

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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11/24/20-Adam Spina

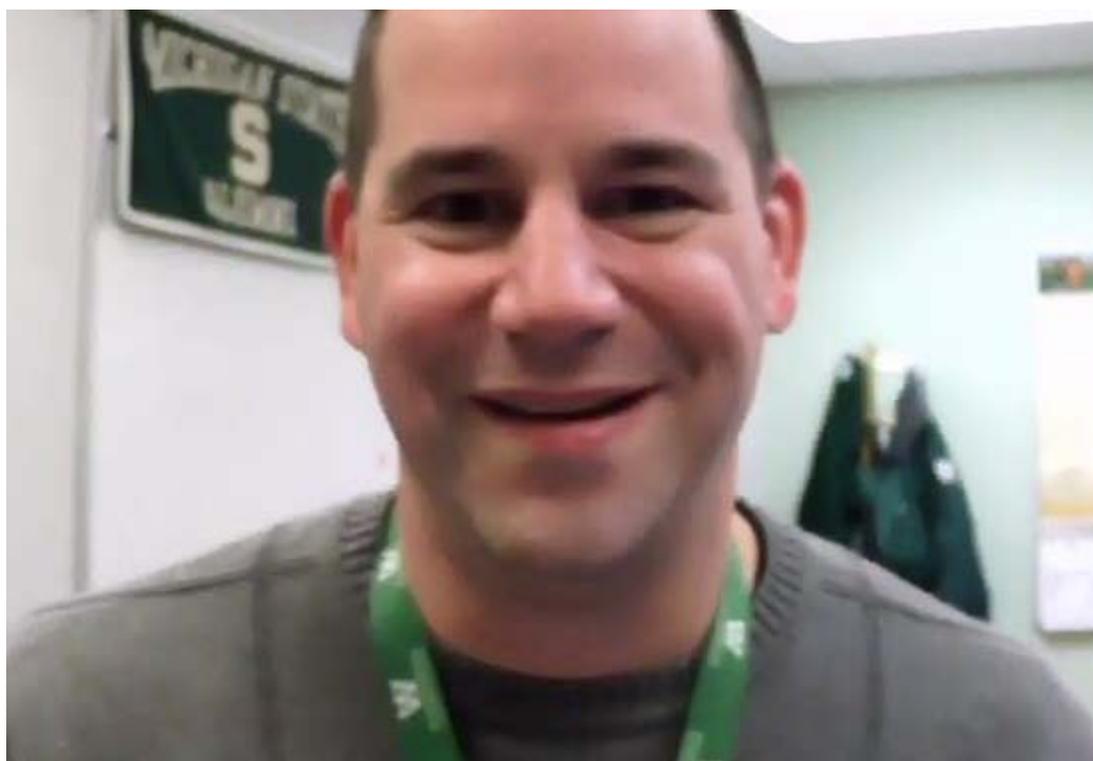
By Gene Klco on Wednesday, November 25, 2020

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=18, Associate Members=3, Guests=0



- President Nominee Laska ran the meeting in Kay's absence
- We started with the Pledge of Allegiance, an invocation & Happy Dollars
- Speaker today was member **Adam Spina** who talked about his National Guard experience



Speakers

December 01, 2020

[Dr. Steve Robinson](#)

LCC President

December 08, 2020

[Tyler Parsons](#)

General Manager,

Lansing Lugnuts

December 15, 2020

[Gary Baxter](#)

Fox 47

December 22, 2020

[Valerie R. Marvin](#)

