

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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Speakers

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

8/24/21-Diane Worthington

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, August 24, 2021

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=18, Associate Members=2, Guests=0



- President Wanda started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - President Elect Laska gave a prayer of thanks
- Happy Dollars was next
 - Laska was thankful for a great trip to Glacier National Park
 - It was mentioned to watch the movie **Usual Suspects**
 - Narda's Birthday was on Sunday
 - Paul noted that **Genius is ageless**
 - Lots of notes about the good weather
 - But no one was happy about the mosquitoes

Our own member **Diane Worthington** was our speaker today

August 24, 2021
Board Meeting

August 31, 2021
Wanda Bloomquist
Club updates

September 07,
2021
Ronica Swaynie
Sparrow Volunteering



- She gave her new member bio
- Life is a journey ♦ hers was different than most
- She went to Ferris St for an Associate degree
- Her future husband was in the Air Force
 - Their wedding date changed 4-5 times
 - She graduated on a Friday ♦ got married the next day
 - Sent to Denver to an Air Force base there
- Diane was from a middle class family in Bay City
 - Never outside of Michigan by age 19
- In Denver, CO for 11 months
 - Travelled a lot in the Rockies there
- His orders changed ♦ sent to George AF Base in California
 - Near Apple Valley, CA ♦ small town in the 1960s
 - She worked for a dentist in Apple Valley
 - They lived a ♦ mile from Roy Rogers
 - She would see him in the grocery store
- Her husband Neal had a cousin who worked in the movie industry
 - Got in the Newly Wed Game show in 1967
 - Got involved in ♦Operation Entertainment♦
 - The group went to the Air Force base to do a show
 - Show with Tim Conway & Martha & the Vandellas
 - She recognized one of the entertainers and they got front row seats
 - Had dinner later with Tim Conway & Paul Lynn at Roy Rogers restaurant
 - Later had Farah Faucett come to their door to pick up some papers
 - Very exciting for a young person at the time
 - For her 21st birthday, arrangements were made for Paul Anka to sing Happy Birthday to her
- After his military time was up, they moved back to Bay City with their 2 kids
 - Neal worked for GE and was assigned to work on the Renaissance Center in Detroit
 - After they moved to the Detroit area, she taught vocational education for 13 years
 - She got her Bachelor♦s degree at Madonna College
 - And her Masters from MSU in Education
 - She then taught 7-8 grade science in Livonia for 17 years & love it!
 - In 1983 she was selected as Teacher of the Year
- In 2015 they both retired and moved to Williamston
 - She has volunteered at Sparrow in the pediatric units until Covid hit
- Her husband Neal battled cancer for 12 years before succumbing to it
- Her life has been full of adventure & rewarding

She has wanted to give back ♦ not take

• **Committee Reports:**

- Safety Committee report ♦ George
 - No change in the near future
 - Michigan in July ♦ 74 cases, 1184 cases a couple days ago
 - Hospitalizations & deaths have tripled

- Mostly in counties with less than 1/3 vaccinated
- Masking for K-5 in Williamston Schools
- Laska was at a District virtual meeting
 - Some clubs meeting in person
 - Glad we are following the CDC & Safety Committee
- Raj will be doing a program in September
- September 14th meeting ♦ speaker Ronica Swaynie ♦ Sparrow Volunteer Coordinator
 - Expect need again with Booster shots
 - And full CDC approval of the Pfizer vaccine
- Gene is keeping track of volunteer hours
 - If volunteer at Sparrow, please send him a note as to date/times
- Raffle ♦ Wanda
 - Rockin ♦ Rotary Raffle ♦ named by Narda
 - 1000 tickets max to be sold at \$50 each
 - \$10,000 first prize, \$5000 second prize & \$1000 third prize
 - IF sell all 1000 tickets ♦ will net about \$28,000
 - If sell 600 tickets ♦ will net about \$10,000
 - If sell less than 600 tickets, will revert to a 50/50 raffle
 - No Poker, Taste or Golf Outing
 - This is to replace those
 - Less work by us that Taste & Poker
 - Need buy-in by the membership
 - Discussion:
 - Some concern that we haven't planned this well enough
 - Where is the money going? Who is the main recipient?
 - Farmer's Market is good spot to sell tickets
 - Will close second week of October
 - Can't sell on-line ♦ State of Michigan gaming restriction
 - Can sell to family/friends via email
 - Fact that the prizes are cash, makes it more appealing to larger audience
 - Why switch to 50/50 raffle if under 600 tickets sold
 - Recommended by Lottery Commission
 - They have standard language for this
 - Don't want to delay it till spring ♦ conflict with School Foundation Raffle
 - Odds are 1000/3 for a winner
 - Other Rotary clubs have done a similar raffle and done very well with it
 - Funds can be stipulated to ____, but all money doesn't have to go there
 - Wanda called for a vote ♦ a majority approved
- Satellite Club's first meeting ♦ Thursday, August 26 at 5:30 at Spags
 - Some interest already
 - Chris has 7-8 forms filled out by interested people
- Next week's meeting at Williamstown Township Hall Pavilion at 5:30 pm
 - No speaker scheduled ♦ open discussion
- Earl thanked all for the Concerts in the Park support
 - Next Thursday will be Movie Night about 8-8:30 pm
 - ♦The Greatest Showman♦ will be shown
 - Bring bug spray
- We concluded with the 4-Way Test (+1)

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Thursday, July 1, 2021

♦You can't depend on your judgment when your imagination is out of focus.♦ Mark Twain

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Thursday, July 1, 2021

Very concerning.... The Trouser Moth

First the Bird Flu, then the Swine Flu, Mad Cow Disease, the Asian Hornet, the Ebola Virus, the Coronavirus and now the Trousers Moth.

When are these invasions going to stop?

We need better pest control!







And you thought mosquitoes were bad!

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