

## OPENING

Time: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: President Bob

Invocation: Richard Yeager-Stiver

## GUESTS

John Mozena and Jack Mozena, son and grandson of John and Susan Mozena.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

None.

## BIRTHDAYS

Dick Dunlap (10/1), Phil

MacKethan (10/1), and Charles

Gabel (10/5).

## ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Yeager-Stiver, 10 years.

## ROVING REPORTER

Susan Mozena

– Congratulations to Diane and Ron Strickler who celebrated their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary this past weekend with their daughter, Lynne, in Saugatuck.

-- Susan confirmed that Gary Niehaus, who has announced his retirement, will continue as superintendent through the 2020-21 school year.

-- Significant “this day in history” moments include the first nuclear submarine being commissioned in 1954, Babe Ruth hitting his 60<sup>th</sup> home run in 1927, and Susan’s parents marriage in 1939.

## SUNSHINE NEWS

-- Gary Niehaus is starting physical therapy following his second knee surgery. He thanked the Club for the flowers sent to him.

-- Keep your thoughts and prayers going for George McMullen as he continues his daily cancer battle.

## OIL CAN

-- Postponed.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

-- All community service projects details can be found on the Club’s website calendar. Thank you, Phil.

– Life Remodeled is taking place from 1:00PM to 5:00PM on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Still a few spots available and there is a link to register on the website.

-- Join George McMullen at the Moross Greenway clean-up from 9:00 – 12:00 on October 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be bulb planting and trash removal so wear your gardening clothes and bring shovels.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Club Directories are still available at the Blue Book/Towar office, 19803 Mack Ave. in GP Woods. Please find some time to pick up your copy(ies).

-- District Conference at Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island from May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. You can register at [www.district6400.org](http://www.district6400.org) and there is a \$150 discount for first time attendees (and for their +1).

--World Polio Day is October 24<sup>th</sup>.

## TODAY’S PROGRAM

Daiana Contini and Felix D’Haenens – former exchange students. Daiana is from Cremona, Italy (home of the violin) and attended GP South for the 2011-2012 school year. She really enjoyed her film class as school in Italy didn’t offer those type of electives. Daiana had two host families and has stayed in touch with one of them, spending Christmas together a few years ago.

Daiana attended university in Bologna, Italy, studying economics.

Thinking she might go to college in the United States, she took the SAT, which she was able to use to get into the Italian university. She has just completed her graduate studies in Copenhagen, Denmark, where she is currently living.

Her time with Rotary has taught her sense of community and to be open minded and open to exploring.

Speaking from his home town, Mons, Belgium, Felix attended GP South in 2012-13, having already graduated high school. His favorite classes were photography and cooking.

Felix is completing his studies in communications and works with group “social animation”, which for us, means motivational. His goals have shifted as he is looking to become an English teacher at the high school or college level. His love of the English language is what his time with Rotary provided him.

Our guests, John and Jack Mozena, spoke of the benefits of hosting an exchange student. John found that both the host families and the student learned a lot about each other, especially with the small cultural differences. What would have been a very young Jack in 2012-13, he bonded with Felix over music and described him as “awesome”.

## CALENDAR

Oct 07: Michel Young Hodges – Oudolf Garden and Belle Isle Update