

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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Brian Tort
Assistant Governor

10/13/20-Neil Sheridan

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, October 13, 2020

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=20, Associate Members=1, Guests=2



- Kay started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Happy Dollars
- Interact - Brian & Chris
 - \$150 was raised at the ♦garage sale♦ at the Farmer♦s Market on Sunday
 - Discovered a lot of the community was unaware of Interact
 - Jen will reach out to St. Mary♦s students
 - Provided good exposure for Interact
 - They are going to start building the Blessing Box
 - Materials are cut - mostly assembly
 - Meet at Tort♦s on Friday at 4 pm
 - Chris will be helping to edit a video to post when the students get him their videos
 - As a way to encourage other students to join them

Guest Speaker - **Neil Sheridan - Michigan Townships Association (MTA)**

Speakers

October 20, 2020

Carmen Hall
Resource
Development Director
for Habitat For
Humanity Capital
Region

October 27, 2020

Sherry Campbell
Toastmasters & "T
Women"

**November 03,
2020**

No Meeting - Be Sure
to VOTE



- Before moving to the Lansing area, he checked all the townships surrounding Lansing
 - Liked Williamstown township best
 - Liked that they had a Master Plan
 - Thanked Wanda for all her help
- Neil then showed a Power Point presentation about Michigan Townships
 - Townships originated in England
 - More than 50 million Americans in 20 states live in 16,519 townships or towns
 - MTA helped form the National Association of Towns & Townships
 - More than half of Michigan residents live in townships - currently at 1240 townships
 - Most are 36 square miles, but range up to 600 square miles (in UP)
 - Charter Townships were created by legislature in 1947
 - Mostly to avoid annexation by neighboring cities
 - Michigan has 139 charter townships
 - Include Meridian, DeWitt & Bath
- Neil talked about Key Issues:
 - Covid changes for virtual meetings through January 2021
 - Facility capacity: masked, 20-25 people per 1000 SF indoor space for meetings
- MTA Virtual Summit
 - Oct. 14 10 am-4 pm
 - Oct. 20 - 2 pm - 8 pm
 - Learn more or register online at www.michigantownships.org/mta_otr.asp
- Then Neil talked about his history
 - Spent some time in NY City area
 - Campaign Manager, Economic Development, Quality of Life, ♦
 - Then to Groveland, NY
 - On Board of Review, Planning, Ad Hoc & Future Supervisor
 - Then to Michigan
 - As Legislative Affairs Committee
 - And Board of Directors for Small Business Association of Michigan
 - That ♦s when he chose Williamstown Township as a place to live
- First year at MTA:
 - Asked for ♦soft change♦
 - Reaching out to listen, learn
 - Worked from home
 - Early initiatives: Staff, Systems & Safety
 - Member Services during Covid
 - Education Innovations
 - Planning for the post-Pandemic
- State Budget/Revenue Sharing
 - No reduction in revenue
 - \$600 million earmarked for road and bridge work
- Lame Duck Session
 - Can be an issue as lots of bills are pushed through legislature
 - Multiple attempts to preempt local authority & eliminate local tax revenue
 - Short term rentals could be an issue

- o Commercial Solar arrays
 - Mandatory, capped payment in lieu of taxes of \$3500/megawatt capacity
- o 6 bills on tax fairness
 - 3 about Micro fulfillment centers at Meijer, Kroger, Target for home delivery or store pickup
 - 3 about Meijer distribution centers payment of taxes
 - MTA opposed these bills
- o Sand & Gravel:
 - One size fits all - doesn't work for all
 - Eliminates fair and sensible oversight by local governments
 - Senate will not be able to regulate over 1000+ sites
- He also talked about a school program
 - o Materials and training about local government
 - o See MTA Planning /Events
- Wanda noted that MTA is the go to organization for questions about townships
 - o An invaluable resource for local government
- Website:
 - o www.michigantownships.org
- Next week's meeting will be via Zoom at 7:30 am
 - o Speaker will be **Carmen Hall**
 - o She is the Resource Development Director for **Habitat For Humanity** Capital Region
- Speaker for October 27th will be **Sherry Campbell**
 - o Talking about Toastmasters and ♦T Women♦
- There will be **NO MEETING on Election Day** - November 3rd
 - o Be sure to VOTE!
- Editor's note:
 - o If you missed the **Polio Plus 2020 Panel**
 - o It is available on DACdb on Club page when you log on
 - o Select this link for the Youtube video

Just click on the End Polio image and it will take you to the event



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

♦The best thing about aging is that it cuts down on peer pressure.♦

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

QUIZ FOR MY BRIGHT & BORED FRIENDS

There are nine questions. (half now- half next week)

This is a quiz for people who know a lot! These are not trick questions. They are straight questions with straight answers...

- 1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.*
- 2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?*
- 3 Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?*
- 4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?*
- 5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?*

Answers To Quiz:

- 1. The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends: Boxing.*
- 2. North American landmark constantly moving backward: Niagara Falls ... The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.*
- 3. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: Asparagus and rhubarb.*
- 4. The fruit with its seeds on the outside: Strawberry.*
- 5. How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.*