

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

Club Leaders



Kay Erin Goluska
President



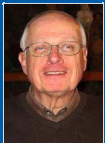
Wanda Bloomquist
President - Elect



Gene Klco
Secretary
Webmaster



Laska J Creagh
President - Nominee
Membership Chair



Steve Terry
Treasurer



James Conroy
Club Director



Elgar Brown
Sergeant-at-Arms



Mark Steinberg
Rotary Foundation Chair



Narda Murphy
Youth Services Chair



Brian Tort
iPast President



Brian Tort
Assistant Governor

12/15/20-Gary Baxter-Fox47 News

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, December 15, 2020

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=17, Associate Members=2, Guests=1



- We started with the Pledge of Allegiance
- Then we had Happy Dollars
 - Something we have not had the last few weeks

Guest speaker today was **Gary Baxter** - VP & GM of Fox 47



- Gary was introduced by Chris Lewis
 - Gary is Chris's boss
- Gary poled us as to those who are local news watchers
- Fox 47 News is currently produced in the Channel 10 building
 - They setup a partnership with Channel 10
 - News casts had to be opposite Channel 10 news
- They recently merges with E. W. Scripps Network

Speakers

December 15, 2020

[Gary Baxter](#)
Fox 47

December 15, 2020

[Kay Goluska](#)
Board meeting -
Postponed

December 22, 2020

[Valerie R. Marvin](#)
State Capitol of
Michigan Historian -
Speaking on Women's
Suffrage in Michigan

December 29, 2020

[Brian Tort](#)

December 29, 2020

No Meeting -
[Christmas Break](#)

- On January 4, 2021 they will move to their own building
- Fox47 decided to be a Journalism first TV station
 - Switching to having the most news hours form least
- Channel 6 & 10 have outstanding anchors
 - But not out on the street
 - Fox47 to have more reporters on the street
 - Content will be built for streaming too
- Fox47 Mission Statement:
 - Fox47 News **◆**In Your Neighborhood**◆** showcases Mid-Michigan through the lens of a lifelong local with the curiosity of a tourist.
 - Our embedded reporters are well-sourced and deliver multiplatform information at the neighborhood level using cutting edged story telling techniques.
- A lot of the burden falls on Chris Lewis
- Starting in January, but won't be fully functional till May/June 2021
- Contact Gary at gary.baxter@fox47news.com
- Q/A:
 - Fred: Will you have dedicated photographers for the reporters on the street?
 - Cameras have become small and most reporters will do their own videos
 - When doing a live broadcast will have dedicated cameramen
 - Narda: Do you partner with MSU & LCC?
 - Yes, Silver Bells in the City was an MSU partnership
 - We recruit from MSU & LCC too
 - Jim C: Is there a process for groups like Rotary to contact when we have our events?
 - We will have **◆**beat**◆** reporters - dedicated to an area
 - Will have a East Lansing/Okemos/Haslett/Williamston beat reporter
 - Will have them come to one of our future meetings to introduce themselves
 - Research shows that there is too much negative news in the news
 - Want to share the good news
 - Kay: Like the idea of a dedicated reporter for the area

Narda commented that Chris has already started that process

- Secret Santa update - Laska
 - Moving along well
 - She has picked up many gifts already
 - Take to Bigbees on Friday, December 18th
 - Will move the gifts on Saturday for pickup by the families
 - Kay asked for a total of the number of families that were helped by this for next week
- Kay - Reaching out to missing and past Rotarians
 - Paul suggested we give them a gift bag & show them we care
 - Hope to deliver by Monday
- Jim Conroy
 - Last Friday he presented the Golden Trowel Award to Don Bixler
 - Also there was Tammy Scott and Tammy Gilroy, Williamston Mayor
 - Don was surprised and impressed with the award



