

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

Club Leaders



Wanda Bloomquist
President



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President-Elect



Gene Klco
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Webmaster



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President-Nominee



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Treasurer



James Conroy
Club
Director



Elgar Brown
Sergeant-at-Arms



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Rotary
Foundation
Chair



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iPast
President



Brian Tort
Assistant
Governor

Speakers

August 17, 2021
District Governor Rita LaMoreaux

8/17/21-DG Rita LaMoreaux

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, August 17, 2021

General Discussion:

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



- President Wanda started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Merlin said a few words of thanks
- Wanda introduced our Guest Speaker, District Governor, Rita LaMoreaux

Our Annual Visit with
the DG - Please
attend

August 24, 2021
[Diane Worthington](#)
Her Bio

August 24, 2021
[Board Meeting](#)

August 31, 2021
[Wanda Bloomquist](#)
Club updates



- o Rita joined Rotary in 2007 in the Delta/Waverly Club
- o She has held past leadership roles as Assistant Governor, President, Treasurer, Grant Writer, Youth Services Chair and Rotary Leadership Institute Facilitator
- o Rita has an Associate's Degree in Humanities from Lansing Community College, a Bachelor's in Liberal Arts and a Master's in Public Administration with a Nonprofit Concentration from Western Michigan University
- o Rita is the owner of Lacor Consultants, a nonprofit and small business administrative firm. Her expertise is helping nonprofits grow and plan for the future
- Rita said she loves volunteering
 - o She enjoyed checking out our photos of the Duck Race and the Duck washing and sorting
- Rita then showed some PowerPoint slides
 - o She was thrilled with this year's Rotary theme: Serve to Change Lives
 - o She answered some questions she proposed for all of us:
 - How did you get into Rotary?
 - Her father suggested she check out Rotary
 - She attended a Delta/Waverly Club meeting and felt very welcomed
 - Her parents ingrained service in me
 - She is one of 8 kids
 - How has Rotary changed you?
 - It has given her leadership skills she didn't think she would have
 - She has learned more leadership from Rotary than her Master's program
 - How has Rotary changed by Covid?
 - With Zoom access, we have remained active
 - It has shown us our strengths and weaknesses
 - As we get back to normal, we need to think of it as a time to start over
 - Need to do visioning and strategic planning
 - Planning for the next 3-5 years
 - What does Rotary District do for clubs?
 - Support System for clubs
 - Training for Clubs
 - Grants for Clubs
 - Sharing best practices
 - Leadership Development
 - Help with Club Structure and Development
 - Youth Leadership Development
 - Visioning and Strategic Planning Help
 - Dialogue with Rotary International
 - Outcome of District Visioning Session
 - Create a Tool Kit for fundraising Ideas
 - Create a Tool Kit for Marketing (Public Image & Membership)
 - All members in District 6360 give \$100 annually to the Rotary Foundation
 - Promote Cause Driven Clubs
 - Hold Rotary Leadership Institute Sessions
 - Promote Peace Centers, Peace Fellowships
- o RI President Goals for the 2021-2022 Rotary Year
 - Serve to Change Lives - Theme

