

The Mirror

Rotary



Club of
Charlotte, MI. USA



June 23, 2020

Greeter: Keisha greeted us at the Temple and Don on Zoom. President Chuck led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Eric Crandall followed up with invocation.



Chuck and Mary June led us in singing today. We started with "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and finished with "This Land is Your Land". There were no birthdays.



Guests: No guests were in attendance today.

Jr Rotarians: Schools out for summer!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hope to start seeing more people in person next week!

PROGRAM: John Newland, with the Environmental Committee, introduced Steve Sharp via zoom. Steve has worked in the hunting and fishing outdoor trade industry for 47 years, mostly in retail and wholesale sporting goods. He's worked for over 25 years with the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) conservation organization.

Steve's current position with the NWTF is a Hunter Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation Coordinator. His role is to promote hunting, fishing, shooting sports, and other outdoor activities. Steve has been responsible for over 600 fundraising banquets generating over 6 million dollars for conservation programs in Michigan.

Steve shared some history of the wild turkey in Michigan. The logging industry in the late 1800's devastated the wild turkey population. By the early 1900's, there were no turkeys in Michigan. Today, thanks to the return of forests and the efforts of conservationists, there are over 200,000 turkeys in Michigan and the state ranks #4 in the nation for harvest. Hunting licenses help pay for the conservation and due to all the extra time people have due to Covid, spring license sales spiked from an average of 86,000 to 105,000.

Thank you, Steve, for a fun program!



Steve Sharp via Zoom

See you all next week, June 30th, 2020 at the Temple and on Zoom!

Next week, President Chuck will be passing down the gavel to Sam.

**Until Next time!
Spartan Dawg!**

