

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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Club Director



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Speakers

January 24, 2023

Laska Creagh
Discussion on
Meeting days/times

January 24, 2023

Laska Creagh
Board Discussion of
Topics

January 31, 2023

Laska Creagh
Meeting at Zynda's

01/24/23-Ukraine Project

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Meeting – January 24, 2023

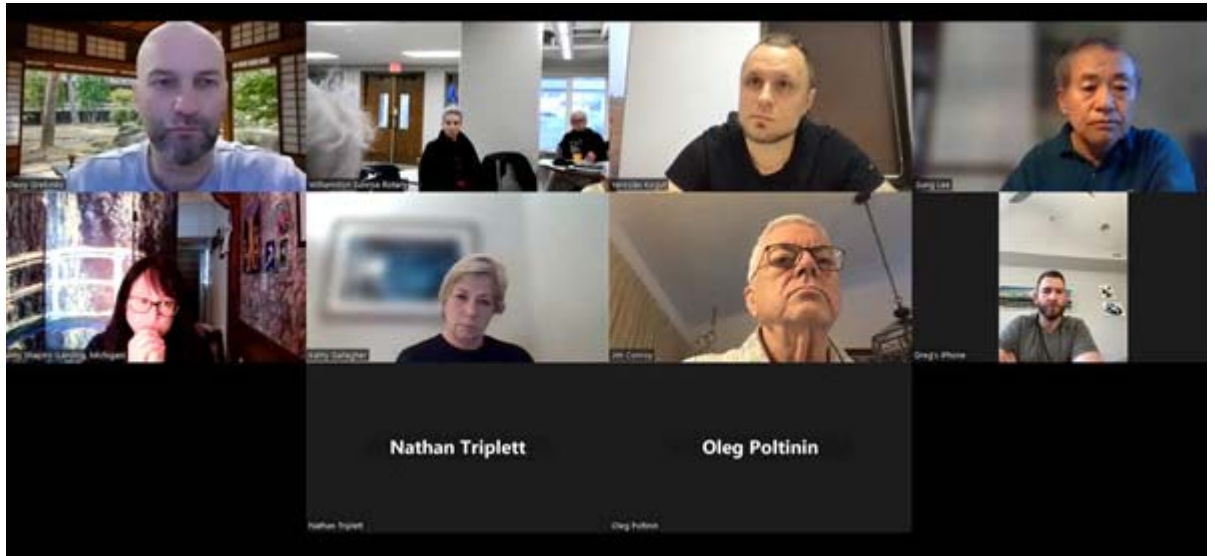
General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=12, Associate Members=2, Guests=9



- President Laska started the meeting off with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Raj gave a pray of thanks
- Last week we talked about meeting days/times and gaining membership
 - We 'stewed' about it for a week
 - Laska broke us up into small groups to discuss our ideas
 - Days/Times:
 - Consensus for 1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 7:30 am meeting
 - 2nd Tuesday – Committee meetings as needed
 - 4th Tuesday – evening meeting at Restaurant at 5:30 pm
 - 5th Tuesday (only 3/year) no meeting
 - Keep schedule simple
- Summary of small group discussion on encouraging more members:
 - Laska asked us to answer this question:
 - Are you interested in _____? Rotary has that!
 - Building community good will
 - Service - local, regional and international
 - Promoting community action
 - Fellowship - 2 more times
 - Learning about people and projects
 - Purpose
 - Assisting schools and supporting schools humanitarian causes

- Getting to know community business and people
- FUN
- Meeting new people/connections
- Speakers – inspiring
- Networking
- Fundraising
- Expanding YOUR world
- Earl, Paul & Sharon will come up with a brochure to help with the “ask”
 - Need to ask people to join
- Jim Conroy suggested we look at the Rotary Brand Center – what they have to offer
 - He will send a copy to Gene to send on to committee
- Need pictures not just words
- At 8 am we moved over to Raj’s program on a Ukraine Proposal
 - We were joined via Zoom by many people



