

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

Club Leaders



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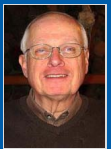
Wanda Bloomquist
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Club Director



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Rotary Foundation Chair



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Youth Services Chair



Brian Tort
iPast President



Brian Tort
Assistant Governor

11/10/20-Steve London-Bekum

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Rotary Meeting - November 10, 2020 General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=19, Associate Members=1, Guests=2



- President Elect Wanda ran the meeting in President Kay's absence
- Covid spikes in Williamston and around the state & country
 - In Williamston there are double digit cases in 3 different age groups
 - N95 masks are the best protection
 - Why is this happening?
 - Many don't have the facts about Covid 19
 - Finding that there are lots of residual problems that Covid causes
 - Shown that people can get Covid twice - not immune
- We started with the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer & Happy Dollars
- Congrats to our members who won their election to offices:
 - Wanda, Janet, Mark and Keith (Laska's husband)
- Brian took us on a video of the Interact's Blessing Box - newly installed
 - Will be looking for non-perishable foods and home supplies
 - They will have a Grand Opening soon
 - **Note:** the Interact Club has posted photos of the Blessing Box on our Facebook page
- Cookies and notes were delivered yesterday to school teachers

Guest Speaker - **Steve London** - President & COO of Bekum America

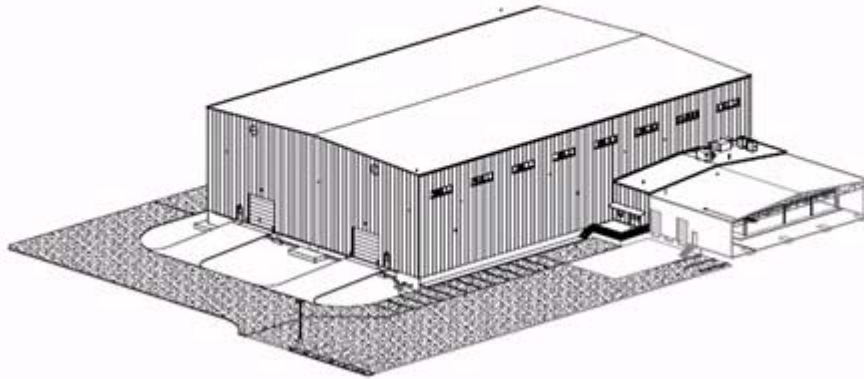
Speakers

November 10,
2020
Steven London
President and COO of
Bekum America



- Bekum is a German Company
- They acquired the building in Williamston in 1979 - was Baker Plastics
 - They rented a portion of the building till 1992 to ITT Seating Division
 - In 1992 Bekum utilized the whole building for increased capacity (115,000 SF)
 - Broke ground on this 42,000 SF expansion in 2019

Expansion





Aerial of site on November 4, 2020

- Q/A:
 - What will the increase in employees be?
 - Employees in 1979 = 60, 136 currently
 - Should add 20 employees - to about 155
 - Skill level needed?
 - Wide range of skills:
 - Electricians, fabricators, machine builders, some admin and support
 - Have an apprentice program for HS students
 - Great program, but he is frustrated not getting more interest
 - Try to add 3-5 student per year
 - Acquired an Industrial Arts teacher from Howell to run the program
 - Partner with LCC as well
 - What do you make?
 - Extrusion blow molding machines
 - Personal care containers, portable gas cans, etc.
 - Don't sell the products, but make the machines to make them
 - Getting into medical supply machines
 - Growing need for sanitizer bottles, syringes, etc



- - When do you expect the project to be complete?
 - Exterior of building - by March 2021
 - Interior - early August 2021
 - Will have an Open House if able
 - Recycling?
 - Machines build the bottles in layers (generally 3 layers)
 - Outside is made of virgin material - dyed for attractive appeal
 - Inside made of virgin material - on color - contact with product
 - Middle layer - post consumer recycled material
 - Thickness of layers - Wall thickness is about 5-6 human hairs
 - 20% outside, 60% middle & 20% inside

- They do 5 gallon containers and are looking at 55 gallon drums
 - Gas can has 5 layers
 - Extra layers to prevent hydrocarbons in the gas from bleeding out
 - Can make up to 11 layers
 - How long to make a machine?
 - About 18 weeks & 1600 man hours
 - Now backlogged
 - Steve made us an offer that he makes to others:
 - If Rotary can recommend a person to hire and they stay at least one year
 - Bekum will donate \$1000 to Rotary for each hire
 - When he has company visitors, they note the great community that Williamston is
 - Happy to support Rotary and the community
- Update on Random Acts of Kindness - Sharon
 - The cards were printed and the cookies made
 - She and the delivery team took the cookies & cards to the 3 school administrations for the teachers yesterday



Webberville Cookie/Card Delivery

- Thanks to Sharon for coordinating and the team that delivered and made this happen!
 - 212 cookies were made
 - The cards were done in school colors
- Raj noted that the Health & Safety committee met
 - Will give a report next week as we are running over now

We concluded with the 4-Way Test (+1)

November Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Sunday, November 1, 2020

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

Julie Pfeifle November 3

Brian Tort November 9

Paul Tarr November 27

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

◆If you want people to improve let them hear the nice things you say about them to others.◆

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

ABOUT GROWING OLDER

First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me. I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of algebra◆

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it◆s such a nice change from being young.

Eighth ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable and relaxed.

Tenth ~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

And finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.

