**Email to Rotarians**

**April 23, 2020**

**Alternate Funding**

A committee met to discuss Alternate Funding for our Club. Prior to spending a lot of time and effort, we want~~ed~~ your opinion as to what the club as a whole wants to do.  As you know, we cancelled 2 Poker events this spring (may still have one in October - but that isn’t a given).  It is unlikely that Taste of Williamston will happen either, given the losses the restaurants are facing now and the possible future need for social distancing restrictions.  Our biggest fundraiser, the Duck Race, may need to be a virtualor limited Duck Race.

The committee wanted to let you know that **they will be calling in the next few days** to ask you a few questions and get you feedback. Here are the questions for you to think about:

1. Should the club find new ways of funding or sit out this year?
2. Do you have any ideas of ways to raise money?
3. Can you suggest names of contacts to search for resources?
4. Will you participate in any fund raising?

Relative to question #1, financially, we are in good shape with about $40,000 in the Community Service Account, but in the past we have given out nearly that much in Grants - in 2019 it was $35,000.  So, if we don’t take in any funds this year, we could spend nearly all of our Community Service money and have nothing for 2021.  One option is to spend half each year.  A decision would have to be made which grants should be dropped or cut in that case at some future date.

Please consider these questions so you can answer them with forethought.

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