- Olexiy Grebinko, Dnipro Rotary Club in Ukraine
- Yaroslav Kogut, Dnipro Rotary Club in Ukraine
- Oleg Poltinin in Ukraine
- Greg Chapman – National Security Adviser for Rep. Elisa Slotkin
- Amy Shapiro – Jewish Federation in Lansing
- Kathy Gallagher – District Governor
- Nathan Triplett – Lansing Rotary
- Sung Lee – EL Rotary
- Raj introduced Ody Norkin from the East Lansing Rotary Club



- Ody talked about the program they had with Oleziy in Ukraine's Rotary Club of Dnipro for humanitarian support to Ukraine through Rotary for war defense
- Most of the discussion dealt with support for hospital and fire department supplies
- Ody has organized to have a large container shipped to Ukraine with medical supplies and more
 - It is ¾ full with room for more supplies
 - The container will be shipped to Baltimore then overseas
 - Ody will be coordinating the transport of the items with Dnipro, Ukraine, and Suceava, Romania
- The Dnipro Club in Ukraine will help get the container through customs and through the border crossings
- Rotary's main office in Evanston, IN has worked with our District to provide funds to ship the container
- More supplies can fit into the container
 - If know of someone or hospital, medical supply business that has expired items
 - Ukraine is not concerned about expiration dates
 - The need for supplies is great
 - Use equipment is needed too
- Ukraine people in Poland – needs for them?
 - Olexiy: evacuees need housing mainly
 - Olexiy: Applying for a grant for a neurosurgery unit
 - To work on brain injuries
 - Applying in Evanston (RI) – support application
 - Cost many \$100K
 - Oleg: Made many first aid kits - over 3000 kits
 - Need 'stop blood' products – to add to container
 - Sometimes can buy products in Bucharest cheaper than here to ship
- How can we help?



- Raj won the District Raffle for \$500
 - She will donate that to this cause
 - Asking for a match by us
 - Many donations in cash/check at meeting
- Will add to the money donated by the Jewish Federation and East Lansing Club
- The Russians are shelling citizens to demoralize them
 - Rotary involvement will show our government officials to continue to help
- Comments:
 - Sung Lee – Oleg has done amazing things
 - Is there a place to buy supplies?
 - We are gathering money
 - Kathy Gallagher – She appreciates the chance to participate with this cause
 - Her heart goes out to Ukraine
 - Nathan and her will talk to see what they can do
- Raj Weiner made a motion, seconded by Jim Miller to donate \$3000 to this cause – passed unanimously
 - It was later amended to come from our Foundation account
 - The Jewish Federation also has pledged \$1000 per Amy Shapiro
- Ody was in purchasing for the State of Michigan
 - Into logistics
 - His wife runs the Michigan Flyer (buses to Detroit Metro)
 - He never bought ambulances before

- Bought some used ones and had fixed up to send
- Still looking for out-of-date supplies from hospitals
 - Munson provided lots of expired supplies
 - Need some from UM Hospital, Beaumont & others
 - Looking for thyroid medicine
 - Need for older people who exposed by Chernobyl
- We concluded that these funds are most urgently needed to purchase the items that we have not yet been able to collect through donations from hospitals and fire departments by the time the ocean container ships out to sea.
- **NOTE:** a copy of the Zoom video was made and is available for viewing on
 - [Williamston Rotary Videos - Google Drive](#)
- We concluded with the 4-Way Test (+1)
- **Summary after the meeting:** Sunrise Rotary Foundation of Williamston, Michigan will report a sum of \$5,225.00 (including 3K from the Foundation, checks, and cash collected at the meeting today, plus an additional check) will be committed to the effort.
 - Additionally, Sung Lee pledged \$500
 - And Greater Lansing Jewish Federation donated an additional \$1000.

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, July 13, 2022

"The further society drifts from the truth, the more it will hate those who speak it."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

- **[*A 5-STAR STUPIDITY AWARD WINNER]**
- **When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street by sucking on a hose, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline, but he plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had and the perp had been punished enough!**
- **Remember... They walk among us and they can reproduce! And they Vote!**

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