

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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Brian Tort
Assistant Governor

10/27/20-Sherry Campbell

By Gene Klco on Thursday, October 29, 2020

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=13, Associate Member=1, Guests=4



- Virtual Zoom meeting at 5:30 pm
- President Kay opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Guest speaker today was **Sherry Campbell** of Two Men and a Truck



- Sherry came today to talk about the Toastmasters/Rotary connection

Speakers

November 03,
2020

[No Meeting - Be Sure
to VOTE](#)

November 10,
2020

[Steven London](#)
President and COO of
Bekum America

- Toastmasters has teamed up with Rotary to offer Rotarians a chance to improve their public speaking
- Both organizations have many things in common
 - Toastmasters was founded about 20 years after Rotary by a single person
- Toastmasters purpose is to promote communication, leadership & public speaking
 - At Toastmasters meeting the members get a chance to do short talks
 - And get direct feedback from the members
 - As well as see others do their talks and learn from them
- There are 15 Toastmasters clubs in the Greater Lansing Area
 - They meet at various times of the week
 - They have from 6-8 up to 20+ members depending on the club
 - This year the meetings are virtual
- Rotary partnered with Toastmasters
 - Sherry approached Assistant District Governor Rita LaMoreaux
 - Sherry and a group of 9 Toastmasters will offer a FREE training course
 - Each Rotarian will give 3 speeches (5-7 minutes long) on Zoom
 - The Toastmaster members will supply constructive evaluation
 - Will help with confidence and reduce stage fright
 - In a Second Phase
 - 5 Leadership courses
 - Round table with Toastmasters and Rotary
 - With 10 Rotarians max
 - Meet 2 times/month
- Rita said that it was fun working with Sherry
 - She wanted to learn more about doing good public speaking
 - How to construct a speech and not getting stage fright
 - Plan is to help Rotarians learn better public speaking
 - And to give Toastmasters a better idea of what Rotary does
- Check out the programs available:
 - Rotary.org / My Rotary / Learning & Reference
 - You can download a Learning Center catalog at
 - Learning Center / View the Course Catalog
- Dates for the Toastmasters/Rotary programs have yet to be determined
 - Will start second week in January
 - An info meeting will be held end of November
- Sherry has brought in interested Toastmasters people
 - She wants to involve more than one Toastmasters club
- Sherry's club is the Yawn Patrol
 - They meet on Tuesdays at 7:30 am
 - Meet on the 1st, 3rd and 5th week
- Age Range?
 - Mostly young adults to seniors
 - Some high school clubs and a MSU club
 - What about Interact members?
 - Haven't done, but sounds like a good idea
- One of Sherry's club members, April talked about her experiences

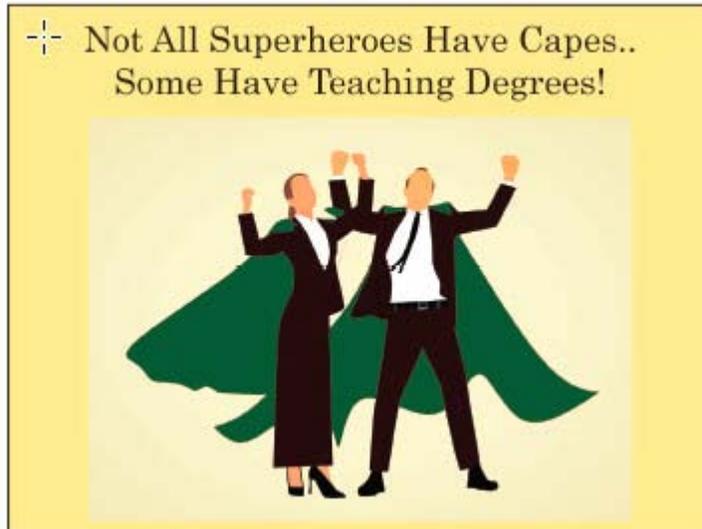


- Helped her learn more and be more confident
- She brought her 8 year old with her on the Zoom meetings
 - Her 8 year old even participated in it some times
- April works with Sherry at Two Men and a Truck

- To find a Toastmasters meeting check Toastmasters.org
- And ♦Find a club♦

General Discussion:

- Sharon told us about the Wreath sale for the Williamston Garden Club
 - Later, she called me to say that the supplier was unable to fill their orders
 - So NO ORDERS will be taken this year
- Raj talked about Random Acts of Kindness
 - It was decided by the Board to do something to show support for the teachers at our 3 school systems
 - A subcommittee took the challenge and came up with this idea
 - Sharon had seen a sign - Blue background with a white heart and the word Nurses
 - There is a cookie vendor at the Farmer♦s Market that they will use
 - The cookies will have the background color of the school♦s dark color
 - With a Heart in the school♦s light color
 - Ex. Williamston will be Green background with a White heart
 - And the words ♦Teachers♦
 - Also they will include a card
 - See sample below:
 - Jim Conroy wrote the note for the card
 - Delivery to all the school buildings will be November 9th
 - Volunteers have been scheduled to deliver the cookies/cards to the central office of each school
 - The wrapped cookies will be boxed for each school building♦s teachers
 - We are keeping this as ♦contactless♦ as possible
 - Sharon will pick-up the cookies on Sunday, November 8
 - And contact the delivery teams



Dear Teacher,

We wish we could wave a magic wand and make the pandemic go away or at least ease the challenges you face daily in safely teaching our youth during this difficult time.

However, we hope this token of appreciation communicates in some small way our deep respect and gratitude for your dedication to the children you serve.



Sincerely,
The Williamston Sunrise Rotarians!

- **NO MEETING next Tuesday** - too many Rotarians helping with voting
 - Be sure to VOTE!
 - Remember to support the Rotarians who are running for local offices
 - Either by voting for them or thanking them for their efforts
- Meeting on November 10
 - Guest Speaker will be the President and COO of Bekim

- He will talk about their expansion
 - What is all the earth moving about?
- Adam will be returning soon
 - Want to welcome him home!
 - Lots of gift certificates left from the Duck Safari
 - Put together a package
 - Other ideas?
- Merlin mentioned a Netflix show - **◆Our Social Dilemma◆**
 - It outlines some problems caused by social media
- Raj suggested a couple books on the subject too
 - **◆Digital Minimalism - Choosing a Focus Life in a Noisy World◆** by Cal Newport
 - **◆Chaos Monkey - Obscene Fortunes and Random Failure in Silicone Valley◆** by Antonio Garcia Martinez

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 purest pleasures are found in useful work.◆

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

A Golf story..... (I haven't hit you with any this year - yet)

A nun walks into Mother Superior's office and plunks down into a chair. She lets out a sigh heavy with frustration.

'What troubles you, Sister?' asked the Mother Superior. ◆I thought this was the day you spent with your family.'

'It was,' sighed the Sister. 'And I went to play golf with my brother. You know I was quite a talented golfer before I devoted my life to Christ.'

'I seem to recall that,' the Mother Superior agreed. 'So I take it your day of recreation was not relaxing?'

'Far from it,' snorted the Sister. 'In fact, I even took the Lord's name in vain today!'

Goodness, Sister!' gasped the Mother Superior, astonished. 'You must tell me all about it!'

'Well, we were on the fifth tee...and this hole is a monster, Mother Superior 540 yard Par 5, with a nasty dog leg left and a hidden

Green... and I hit the drive of my life. I creamed it. The sweetest swing I ever made. And it's flying straight and true, right along the line I wanted... and it hits a bird in mid-flight!

Oh my!' commiserated the Mother. 'How unfortunate! But surely that didn't make you blaspheme, Sister!'

'No, that wasn't it,' admitted Sister. 'While I was still trying to fathom what had happened, this squirrel runs out of the woods, grabs my ball and runs off down the fairway!'

'Oh, that would have made me blaspheme!' sympathized the Mother

'But I didn't, Mother!' sobbed the Sister. 'And I was so proud of myself! And while I was pondering whether this was a sign from God, this hawk swoops out of the sky and grabs the squirrel and flies off, with my ball still clutched in his paws!'

'So that's when you cursed,' said the Mother with a knowing smile.

'Nope, that wasn't it either,' cried the Sister, anguished, 'because as the hawk started to fly out of sight, the squirrel started struggling, and the hawk dropped him right there on the green, and the ball popped out of his paws and rolled to about 18 inches from the cup!'

Mother Superior sat back in her chair, folded her arms across her chest, fixed on the Sister with a baleful stare and said...

'You missed the fuckin' putt, didn't you?'