

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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Brian Tort
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6/22/21-Gabe & Jess Modert

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, June 22, 2021

General Discussion:

- Attendance: 15, Associate Members=1, Guests=2



- President Elect Wanda started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance in Kay absence
 - Earl gave a note of Thanks

Guest speakers today were **Gabe & Jess Modert** - new owners of the Williamston Laundromat



Speakers

June 22, 2021

[Jess & Gabe Modert](#)
Williamston Laundry

June 29, 2021

[Kay Goluska](#)

June 29, 2021

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Officer Exchange at
Williamston Wellness

July 06, 2021

[Mikayla Temple &
Chris Lewis](#)
from Fox47News

- Gabe told of their choice to buy the Laundromat last year
 - His other business was in a slump with the pandemic going on
 - Saw the Laundromat for sale and thought of making it into offices
 - Decided to fix it up and make it a full service laundry
 - If it closed, the closest laundry was either Okemos or Fowlerville
- Many businesses have drive up or drive through convenience
 - They decided to make it a full service laundry with drive up drop off
 - Pick up clothes the next day
 - Saving customers time
- Originally the Laundromat had 2 sizes of washing machines
 - Now have sizes from 20 pound to 50 pound washers
 - Plan to add a 90 pound washer in the future
- They have been open for 6 months
- Gabe's other business is an Industrial Service and Design
 - Machine building special equipment
 - Custom equipment for other businesses including automotive manufacturers
 - Used this success to pay for setting up the Laundromat
- They are trying to make the laundry experience easier
- Sharon noted that she uses the laundry loves the clean facility and work space
 - Brings her laptop there the workspace had many plugs for power
 - They put in more folding space than they thought was needed, but soon found that it was used
- Hours: 8a-8p 7 days/week, last load in by 7 pm
 - Drop off from 10am-6pm Saturday Thursday
 - Hours there cut back - needed some home life with kids
- They track the usage of the machines how much and time of day
 - 90% of the usage was between 10 am and 6 pm
- They took us on a virtual tour of the facility
 - Gabe said that the dryers were the original ones
 - He completely refurbished them with his other business equipment
- They have set aside a few machines for pet and animal blankets, etc.
 - Those get a sanitizing cycle after use
- Unfortunately, the city doesn't give them a break on water use costs
 - Costs are about the same as other Laundromats exc. QDs
 - QDs are old and paid for but not the same service there
- Jim Conroy noted that they are Duck Race sponsors
 - They will be washing the ducks prior to the race
 - Suggested that they do a video of the washing and have the Cub Scouts come and watch
 - Thought could do Jubilee week
 - George said better to do earlier in case they need re-numbering

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- Then we had Happy Dollars
 - Jim said we have \$2000 in Duck Race Sponsors so far
 - And sold over \$1000 in ticket sales
 - Tickets will be available next week at our evening in-person meeting
 - Jim Conroy is looking for help next Sunday at the Farmer's Market
 - Pam Shaheen is helping, but has not experience the Duck Race
 - Merlin volunteered to help Pam
 - Earl mentioned that they will be presenting the Electronic Sign proposal to City Council next Monday
 - Want to get approval and save 5% if purchased by the end of June
 - Earl also noted that the Depot Museum is having a special program Sunday from 2 -4 pm
 - 2 new exhibits:
 - **"From Dry Goods to Men's Ware"** is the title of an exhibit about Barrett's clothing store's history
 - **Williamston Depot's Telegraph Station** is the title of the new permanent exhibit that recreates the railroad/Western Union telegraph station that originally was in the depot
 - Robert Hibbard (92) will be there to demonstrate the telegraph
 - The board meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed till next Tuesday morning at 7:30 am so President Kay can attend
 - Next week's meeting will be at **Williamston Wellness at 5:30 pm**
 - It is located next to Independent Bank on Grand River Ave west side of town
 - We will meet in the back in the garden area
 - Bring a bag chair if you like some folding chairs will be available
 - There is a path on the east side of the building to the back
 - We ended with the 4-Way Test (+!)

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

◆**Tonight, when you lay your head on your pillow, forget how far you still have to go. Look instead at how far you've already come.**◆

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

BOB HOPE IN HEAVEN

*They asked him where he wanted to be buried...
Bob Hope replied: "Surprise me."*

This is a tribute to a man who DID make a difference

ON TURNING 70 - "I still chase women, but only downhill."

ON TURNING 80 - "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."

ON TURNING 90 - "You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."

ON TURNING 100 - " I don't feel old. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER (BOXING) - "I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them."

ON GOLF - "Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees."

ON PRESIDENTS - "I have performed for 12 presidents but entertained only six."

ON WHY HE CHOOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER - "When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, congratulations, you have an eight pound ham."

ON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL - "I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it."

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY - "Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother."

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS - "That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom."

ON HIS EARLY FAILURES - "I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me."

ON GOING TO HEAVEN ♦

"I have done benefits for ALL religions. I would hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality."

June Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Wishes for a **Happy Birthday** in **June** go out to:

Sharon LaPointe June 6

Steve Terry June 16

Jim Conroy June 29

Kimberly Vaughn June 30