- Each One, Bring One
 - 2 New clubs for each District
 - 2 New members for each club
 - Focus on Young People and Females
 - Rotary Days of Service
 - District Governor Rita's Goals for the 2021-2022 Rotary Year
 - Back to basics - create a club your members will live
 - Fun, fellowship, friends & service
 - Rita's goals for this year
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
 - Visioning/Strategic Planning for Each Club
 - Starting 2 Interact Clubs and 2 Rotaract Club
 - One Satellite, Passport or E-club
 - Training Schedule for the Year for District and Club Leaders
 - Service Day with Interacts and Rotaracts
 - Club goals ❖ not District goals?
 - Add RI Grants as well as District grants
 - Q/A:
 - Jim C ❖ Can you or someone come to one of our meetings and talk about the Rotary Foundation
 - Yes, She will check on Nathan Triplett
 - Wanda ❖ What is in the Fundraising Tool Kit?
 - Events to do, what you would need, suggestion for the good programs, who to call for questions
- Committee Reports:
 - Signage ❖ Merlin
 - Progress is continuing on getting the sign locations defined on Grand River
 - Need to apply to the county for the sign location on north end
 - May want to have larger signs
 - Need final costs
 - Message Board Sign ❖ Earl
 - Still interest in getting one
 - Cory discovered a sign ordinance written 20 years ago said can only change the sign once/hour
 - Needs to change ❖ all agree
 - But needs to go to the Planning Commission to change
 - Satellite Club
 - First meeting ❖ August 26, at 5:00 at Spags
 - Several members will be there
 - They will meet once a month and pick a service project
 - This next project will be cleaning out a log jam in the river
 - Chris has been sending out Facebook ads about service
 - Tell your friends about the Satellite Club
 - Raffle
 - The application has been sent in for a gaming license
 - Prizes have changed: \$10,000 first, \$5000 second, \$1000 third
 - \$50/ticket
 - Drawing at the Light Parade
 - Sell at the Farmer❖s Market ❖ will sell at Meridian❖s Farmer❖s Market as well
 - Duck Race
 - We have not finalized the money earned by the Cub Scouts and Senior Center
 - About \$950 and \$450 respectively
 - We had 105 prizes and all but 2 have been delivered
 - People were excited to win something
 - Thanks again to Paul Tarr with the Hometown Heroes program
 - Very positive community response
 - Shed redo ❖ Jim C
 - Jim showed some photos of the shed re-organized by Merlin & Marv



- ○
 - It was stuffed full previously
 - Now well organized

- o Concert in the Park ♦ last one - Earl
 - LCB Big Band ♦ this Thursday
 - Check put Earl on Facebook dancing
- o We had time for Happy Dollars today
 - Jim noted that we were back to Haven House again
 - Raj had an emergency at the last minute and Diane took over
 - The lower level at Haven House was under a foot of water when they got there
 - That is where the kitchen and dining area is, but they managed anyway
- o Check out the wildflowers at the township park
 - Go to the top of the sled hill and look at the prairie ♦ beautiful!
- o There was a mannequin in the shed ♦ anyone wants?
 - Rita will take it ♦ her husband can use it for military displays
 - Gene will help get it to her
- o Safety Committee ♦ George
 - Stay with the virtual morning meetings with the increase on Covid
 - Ok to meet outdoors on the last Tuesday evening meeting
 - Michigan has just had over 1000 cases/day lately-up from 100/day
- o Next week ♦s speaker is **Diane Worthington**
- o We concluded with the 4-Way Test (+1)

