

# Rotary



# Club of Williamston Sunrise

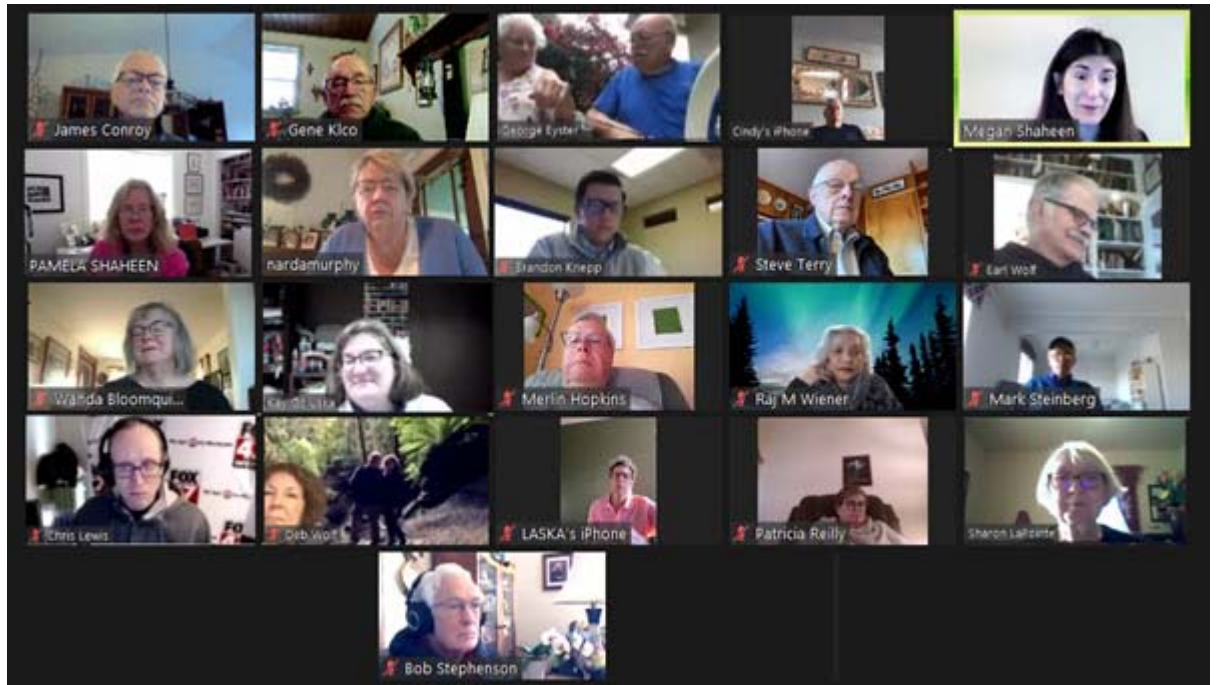
## Club Leaders

## 03/02/21-Megan Shaheen

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, March 2, 2021

### General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=20, Associate Members=1, Guests=1



- President Kay started with the Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speaker was **Megan Shaheen**, daughter of member Pamela Shaheen



Kay Erin Goluska  
President



Wanda Bloomquist  
President - Elect



Gene Klco  
Secretary  
Webmaster



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President - Nominee  
Membership Chair



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Club Director



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Mark Steinberg  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Narda Murphy  
Youth Services Chair



Brian Tort  
iPast President



Brian Tort  
Assistant Governor

## Speakers

**March 02, 2021**  
[Megan Shaheen](#)  
COVID-19 in children

**March 09, 2021**  
[Corey Schmidt](#),  
[Williamston City](#)  
[Manager](#)  
On the River Trail  
Project

**March 16, 2021**  
[Student Excellence](#)  
[Awards](#)

**March 23, 2021**  
[Kay Goluska](#)  
Board meeting

**March 30, 2021**  
[Kay Goluska](#)



- Pamela noted that Megan was a passionate professional
  - She has been doing research on children with Covid-19
- Caring for Children with Covid
  - She noted that she is not a Federal employee and does not represent NIH or NHLBI
    - All views expressed are her own
- Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)
  - Causes of MIS-C currently unknown
  - While most children who get Covid do not develop serious illness
    - But those that get MIS-C may experience prolonged fever, severe abdominal pain and may lead to shock
    - Long term effects remain unknown
  - NIH launched a multi-prong research initiative in May 2020
    - Goals:
      - Describe the spectrum of pediatric of Covid infection
      - Identify risk factors, long term outcomes for patients, treatment response, potential improvements in therapies and other critical research questions
- She gave us sneak info on a soon to be up website:
  - [Caring4kidswithCovid.nih.gov](#)
  - The National Institute for Health (NIH) recognizes the need to provide info on Covid in kids, esp. MIS-C
    - Why are some children more likely to be affected by Covid-19?
    - Why do different children show different symptoms of Covid?
    - Why do some children become infected with Covid have more severe illness?
    - What are the long term outcomes for children who have been infected with Covid?
- PASC Research Program
  - Goal:
    - To rapidly improve our understanding to treat and prevent PASC
  - Key Scientific Questions:
    - What are the clinical spectrum and biology underlying recovery from acute Covid infection?
    - For those patients that do not fully recover, what is the incident/prevalence, natural history, clinical spectrum and underlying biology of this phenomenon?
- Safe return to school
  - Impact of returning to school and other service settings goes beyond a children's education
    - Settings for health services, therapies, nutritional services, and social and cognitive development opportunities
    - Pediatric primary care clinics will need to provide standard vaccinations that have been missed due to closure/parent reluctance
    - Communities and businesses cannot open until children are able to return to school and childcare
    - Transmission higher in absence of vaccine for children
  - Societal impacts of closed child care centers, preschools and schools: disproportionate burden on vulnerable population
    - Economic and social impacts of closed schools disproportionately affect low income families and women
- Q/A:
  - Pamela: How many kids are needed for the study?

