

# Rotary



# Club of Williamston Sunrise

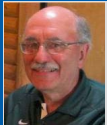
## Club Leaders



Kay Erin Goluska  
President



Wanda Bloomquist  
President - Elect



Gene Klco  
Secretary  
Webmaster



Laska J Creagh  
President - Nominee  
Membership Chair



Steve Terry  
Treasurer



James Conroy  
Club Director



Elgar Brown  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Mark Steinberg  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Narda Murphy  
Youth Services Chair



Brian Tort  
iPast President



Brian Tort  
Assistant Governor

## 09/15/20-Dansville Schools

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, September 15, 2020

### General Discussion:

- Meet via Zoom
- Attendance: Members=19 , Associate Members=2, Guests=2



- Following the Pledge of Allegiance we talked about our Happy Dollars
- District Foundation Raffle - Kay
  - No tickets will be sold this year due to Covid-19
  - We were allocated 22 tickets
  - Kay has a tracking sheet of those members that are willing to buy a ♦ticket♦ for \$25
  - Kay will send out an email asking if you want a ticket or add it to Chat at the Zoom meeting
  - She encouraged all to participate as we received a lot of funding from the District Foundation this year
    - \$2000 for Hot Spots and \$1800 for PPE for the schools
- Interact - Chris
  - Students are still meeting
  - Got approval from WUMC for a Blessing Box on their property
  - Will have a student box building party
    - Chris has to talk to Brian to schedule
  - Question as to a bi-lateral agreement with Rotary Interact and the church
    - Has to be done with church trustees
- Kay noted that some of our members are up for election this fall:
  - Wanda, Janet, Mark and Keith Creagh (Laska♦s husband)
  - Shows our members willingness to help in the community
- Pam Shaheen has sent in her application for membership
  - She wants to start in November as she is very busy now
  - Unanimous agreement by membership for her acceptance
- Membership - Laska
  - Fred wrote a new member statement many years ago
  - Laska would like to read it to us when we bring in a new member
  - Asked if we send the Zoom link to potential members as well as our membership?
    - Will try to do that in the future
    - Also with past members
  - Dennis Gilliland asked to resign due to health reasons
    - Steve thought they are having trouble dealing with the pandemic as well
- Reminder of **Tour De WUMC on Sunday from 1-4 pm**
  - **See what our financial help has done for handicap bathroom, elevator, etc. for Open Table and other organization functions there.**

## Speakers

September 15,  
2020

Tania Dupuis  
Dansville Principal @  
Williamston Township  
Hall

September 22,  
2020

Elizabeth Wheeler -  
MSU Alumni Office  
Coffee with the Profs

September 22,  
2020

Kay Goluska  
Board meeting

September 29,  
2020

Kay Goluska

October 13, 2020

Neil Sheridan -  
Executive Director of  
the Michigan  
Townships Assoc.

The Township  
structure in Michigan  
and the role it plays  
in Michigan's  
governance hierarchy

Guest speakers today are from Dansville schools: **Amy Hodgson & Tania Dupuis**

- Amy is Dansville's Superintendent and Curriculum Director



- They are in their 5<sup>th</sup> week of school with no Covid issues
  - They celebrate that every day
- The staff met all summer to figure it out
- All Dansville school buildings are connected
- They moved the 5<sup>th</sup> grade to the middle school building
- She felt that students are safer at school
  - Many families are working and not at home
  - Some lunch issues
  - They offer both in class and on-line school
  - Hired additional staff to make it work
- They start kids pre-kindergarten - call in **beginergarten**
  - Have school for beginergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade
    - Small class sizes - different recesses and lunch (in classrooms)
    - Keep students together as much as possible
    - Wearing masks - not a problem
      - Kids are grateful to be in school
  - Kids are cooperating - they want this to work
- 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Real challenge
  - More independent - some have AP classes or go to career center
    - How to move in halls without contact?
    - Very difficult to plan
    - Didn't want to lose focus on education
  - Started by going on-line
    - Bring students in school in small groups
      - Teacher brings them in - wear masks
      - Teacher takes them out
    - It's starting to work
- Q&A:
  - How big is Dansville School District?
    - About 750 students
      - 250 in High school, 150 in Middle school
      - 350 in Elementary school
  - Sports?
    - Summer work outs - outdoors
    - Hold all accountable - no Covid cases
    - First soccer game - also cross country
    - Getting ready for football
      - All wear masks
  - How are the parents accepting the hybrid classes?
    - Elementary parents are thrilled
      - One section on-line, 2-3 in class
    - 6<sup>th</sup> grade has small on-line request - hard to manage
      - Teachers can't do both live & on-line
      - Can't afford a on-line teacher for 2-3 students
  - Buses available with 1 student per seat for elementary students
  - Real advantages with a small school

- Internet in rural areas an issue
- Amy introduced **Tania Dupuis** - Principal at the High School



- She noted that Tania has become the leader in Signup Genius and a Zoom master
- Some teachers with health concerns are allowed to work by virtual teaching
  - Others are happy to teach in school
  - There was a lot of work to make it work
- Asked how we can help?
  - Hot spots are the biggest issue
    - Purchased 75 from T-Mobile
      - Pay a monthly service fee
      - Then T-Mobile merged with Sprint
      - Not working as well - returned some of them
    - Getting some from Verizon at higher cost
    - Not sure of prices, but will send Kay some info later
  - Put in a booster at parking lot for quick uploads
  - Trying to create more equity
    - Well to do families can afford internet
    - Others can't afford and can't go on-line without Hot Spots
  - Any way we can help would be appreciated
  - There is fiber optic internet in town, but not sure of cost
- Next week's speaker is from MSU Alumni Association
  - In past had Coffee with the Profs
    - A cost to attend that sold out fast
  - This year going virtual with no cost
  - Recommended by Jim Conroy
- We closed with the 4-Way Test (+1)

## September Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, September 1, 2020

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

**Mark Steinberg September 1**

**Janet Eyster September 14**

**Simone Ranes September 15**

**Nick Horstman September 16**

## Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

◆**Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.**◆

## Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

**"A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashed yesterday losing its entire load. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralysed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, nonplussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, horrified, numbed, speechless, and perplexed."**