

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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Speakers

January 10, 2023

[Chris Lewis](#)
General Discussion

January 17, 2023

[Laska Creagh](#)
General Discussion-Duck Race
Planning

January 31, 2023

[Laska Creagh](#)
Meeting at Zynda's

1/10/23-General Discussion

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 10, 2023

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=11, Associate Members=1, Guests=0



- In Laska's absence, President-Elect Chris started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Bob Stephenson gave a short prayer
- We then had Happy Dollars
- Lots of our members are traveling at this time or in southern climes
- Ducks
 - Jim Miller has been successful spray painting the ducks we have where the numbers on the bottom are too illegible and provide no room to change/add a new number
 - We have about 400-500 of these ducks
 - We need to order more ducks (that are just like the ones we have)
 - Possible another 1000 ducks
 - Do we need a duck for every ticket (duck number) sold?
 - Will check with Jim Conroy
 - Bob is looking into finding where to buy some more ducks
- Tom Clay scholarships
 - In past gave one \$1000 scholarship
 - Should it be increased to \$2000 or have 2 \$1000 scholarships?
 - Clay family to decide
 - There is about \$10,000 in the foundation for this purpose
- Membership
 - Jim Miller has volunteered to work on the Grant Committee
 - Earl is working to find the next President Nominee
- Taste of Williamston
 - Should we bring it back for 2023?
 - If so, need location and date
 - Where?
 - Was D&G, new owners, but probably not
 - In a tent at McCormick Park
 - Good location with high visibility
 - Fun when did it there before
 - Weather is the biggest issue
 - Eagle's – not sure big enough
 - Had 300+ last time

- Couple area gyms
 - At St Mary's School
 - MS gym
 - At Commons
 - Too small
 - First issue is do we really want to add another fund raiser to our year?
 - Will do Duck Race in June
 - Could do Rockin' Rotary Raffle again
 - Plus want to do 5K again & possibly the Golf Outing
 - Both don't require a lot of effort on our part
 - Don't want to be asking friends for money all the time
 - Chris said he is hearing that we not add Taste for 2023
 - Laska (via Zoom) agreed with that assessment
 - Need to get going on the Duck Race planning
- Haven House meals
 - Raj has coordinated it in the past
 - Been traveling a lot
 - Need 3-4 people to take over the program
 - Requires:
 - Prep of 20 pounds of chicken legs (from D&W)
 - Plus make fruit & veggie trays
 - Get bread from Great Harvest
 - WUMC makes a casserole
 - This is for 35 people
 - Prepare food & cleanup at someone's house
 - Deliver to Haven House in East Lansing by the Post Office
 - Done on 2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month
 - If we can't do it, we need to let them know ahead of time
 - Suggest we back off for awhile in preparation for the Duck Race
- Meetings and times
 - How many meeting per month?
 - 2-3 based on the survey
 - At least one early am meeting and one evening meeting per month
 - Has got to be consistent and predictable
 - Satellite Club meets once per month on Thursday evening
 - Need to revise the Bi-Laws after decide
 - Hard to get new members with fewer meetings
 - Need international service too
 - If have 2 meeting/month, use other Tuesdays for Committee meetings
 - Suggested that we have morning meetings on 1st & 3rd Tuesday and an evening meeting on the last Tuesday of the month
 - Some months have 4 Tuesdays and some have 5 (like January 2023)
 - Many come for the social aspects and camaraderie
 - Satellite Club has brought new faces to Rotary
 - All in this together
- Steve gave a quick financial update
 - Last year we had 2 Duck Races (2021 was in August)
 - The August 2021 race netted \$12,800
 - The June 2022 race netted \$19,200 (more typical)
 - Rockin' Rotary Raffle netted \$17,500
 - Grants last Rotary year was \$32,000
 - We need a second fundraiser besides the Duck Race
- We will meet next week at 7:30 am at WUMC like today
- We concluded with the 4-Way Test (+1)

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, July 13, 2022

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

It's that magical time of year again when the Darwin Awards are bestowed, honoring the least evolved among us.

- Here is the glorious winner:

- When his .38 caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-

up in Long Beach, California would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder.

He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.

- The honorable mentions:
- The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and after a little shopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and he also lost a finger The chef's claim was approved.
- A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.
- After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.

(More Next Week)

January Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Sunday, January 1, 2023

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

Marv Zischke January 3

Merlin Hopkins January 15

Wanda Bloomquist January 25