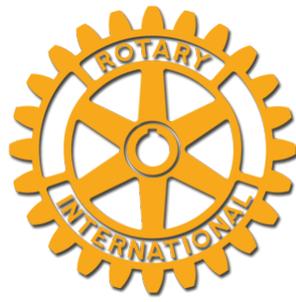


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1/12/21-Jill Cutshaw-Food Bank

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 12, 2021

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=22, Associate Members=2, Guests=2



- Wanda ran the meeting in Kay's absence
- We started with the Pledge of Allegiance and Happy Dollars
- Laska led a discussion on the 4rd question from last week - What will you do to help?
 - Committees started in these areas:
 - Save ways to socialize - Jen + Laska, Brian
 - Safety Committee - Covid Vaccine Aid - Jim & Naomi + Deb, Laska
 - Message Board for town - Earl + Narda
 - MLK Celebration - Jim C & Raj
 - Signs into Williamston - Merlin & Mark + Janet, George, Gene
 - Food Bank - Chris, Bob, Patricia Reilly
 - Needs of the Community - Sharon, Mark
- Jim Conroy has sent an email to all sponsors
 - Nationwide effort on January 19 at 5:30 pm
 - With nearly 500K Covid deaths
 - 5 Minute pause to think of loss
 - Put candle in window for each person you know that has died of Covid
 - Spread the word
 - Raj noted that WUMC will be ringing their bell
 - Will be available to ring bell during 15 minute period
 - Also marking streets with caulk marks

Guest Speaker - **Jill Cutshaw - Williamston Food Bank**

Speakers

January 12, 2021

Jill Cutshaw
Williamston Food
Bank

January 19, 2021

Colin Kummerfeldt
from Apex Wind
Energy
Kalamink Wind and
Wind Energy

January 19, 2021

Kay Goluska
Board Meeting

January 26, 2021

Ed Foster Charlotte
Club, Past District
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Satellite Clubs



- 2020 a unique year
- Generally feed 75 families /month
 - In March went up to 120 families/month
 - Then the government benefits came out and it dropped to 56 families
 - By June it dropped to 44 families
 - What happened? She called families
 - People got more money on their Bridge Cards
 - \$100 additional per child
- Used to be that people could call in and come and pick what they wanted
 - With Covid, had to have drive by pickup - just put in their trunk
- Williamston Food Bank is a satellite of the Greater Lansing Food Bank
 - Which is tied to Feeding America
- They try to give people healthy food
- Requests picked up again in November (91 families) and December (98 families)
- Contributions were great this year
 - Jeff Bezos (Amazon) gave \$3B to Feeding America
 - They could order food and get it free
 - They pay \$.18/pound for food (20 lb. turkey would be \$3.60)
 - She noted that Williamston is a very generous community
 - They received 3 times their monthly donations
 - By May they exceeded all donations for 2019
- Some of the food they got was in large quantities - suggest for restaurants
- WUMC can't have Open Table during pandemic
 - But the help some families still
- Jill also helps some people with rent through some FEMA grants
 - They focus on food, but help the whole situation
- They average 231 people served/month
 - Including 56 seniors
- They try to help people in Williamston Zip code
 - But will not turn anyone down
 - In December, open up to all
 - Had 60 extra people served
- Special help from Bill Summerville
 - He provides turkeys for Thanksgiving
 - Has done for many years
 - Jill also noted Izzy who has had a food drive every year for her birthday since in Kindergarten
- They served 83,370 meals in 2020
- One big challenge for people is that many do not have freezers big enough
- Not taking food donations at this time
 - Too many can goods are expired - too much sorting
- They have a group of 10 people in the building that do the work
 - Also deliver food as needed
 - We could help with deliveries
- What to do with all the extra money that had been donated?

- Her idea was to buy everyone a crock pot
 - Many don't know how to cook if not done in microwave
 - Bought 75 through Meijers
- Have a meal of the month that goes into the crock pot
 - Will probably make that 3x per month
 - Adding recipes too
- Hope they can learn to cook
- Greater Lansing Food Bank thought it was a great idea
- Last week got 125 cases (25 lbs. each) of bacon
 - Had other local food banks meet on Sunday am and distributed it
 - Turned out that it wasn't in 1 pound packages, but loose
 - Had to repackage the bacon for distribution
- Jill has been 22 years with the Food Bank
 - She had a recent Zoom meeting with Debbie Stabenow & Elisa Slotkin
 - Big issues was with trucking
- On MLK Day, Jan. 18, will have a food drive form 9-12 and 4-7pm
 - Looking for 8 different items
 - Soup, crackers, snacks, ♦
 - Best if comes right from the store
 - List will be sent out separately
- Trying to make sure no one goes hungry
 - Food is available
- Some seasonal workers are hurting
 - Transient people also
- St Martha's helps people find housing
- She would like to see a network of churches
 - Each take an item to provide when needed
- We concluded with the 4Way Test (+!)

January Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, December 30, 2020
 Wishes for a Happy Birthday in **January** go out to:

Merlin Hopkins January 15

Wanda Bloomquist January 25

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 5, 2021
"Simplicity will help us cope with complexity and confusion."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

HOW DO COURT RECORDERS KEEP STRAIGHT FACES???? (part 2)

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor , how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral...

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?

And last:

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No..

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.