Jim Conroy, Don Bixler and Mayor Tammy Gilroy

- Note that Williamston Rotary was on the front page of the Enterprise last week
 - Thanks to our new Communications Director Chris
- George asked about our emeritus members
 - Some he talked to indicated that cost was the main reason for dropping out
 - Laska said that the Membership Committee looked at the issue and determined that an Honorary membership was the best solution
 - She will take nominations for Honorary members
 - They did offer an Honorary membership to Andy Anderson, but he declined
 - Dennis Gilliland was offered it too
- Janet suggested that once or twice a year we invite old members
 - Suggested we call it a Homecoming Meeting
- Issue of getting people interested the link to the Zoom meeting
 - Invite any guest you want - pass on the link
 - Need to use a consistent link
 - Laska noted that Jill Sweeney joined us once, but hasn't got the link lately
 - Need to setup up guests on DACdb and a link to the meetings
- Steve said he has 12 members and \$840 for Rotary International Foundation
 - He will be sending that in soon
 - If you want to add to that, get a check to Steve soon
- Next week's meeting is at **7:30 am on December 22**
 - Guest speaker is Valerie **Martin - State Capitol of Michigan Historian**
 - **Speaking on** Women's Suffrage in Michigan
 - She is very knowledgeable of the State Capitol
 - Invite guests if you know of someone who might enjoy listening to her
- We finished with the 4-Way Test (+1)

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

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

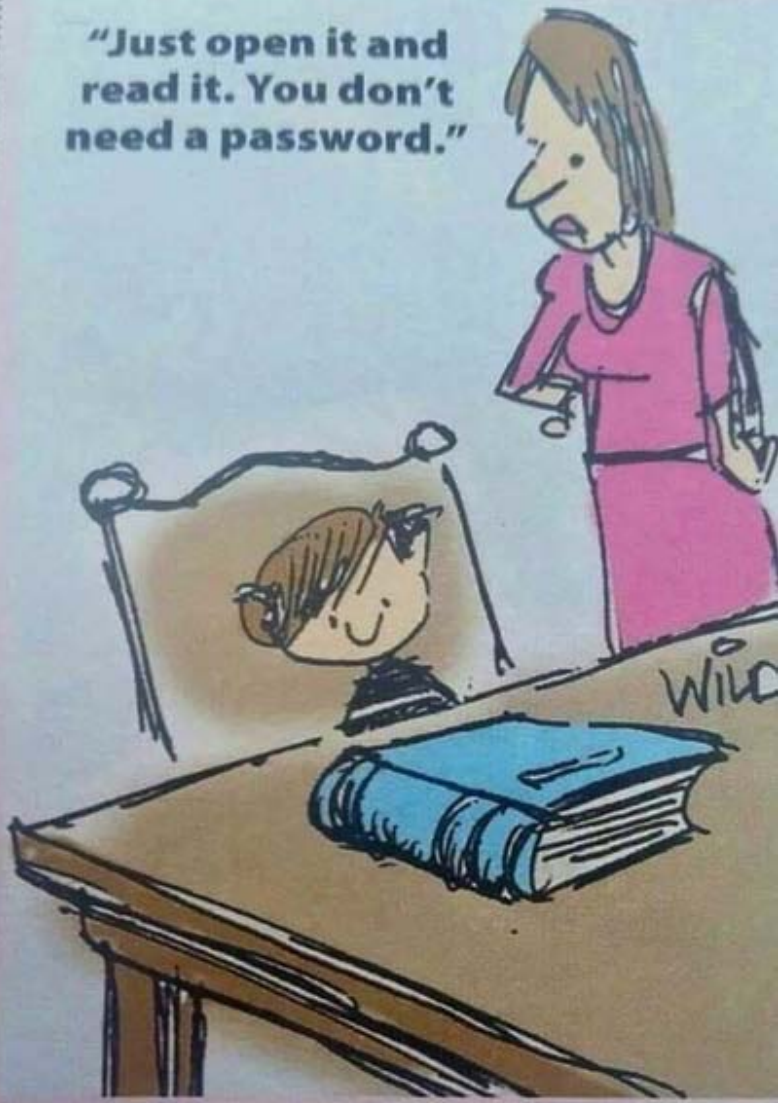
"It isn't our position, but our disposition that makes us happy."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020



**"Just open it and
read it. You don't
need a password."**





This reminds me of:

Q.How do you keep your car from being stolen?

A..Buy a standard shift model

Q..How do you send a message in code?

A..Write in cursive

Subject: Some Canadian Humor

Several Americans have been seen sneaking into Canada .

Canada's Prime Minister has made the decision to build a wall:

