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OPENING

Time: 6:00 Pledge of Allegiance Invocation: Judy Masseang

GUESTS

Jack Donnely (Roger Hull), Beverly Curtiss (Cissie Cappola), Tim Edawards and Jeff VerBeek (Mark Cory), Mike Fuller (Eva Habib), Amanda Deveaux (Steve Cornillie), and Diane Simmons.

VISITING ROTARIANS

John Brooks, North Naples.

BIRTHDAYS

Lee Johnson (9/27) and Phil MacKethan (10/1).

ANNIVERSARIES

Judy Masserang, 7 years. Jon Gandeot, 36 years.

ROVING REPORTER

Phil MacKethan Congratulations go out to the following: -- Diane and Ron Strickler, who are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary! -- Suzanne Klein. The library at GP North is now the Suzanne Klein Library, in honor of her work in the district, from teacher to superintendent! -- Liz Vogel, who, through a

strenuous interview process, will be taking over as City Manager for Traverse City as of January 2!

OIL CAN

Ted Everingham passed it to Suzanne Klein for all of her work for the Club but, also, for having the GP North library being named after her, in honor of her work for the district from 1970 to 2011.

SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Neil Sroka's father-in-law, John Jacobs, passed away on 9/22.
-- Florence Seltzer continues to stay strong in her battle with breathing issues.

-- Bob Lucas had a new pacemaker installed last week and is doing well.

-- John Mozena is in the hospital with blood clots in his lungs. They believe they can be treated medicinally (no surgery), and he is in good spirits and is to be discharged on 9/28.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- Life Remodeled Six Day Project. 10/4 from 11:00am to 5:00pm (if not earlier) at 9740 McKinney (10 minutes away). We are at the home stretch to register. Copy and paste www.signupgenius.com/go/2 0F0548AFA72EAAFF2-life2#/.

-- Moross Greenway clean-up from 9:00am to Noon on 10/7. Meet at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Any questions, please contact Diane Strickler.

-- The Family Center is accepting bike donations for a non-profit from 9:00am – 2:00pm on 9/30 at St Paul Lutheran Church (375 Lothrop, GPF).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The Lunch Bunch meets every Friday at noon at Almas in GP Park. RSVP to Mike Carmody. -- The 10/4 speaker is Judy Florian with the League of Women Voters who will talk about "knowing the new voters' rights". The MaNaill Boffle peakets are

-- The McNeill Raffle packets are being handed out for the 11/15. drawings. If you have not received yours, please contact Mark Brooks or it can be picked up at an upcoming meeting.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Michelle Hodges, President & CEO of the Belle Isle Conservancy

The Belle Isle Conservancy's mission is to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance the natural environment, historic structures, and unique character of Belle Isle as a public park for the enjoyment of all – now and forever. Its focus areas are people, planning, programming, and preservation (and philanthropy). Since its inception in 2012, it has brought in \$16 million.

The park is owned by the City of Detroit with the Michigan DNR currently leasing it for 30 years. The Conservancy partners with both to bring additional resources, which includes the management and operation of the aquarium.

The four pillars of the Conservancy's strategic plan are to be a voice for park users; create valuable programs to enhance the experience; partner with the DNR, the City, and private organizations; and build organizational capacity to support their work. To learn more, www.belleisleconservancy.org

FLOWER RAFFLE

\$135 in the pot. Dave Colton bought the winning ticket but was unable to find the joker.

CALENDAR

Oct 04: Judy Florian – League of Women Voters

Oct 11: Fellowship Event – Whiskey Six