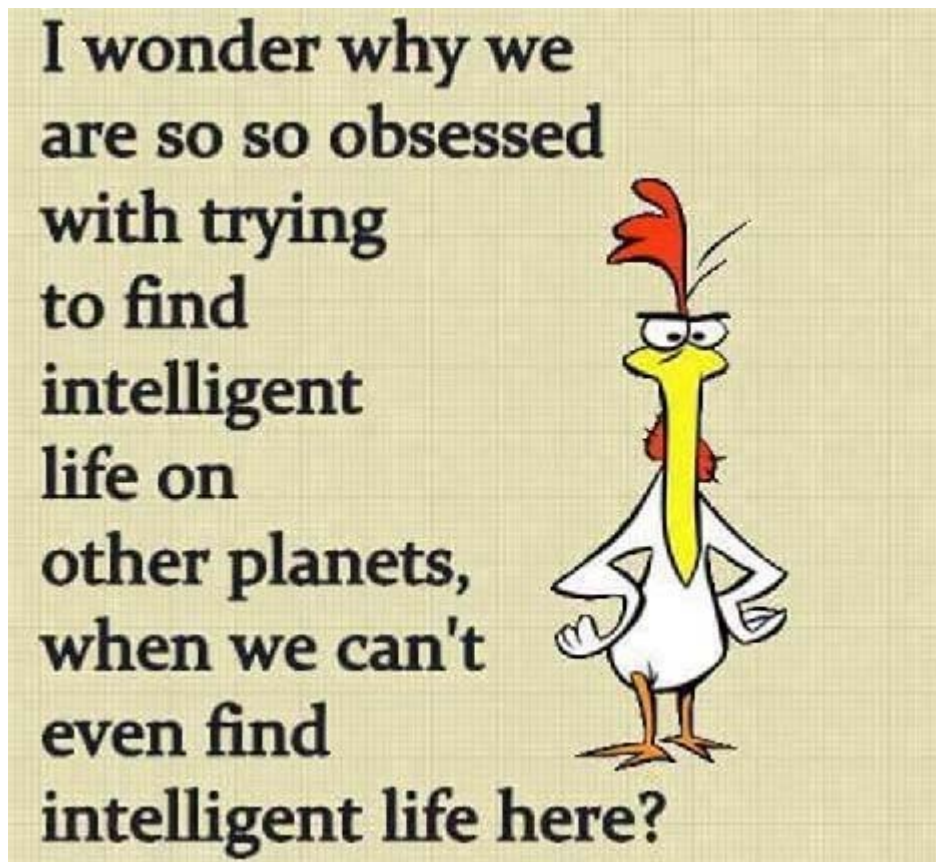
Thought for the Week

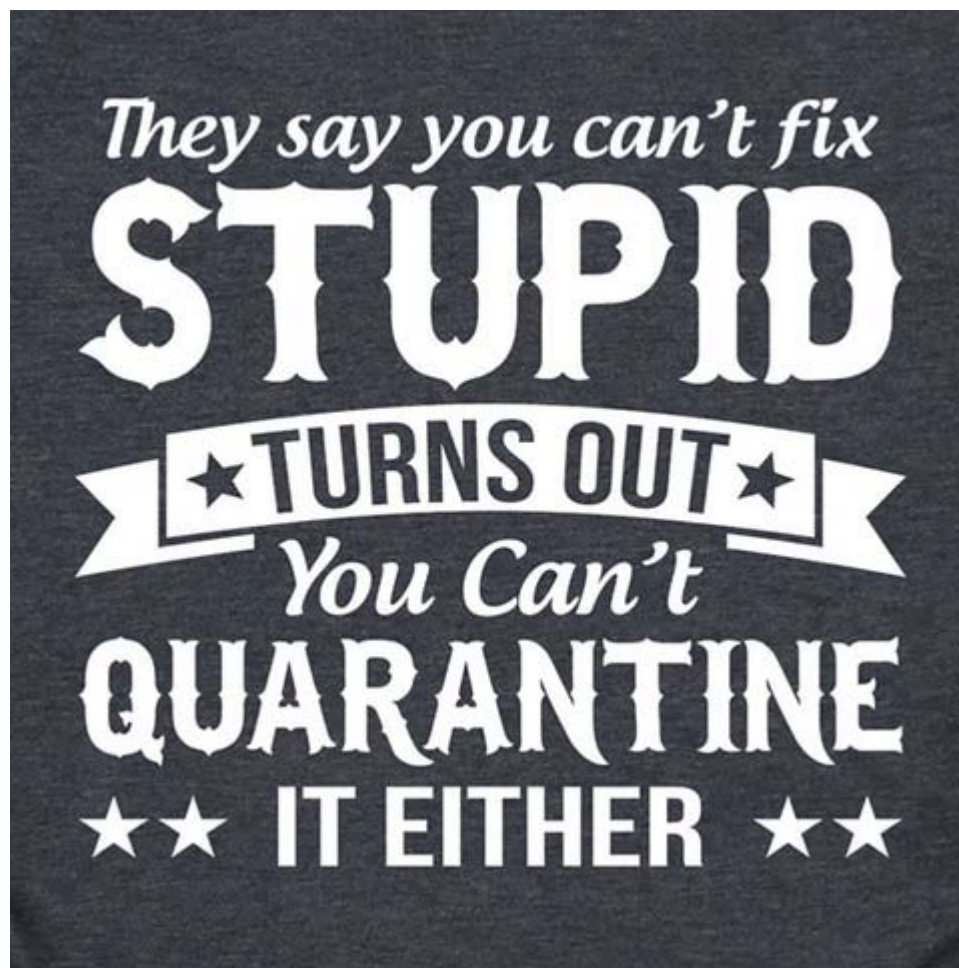
By Gene Klco on Thursday, July 1, 2021

♦Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.♦

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Thursday, July 1, 2021





August Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, August 3, 2021

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

Kay Goluska August 11



Narda Murphy August 22

Diane Worthington August 25

Gene Klco August 26