

# Rotary



# Club of Williamston Sunrise

## Club Leaders



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President



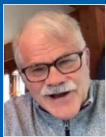
[Christopher A. Lewis](#)  
President - Elect



[Gene Klco](#)  
Secretary  
Webmaster



[Steve Terry](#)  
Treasurer



[Earl K Wolf](#)  
President - Nominee



[James Conroy](#)  
Club Director



[Wanda Bloomquist](#)  
iPast President

## Speakers

**February 21, 2023**

[Narda Murphy Students of Excellence Awards](#)  
At WUMC

**February 28, 2023**

[Evening Meeting](#)  
At Niki's Taverna

**March 07, 2023**

[Earl Wolf, Jim Miller & Others](#)  
Monarch Butterfly Trip

## 2/21/23-Murphs

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, February 21, 2023

### General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=15, Associate Members=0, Guests=15



- President Laska started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
  - Raj read a moving poem as a prayer
- Today was our Winter Narda Murphy Students of Excellence Awards presentations
- Williamston Superintendent Adam Spina started the introduction by telling the students and parents about RYLA
  - Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)
  - It is a summer youth camp for high school students
  - It provides leadership principles for students
  - It is an outstanding networking program
  - Williamston Sunrise Rotary is willing to sponsor a student(s)
- Adam noted that the 'Murphs' were named after past Williamston Superintendant Narda Murphy
  - They are given out 3 times per year to all 3 local schools
  - Students receive recognition with a check and certificate
- Dansville student **Maddison Heberlein** was introduced by Dansville HS Principal Josh Andrews



- Josh noted that Maddison embodies all that the Murphs stand for
- She was nominated by all the staff at Dansville HS
- She is a top notch student
- She tries to impact the culture in a positive way
- Maddison is active in drama club
- She is dual enrolled in classes
- Part of the NHS chapter
- Participates in many service opportunities
- Helps with fund raising, prom & yearbook
- In the summer she has been a camp counselor at 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp
- She was a speaker at a FFA Leadership Conference
- Maddison said she plans to go to MSU for college
  - Studying humanities
- She introduced her parents Jeremy & Michelle Heberlein and brother Nathan
- Webberville student **Josh Fairfield** was introduced by Webberville Dean of Students Andy Smith



- Josh is the third member of his family to be presented with the Murph Award
- Josh maintains a 4.0 GPA
- He is in robotics, FFA, NHS, student council
- He was the Homecoming King
- Andy called Josh a "all around great kid"
- He is a student leader
- Josh introduced his parents: Ed & Melinda Fairfield
- Josh plans to go to Ferris State for college
  - Studying business administration
  - He plans to sell insurance or work for the state in the insurance field
- He was asked about his presentation for FFA
  - He talked about over fertilization of crops
    - How the run off goes into streams and lakes
    - Causing problems
- Williamston HS Principal Dr. Steve Delp introduced student **Will Geiger**



- o Will is a senior who leads by example
- o Both in the classroom and on the athletic field
- o He has 4.0+ GPA
- o Taking college level classes
- o Captain of the football team & in track
- o Will is in the NHS
- o He has a black belt in taekwondo
- o Will says he plans to go to Kalamazoo College on a football scholarship
  - Studying computer science
- o Will introduced his parents: Matt & Lynn Geiger



Photo with all students and staff:  
 Josh Andrews, Jennifer Wonnell, Andy Smith, Maddison Heberlein, Narda Murphy, Josh Fairfield, Laska Creagh,

- Following the Murphs, we had a brief meeting
- We started with Happy Dollars
- Raj had an update on the Rotarian project we supported to get ambulances to Ukraine
  - They were able to get clearance to move the ambulances into Ukraine yesterday
  - Steve noted that while our Rotary decided to donate \$3000 to the effort, another \$2000 was donated by our members and others bringing the total to \$5575
- Laska said how glad she was to see everyone – esp. with the 2 weeks off
- Laska noted that the paperwork that was in our storage shed has been moved into a storage location in the basement of WUMC
  - We will also add the US flag & Rotary banner and badge box to the location so it can be accessed for meetings there
- The club bought a new microphone to aid in Zoom hybrid meetings
  - It was used today with some mixed results
  - First, Gene needed an adapter to hook up the Bluetooth feature to his computer, so the mike was at his table – not near the speaker
    - Other, closer, voices interfered with the sound recording
  - It should be much better in a regular meeting
  - A copy of the video of the meeting with the Murph students is available through this link:
    - <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/my-drive>
- Laska mentioned that the By-Laws committee will meet tomorrow to finalize the revisions
  - Then the membership will have 21 days after it is sent out to us to look it over decide how to vote on it
- River Celebration
  - On Saturday, September 30
  - All Rotary clubs that have been involved in the river cleanup for canoeing or kayaking sponsoring the event
  - Will have shuttles from Harris Nature Center to Williamston
    - Kayak from Williamston to the Grand River
  - It is not a race, but an event
  - T-Shirts will be available with Rotary logo and a river map
- Next week's meeting, **February 28**, will be at **Nikos Taverna**
  - In the location of the former Gracie's Bistro
    - At 5:30 pm with beer provided
- On **March 7** meeting we will hear about the Monarch Butterfly trip to Mexico that 5 of our members went on
- On **March 21** we will have Mike Stout, who has kayaked Lake Michigan & Lake Superior talk to us about the river project
- We concluded with the 4-Way Test (+1)

## Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, July 13, 2022

*"Doubt kills more dreams than failure will."*

## Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

As I watch this generation try to rewrite our history, one thing I'm sure of ... it's been misspelled and had no punctuation.

Me, sobbing: "I'm not coming back here anymore ... I'm not going to let you hurt me again. My Trainer: "It was one sit-up."

As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy efficient.


I haven't gotten anything done today. I've been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.

If you find yourself feeling useless, remember it took 20 years, trillions of dollars, and four U.S. presidents to replace the Taliban with the Taliban.

Turns out that being a "senior" is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

I want to be 18 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

## February Birthdays



By Gene Klco on Wednesday, February 1, 2023

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

**Jim Miller February 2**

**Bob Stephenson February 15**

**Raj Weiner February 15**

**Earl Wolf February 20**