

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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12/8/20-Tyler Parsons-Lugnuts

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, December 8, 2020

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=22, Associate Members=2, Guests=1
- We started with the Pledge of Allegiance



Guest Speaker today was **Tyler Parsons**, General Manager of the Lansing Lugnuts



Speakers

December 08, 2020

Tyler Parsons
General Manager,
Lansing Lugnuts

December 15, 2020

Gary Baxter
Fox 47

December 15, 2020

Kay Goluska
Board meeting

December 22, 2020

Valerie R. Marvin
State Capitol of
Michigan Historian -
Speaking on Women's
Suffrage in Michigan

December 29, 2020

No Meeting -
Christmas Break

- The Lansing Lugnuts has been around for 25 years
 - Tyler is in his third season with the Lugnuts
- Tyler grew up in Dansville, MI
- Went to CMU for 2 degrees
 - Worked for CMU Athletics
- Moved to Forest City, NC and worked for the Forest City Owls as the Director of Fun
 - Also later with the Martinsville Mustangs & the Johnson City Mustangs
- He returned to Lansing in 2018 with the Lansing Lugnuts
 - He planned a Tank Top Give-Away on April 15, 2018, but the game was snowed out
- Oldsmobile Park (as it was first called) broke ground in 1995
 - The first game was between MSU & UM on April 6, 1996
 - It is now called the Jackson Field (after Jackson National Life)
 - Previously called Cooley Law School Stadium after Oldsmobile Park
- 2020 is a season that the Lugnuts did not play, even though it was to be their 25th season
- Shared expenses with an MLB Affiliate
 - MLB Affiliate pays players expenses - salaries, meals, training, athletic trainer, travel stipend
 - Lugnuts pays - facility costs, uniforms, field maintenance, etc.
 - Shared: bats, balls, equipment and clubhouse manager
 - May have a new MLB affiliate in 2021
- With 2020 and Covid, had to come up with other ideas
 - Launched the Lemonade League
 - College players
 - Limited fans at 100
 - Played 20 games
 - No Covid issues
 - Other events
 - 285 other events
 - Stadium events, private events, rentals, community events
 - Movies at the Ballpark
 - Youth baseball
- Preparing for 2021
 - Lemonade league may become a staple
 - Will continue to monitor Covid requirements
 - Hope it will be largely under control by season start with vaccine
- Can do on-line shopping for Lugnuts items for Christmas
 - Encouraged to shop local
- Q/A:
 - Jim C: Will you require a vaccine for admittance?
 - Not that far yet
 - Heard from MLB that may have to require vaccine
 - Raj: Went to CMU also in Sports Administration program - one of only 11 in US
 - Lot of CMU alums work for the Lugnuts
 - MSU grads too
 - Pamela: Kudos for a great program and info on the Lugnuts

- o Jim C: Join us at Williamston Rotary
 - Already member of Lansing Rotary
- o Brandon: With no TV revenue, how hard is it to get sponsors?
 - Without sponsors they are in dire straights
 - It's a challenge with baseball & Covid has made it worse with so many unknowns
 - Still looking for sponsors
- o Paul: What about the employees?
 - Staffing has been a major challenge
 - Down 60%
 - With a 11,000 person capacity in ballpark, use 300 employees
 - Considerably shrunk this year

Kay noted that the Lugnuts has been a boom to the downtown economy **General Discussion:**

- Secret Santas - Laska & Jen
 - o Emails are up to date
 - o Don't wrap the gifts
 - o Take to Bigbee's in Williamston on Dec. 18 from 4-6 pm
 - Laska will pickup if needed
 - o Jen coordinated with the schools
 - o After have the gifts, will have the recipients pick them up on Dec. 19
 - o No one indicated that they needed any more info
 - o Steve has \$380 donated that he is holding for this project
 - Will send Jan a check to pay for things not bought yet
 - She will provide receipts for all purchased
- Chris showed us the video that the Interact group put together
 - o He will send it to Gene to post for all to see
- With this new year coming up, **Kay asked us to think about:**
 - o What would you personally want to get involved in next year?
 - o Would it be a public project or some other project?
 - o Similar to the email she sent out, but open to expansion
- Chris has volunteered to be our new communications director
 - o If you have an event, write it up and send to Chris to post
- Paul suggested that we drop off a care package to old members or ones who haven't shown up much
 - o Cookies, candy canes, that says We Care
 - o To former members
 - o Volunteers to help - Laska, Wanda, Kay, Jen
 - o Raj cautioned that we need to be careful about spreading Covid with the packages - less handling by fewer people the better

December Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, December 1, 2020

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

Jennifer Normandin December 11

Adam Spina December 11

Mike Austin December 17

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

"To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.

To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.

Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.

It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.

The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

**When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time
between yesterday and 15 years ago.**

I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.