murray Davis

Invocation: Diane Strickler

## GUESTS

None.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

Margaret Williamson, AG, Detroit.

## BIRTHDAYS

Lee Johnson (9/27) and Michelle Roberts (9/30).

## ANNIVERSARIES

Judy Masserang, 1 year.

## ROVING REPORTER

Postponed.

## OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Mark Zmyslowski's wife, Gail, underwent cancer surgery at U of M Hospital and will be there for 10 days. Please keep both in your thoughts and prayers.

## SERVICE PROJECTS

-- Detroit Heroes: there will be a work session (planting and cleaning up around the monument) at Sasser Park Friday morning and a dedication ceremony at 2:00 PM on Saturday, 9/30. Please contact Jeremy Henner or Paul Rentenbach for more details or if you are able to help.

-- Book Drive: 2:00 PM on 9/30 at the Ewald Library. Help transport unsold books from their book sale to a charity truck. It shouldn't take more than an hour.

-- Judy Masserang is coordinating the Operation Warm pamphlet distribution to local merchants on Mack Ave and there are still a few slots available. Please contact her to help get the word out.

-- Operation Warm: an order for 800 coats was placed with the NE Guidance Center purchasing them for \$13,000. Paul Rentenbach hopes to purchase a total of 4,000 coats this year.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Calendar reminders: 11/1 Club Assembly at the Farms Pier (no meeting). 11/4 Progressive Dinner (invites going out this week). 12/14 Club Christmas Party at the Ardmore Café.

-- President John put in a plug for the Supper Club, which happens the third Thursday of each month, as a great fellowship event. He highly recommends making it part of your monthly routine.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Rick Caron, District Governor.

DG Rick is a member, and past president, of Windsor 1918, has lead a group study exchange team to Hungary, and has gone on four international projects to Tanzania (which our Club financially supported in the past).

Mr. Caron struggles to answer the question "What is Rotary?" He believes that Rotary is so many things that the answer is based on who is asking the question. Is it the largest provider of scholarships in the world? Yes. Is it the leader in trying to eliminate polio? Yes.

It is both of those and more but he believes its strength is the power of the Rotary network. The RI Foundation's commitment to raise \$150 million in 3 years led to matching commitments totaling \$1.2 billion. On a more personal level, through the commitment of members of his Club, he knows of an individual in Afghanistan who was losing her sight and was able to travel to India to have a surgery to correct her condition. Also, his daughter, purchased land in Tanzania for the purpose of building a learning center. Through DG Rick's Rotary connections, there is now \$30,000 in the bank to help make this building a reality.

To help honor DG Rick's year and learn about all of the great things Rotary does at the local and international level, make your reservation for District Conference at the Grand Hotel from 5/3 to 5/6. [www.rotary6400.Org](http://www.rotary6400.Org).

## FLOWER RAFFLE

\$2,130 in the pot with \$1,065 going to the winner. Lisa Gandelot couldn't find the joker and only 4 cards remain. Thank you to Charvat the Florist for the beautiful flower arrangement.

## CALENDAR

Oct 04: Laurie Smolenski, Rotary Peace Fellow

Oct 11: Jessica Keyser, Grosse Pointe Public Library