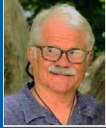


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Club of Williamston

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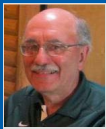
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Speakers

January 07, 2025
Jacob & Kyle Farley
Circle F Farm

January 14, 2025
No Regular Meeting
Committee Meetings only

January 21, 2025
Earl Wolf

January 28, 2025

1/7/25-Jacob & Kyle Farley

Williamston Rotary Membership Meeting

January 7, 2025
7:30pm at WUMC

In attendance: Sharon, Jim Conroy, Earl, Chris Lewis, Laska, Marv, Jim Miller, Naomi, Norm, Narda, Denise, Jim Carr, Wanda, Deb Wolf, Monica, Paul, Mark Steinberg

President Earl called the meeting to order at 7:32am
Pledge

Vision Statement read by Chris Lewis

- Grants to HS Arts Department
- **Jan. 28 - Annual Review at Zyndas at 5:30pm (wrong date published earlier!)**
- John Hanafan will share about the city in upcoming weeks

Guest Speakers: Circle F Farm



- Jacob and Kyle Farley and Abraham
- Newer to the local farmers market
- Grad from MSU - 2013-2014
- Started at EIFM in 2019 And added Meridian in 2021
- Married in 2023
 - 'Bram' (short for Abraham) is 5th generation farm raised
- Sheep, chickens, dairy, etc.
- Crops and industrial agriculture to a more regenerative model

- New but old technology!
- Studied the old ideas and brought them back
- Standard commercial - industrial AG is like CAFO'S
- This is taking processes that don't extract from land but improves the earth that will be used for future farming
 - Many ways to do this, measured by how well it improves the soil, grasses, etc.
 - Working with nature and the resources you've been given
 - Using pigs for example - moving them around with electric fences to put them to work digging up the soil, etc.
- Raises cows, sheep, pigs, rabbits, turkeys, ducks, chicken
- Combined Kyle, from Willow Farm to now Circle F Mercantile
 - Partner with others in the community
 - Pottery, kombucha, on farm shop
- 7 acres personally owned, renting about 40 or more and scaling up as generations change over. Hoping to 200-250 acres.
- The farm is in Fowler, farmed with help from family
- Mercantile - on the farm
 - Main products - eggs, beef, bacon, rabbits
- No effect with bird flu
- Resurgence of Regenerative Farming?
 - Since Covid, yes
 - Multiple species together - creates a system that supports things better, good use of marginal land

Rockin' Rotary Raffle Update



- Theme - Caring for the Community
 - Feeding Families
 - Fostering Literacy
 - Fueling Fitness
- Who might apply/benefit from these funds
 - Blessing box
 - Food bank
 - Pickle ball courts
 - Fitness for seniors
 - Items for the senior center
 - Reading/technology supports
 - YMCA
 - Libraries
- Selling starts Jan 21 IF the license is complete
- Each member to sell a LOT of tickets - use Gene Klco's approach, it'll come in your packet of tickets
- Tickets are \$50. A piece
 - Prizes 10,000, \$5,000 and \$1000

Standing Committee Update Service Committee

- Blessing box is still underway
- Beta test with the Gardening Club and our group was helpful
- Carrs and Naomi have identified some of the issues and what do we want with longevity and predictability
- Jan. 21, we will all get to pack meals.
- Committee will look forward to partnering with others within the community

Rotary address:

P.O. BOX 41, Williamston, Michigan 48895 - is our new Rotary address!

Happy Dollars all around!

4 way test

Meeting adjourned at 8:18am

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Monday, July 1, 2024

"The secret of happy living is not to do what you like, but to like what you do."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter.

They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier.

Because of hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules. So, the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day.

The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and without realizing his error, sent the e-mail.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a Baptist minister who was called home to glory following a heart attack.

The widow decided to check her e-mail expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted.

The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

*To: My Loving Wife
Subject: I've Arrived
Date: March 21, 2012*

I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in. I've seen that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

P. S. Sure is freaking hot down here!!!

January Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, January 8, 2025

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

Marv Zischke January 3

Merlin Hopkins January 15

Wanda Bloomquist January 25