State Capitol of

Michigan Historian -

Speaking on Women's

Suffrage in Michigan

- o Adam was presented with a gift basket of gift certificates by President Elect Wanda at his home as the meeting started
 - A video was recorded of the presentation but not available at the time of this printing
- o Adam serves in a NG unit that responds to incidents of unexpected disaster
 - Usually an explosive bomb or natural disaster
 - This time it was the Covid-19 pandemic starting in March
 - They utilize similar activities
- o They are one of only 2 units in the US
 - Based out of Lansing
- o He started out in March in Battle Creek working out of an aircraft hanger
 - They worked in a bubble
- o Main duty was the construction of supplemental hospital units
 - Adam job was to oversee security
 - Worked in Detroit, Novi, New Orleans, Dallas, and Chicago
 - After 6 weeks found there was no more need for these hospital units
- o Sent to New York City to help there
- o Then to Selfridge Air Force Base
 - They were the first line of defense for US there
 - He carried a number of phones and any call was usually not good
 - No calls, exc. one that wanted to extend his car warranty (ha, ha!)
- o Eventually they moved out of that mission as Covid kicked up again
 - Off to Texas and California
 - California was in lock down due to Covid and there were wild fires going on
 - There to provide supplemental military medical aid to local hospitals
 - In September, Covid was again under control
 - They had other missions, including hurricane response
 - By then he was tired and submitted a request to be relieved
 - Eventually the request got approved and he went home in November
 - o The unit is still active
- o He worked at a high level of National disaster response
- Q/A:
 - o George: Did the military personnel get Covid?
 - Not as much an issue with military - they follow orders
 - o Jim M: When in Lansing, did you see your family?
 - Not in Lansing, but did sneak away once when in Detroit
 - So 8 months without seeing family
 - o Paul: Will National Guard help with distributing the vaccine?
 - Not sure with change of administration
 - o Laska: What was your most impactful moment?
 - Adam's military career was about to end
 - Past deployments were ok and expected
 - Thought early this year he would just coast to the end
 - This deployment was bad timing - wanted to help the school district get ready for school year with the pandemic
 - Most impactful - Hospital workers that appreciated their help
 - Gained a lot of new relationships
 - o Narda: Glad you are back - What like being near wild fires in California?
 - Were in central CA originally - too large to cover well
 - Split team and his went to southern California
 - One of the largest wild fires near San Bernardino
 - Fires were raging and the smoke made the days dark

Many members thanked Adam for his service and were glad he was back!

- General Discussion:
 - o Secret Santas - Jen
 - She has got a list of 20 people (families and kids) without Secret Santas
 - Has been working with Nance M at the Elementary School
 - Nancy has been busy and not gotten a list yet of people in needs
 - Jen will work with her and merge any lists for us
 - Jen will send Gene a list of needs and he will email them to all members
 - These Secret Santas will be a little different as in past, but similar
 - Will get ages, wants, sizes, etc. - no names
 - Many want to wrap the gifts themselves, but can use Christmas paper
 - o Wanda will be sending out an email to all requesting you to see where you can help with our club
 - Think about what you can do
 - Things like: Help with River Cleanup, Duck Race, Secretary or Treasurer backup, ♦
 - o Dues - Brian & Steve
 - Brian: Dues structure - many clubs are asking members what to do
 - Big part of dues pays for meals (that we are not getting now)
 - Do we just pay costs, not food?
 - Options:
 - o Continue to pay \$120/quarter

- Extra goes to Community Service
 - Or optional account
 - Maybe a rainy day fund
 - Just pay needed expenses - not food
 - Payment at \$60/quarter
 - Steve: Have been paying \$120/quarter for dues
 - At first in March-June we decided to help the restaurants out and continue to pay even though we were not there
 - The last 6 months agreed to use the extra money to help with the Community Service account since we couldn't do any fund raisers
 - Question is what to do in next 6 months?
 - Not likely we will meet in person till the vaccine is readily available
 - Costs: Of the \$120 dues:
 - 44.4% has gone to meals
 - 29.9% for District & RI dues
 - 11.2% to Administrative costs
 - Include database services, printing & postage, supplies, pins & badges for new members, awards, etc.
 - Basically we need 30 members to keep the Dues Account in the black
 - Currently have 32, but 3 on Leave of Absence & 3 Associate members
 - So what do we do with the surplus?
 - Decided to table the decision when more of the membership is present
 - Brian will help us have a breakout session on one of the meetings
 - Can do it with Zoom
 - Send questions to Brian or Laska
- We concluded the meeting 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

◆**The best way to succeed in life is to act on the advice you give to others.**◆

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

These glorious insults are from an era " before" the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words.

"He had delusions of adequacy. " Walter Kerr

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire. " Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure. " Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary. "

William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." Moses Hadas

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one. " George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one. " Winston Churchill, in response

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here. " Stephen Bishop

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator. " John Bright

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." Irvin S. Cobb

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." Samuel Johnson

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." Forrest Tucker

" Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" Mark Twain

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go. " Oscar Wilde

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination. " Andrew Lang (1844-1912)

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music. " Billy Wilder

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But I'm afraid this wasn't it. " Groucho Marx