

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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Brian Tort
Assistant Governor

10/06/20-Andy Smith

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, October 6, 2020

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=14, Associate Members=0, Guests=1
- President Kay led the Zoom meeting today



- Jim told us about the Senior Center millage proposal
 - Gene will forward the info separately
- Brian: Polio Event is today at 7 pm
 - ♦ Polio Eradication in 2020 ♦ a one hour virtual update on Rotary ♦s progress with Polio eradication
 - Four great speakers including our newly elected RI President Nominee Jennifer Jones
 - She will be the first female RI President!
- Brian also mentioned a new initiative: DREAM
 - Develop, Retain, Engage All Members
 - Next meeting - Oct. 20 6:30-8 pm
 - Focus - continue discussion on member engagement for retention
 - Anyone from club welcome to attend - see Brian
 - The District has closed 3 clubs
 - Several clubs are not meeting
 - Loss mostly due to Covid
 - Not embracing technology (Zoom, etc.)
 - Not doing anything now - why stay?
- Weekend Survival Kits
 - East Lansing Club is sponsoring a WSK fundraiser
 - 25% of sales at Noodles & Co. in Okemos on Thursday, Oct. 15 will go to WSK
 - Check it out if you can
- Laska noted that WSK can use some help
 - She helps deliver meal packs to needy families
 - Packs are put in her car
 - She delivers them to their doors (no contact)
 - Habitat 4 Humanity is also looking for volunteers
 - Activities are social distanced or masked
- Interact - Brian & Chris
 - Still need more kids in the program
 - Lots of energy - want to do more
 - Blessing Box
 - If have some treated material (2xs and plywood)
 - Need some for the box - not easy to get in stores
 - Sunday - Interact will have a ♦ garage sale ♦ at Farmer ♦s Market
 - Will sell donated things to raise money
 - Got anything to donate?

- o Students are planning to do a 30 sec-1 minute video to encourage participation

Speakers

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

October 13, 2020

Kay Goluska
Board meeting

Guest speaker - **Andy Smith** - Dean of Students at Webberville Schools



- With a lot of hard work by the staff there, they have made a flex program
 - o Using Google Classroom
 - o The teachers have recorded their lessons
 - Made supplemental videos too
 - Students can watch & re-watch if necessary
 - o Made sure that every format is the same across the school district
 - Last spring was a mess with each teacher using their own format
 - No coordination of formats
 - Confusion for students and parents
- Teachers have put in 200-250 volunteer hours this summer developing the program
 - o Have all their weeks instruction available at 10 am on Mondays
- It is a blended format - virtual and in person
- Last spring, parents ended being facilitators for students
 - o Goal is to support parents - let them be parents, not instructors
- In person instruction available
 - o Through Google Classroom
 - o Access to each child to be the same - equity
- Staff created and delivered the curriculum
- Q/A:
 - o Will this be retained after Covid?
 - Paperless school now
 - More efficient - not a lot of papers to grade for teachers
 - After - go back to some normal in person, with changes
 - o What % of face-to-face across the student population?
 - Secondary at about 70% in person
 - ♦A♦ group meets on M-Th and ♦B♦ group on T-F
 - Elementary at 75% + in person
 - Match siblings on days at school
 - o How do you do some classes - like art?
 - Harder to do but make best effort
 - o Provide parents every opportunity to meet with teachers
 - 10 minute conferences are scheduled
 - o What about ♦at risk♦ students?
 - Covid not the big issue for them
 - Trauma, mental health of students big concern
 - Kids need contact with other friends
 - Stress at home
 - It is a challenge for all society
 - o Are there any needs you have that we can help?
 - Support the staff
 - Appreciation & mental health
 - Staff unbelievable - doing 2 ♦ jobs
 - Mantra: ♦This is temporary♦
 - Ask staff for ideas for us
 - Andy will get back to us
 - In past he had a big BBQ for them - not this year

- Kay thanked Andy for his input
- Kay thanked us for selling all the District Raffle tickets
 - Those who bought a ticket will see the addition in your next bill
- Jim noted that anyone who wants to get fish from Caven Pfeiffer (last weeks speaker)
 - Needs to order soon for November delivery
 - He checked the prices vs. Merindorfs and Caven's are better (and fresher)
- Still not complete info on Dansville's Hot Spot needs
 - Having problems with their internet provider
- Next week's speaker is **Neal Sheridan**, Executive Director of the Michigan Townships Association.
 - Neal will talk about what the Twp Association does
 - And about a curricular program the Association offers to schools in Michigan
 - Teaching children about what the employees of the townships do
- We concluded with the 4 Way Test (+1)

October Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Thursday, October 1, 2020

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

Norm Shinkle October 4

Fred Campbell October 31

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

◆Your life is constantly nourished by your thoughts. Whatever the direction your life is moving, your thoughts have led you there.◆

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

**What kind of exercise do lazy people do?
Diddly-squats.**

**What's the different between a cat and a comma?
A cat has claws at the end of paws; A comma is a pause at the end of a clause.**

**What does Charles Dickens keep in his spice rack?
The best of thymes, the worst of thymes.**

**What do you call a magic dog?
A labracadabrador.**