- Looking for 1000, to get 800 good candidates
- Raj said she has known Megan since she was a little girl
  - She said Megan has always did things to help others
- George: Does this study show cardiac inflammation going to long term cardiomyopathy?
  - Not seen yet - will be following them for 5 years
  - Still some concern
- This disease is so new that the research changes every week
  - They are trying to figure out the differences between the children
- Pamela: How big an issue that organizations don't talk to each other?
  - Moving so fast
  - Control trials are still going on
  - Better to do something than to do nothing
  - Health care system has gone electronic, but the various systems don't talk to each other
- Raj: Work by the VA had set a lot of the coordination of systems
  - Still too often the systems don't talk to each other
- Narda: How get to heard immunity without kids?
  - Can we reach heard immunity without kids being vaccinated?
  - Need 70-75% of population vaccinated
  - More vaccinations, will help reduce the spread
    - May take 2 years to get to heard immunity
- George: Need to realize that this disease didn't exist 19 months ago
  - There is a learning curve and it takes time and will require changes
- Pamela: When going back to Normal?
  - No normal as we know it
  - She hopes to go somewhere better
  - Somewhere with more empathy, care & concern for each other
  - No one is safe if not all safe
- Wanda: How is the research shared globally
  - Too early to publish their research, but talking to the international community
  - Learning a lot
  - In past researchers used to sit on info to get published
    - Sharing more info now - global effort
- Kay thanked Megan for a wonderful presentation
  
- We had our usual Happy Dollars discussion
- Trish Reilly has been officially become a member of the club
  - Welcome Trish
- Committee Reports:
  - No update on Safe Socializing
  - Spark in the Dark - Jill Cutshaw is excited about it
    - Concern that we don't step on toes of organization doing similar work
  - Sign Committee
    - Earl showed some ideas for a message board





- Fancy one at \$20,000
- Perry has the cost split with the school district
- Payments spread over 5 years
- Have a 5 year warrantee
- Not shared with the city yet
- Jim C asked who controls the signage?
  - Varies - 5 cities - 5 different ways
- Merlin noted that Mark & Earl are looking at locations for the Rotary signs
  - Also doing a cost analysis
- Vaccine Committee - Jim Conroy
  - Stickers out and buttons available
  - Being well received
  - Gene noted that Jim Miller sent an email passed to all with vaccination info
- Coping with Stress Committee - Sharon
  - Had 3 meetings - with Mark
    - Attending a webinar on stress with the pandemic
    - How to do things that need contact without contact
    - What is going on already
    - Not an event, but long term
- Brandon has expressed interest in coordinating the Golf Outing
- We ended with the 4-Way Test (+1)

## 2/24/21 -Spark in The Dark-Followup

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, February 24, 2021

**Follow up on Rotary meeting of 02/23/21: Bringing together non-profits, service groups and more in mid-Michigan**

We had a great conversation about starting a **Spark** in Mid-Michigan. If you were not able to attend, I have included a link below to some documents as well as a link to the video that you can watch.

Videos - <https://youtu.be/DpGJTTxKY7g>

Documents - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1f6OkmtqhFwro1OYjmVYE-ZfJnm41aejI?usp=sharing>

After watching and looking documents, please consider signing up on this form to get more involved in the project: <https://forms.gle/4ZGW1R4Fqfp1jpbz9>

We have a tight window to try and raise the \$5000 to be able to get a match of \$5000 to make this happen and I am hoping that we can pull together to do just that!

Let me know if you have questions I can answer!

Sincerely,

Christopher Lewis

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**From:** Lewis, Chris

**Sent:** Saturday, February 20, 2021 8:37 PM

**Subject:** Bringing together non-profits, service groups and more in mid-Michigan

Recently, the Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club, has heard that there are times in our community where there are people that are in extreme need for aid, but it is not always easy to allow for these people to connect with the resources at hand. Enter Spark in the Dark, a space for non-profits and local community members to come

together to serve the needs of all

### **What is Spark in the Dark**

Spark in the Dark is redefining the impact that social media can have on a community by connecting people in need directly with people who are able to help in their area. In doing so, thus far they have connected 12,000+ needs to solutions every year since 2017.

As the first of it's kind, Spark in the Dark is changing the nonprofit sector by using technology and social media to turn online conversations into offline communities.

They never turn away those with unusual or difficult needs. They walk alongside their members, connecting them to a local community with the resources to help solve their challenges.

Spark in the Dark has been supported in the past by the Traverse City rotary foundation and as of date they have also expanded to having "Sparks" in Traverse City, Mt. Pleasant, Manistee and Midland / Bay City.

On Tuesday, Feb 23 at 5:30 pm, Abigail McKiernan, founder of [Spark in the Dark](#), a non-profit that started in Traverse City, Michigan will be joining the Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club as their guest to talk about Spark in the Dark and what it would take to create a new "spark" in the mid-Michigan area that would support the needs of all residents.

Join us to see how your organization can be involved: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83571989599?pwd=ZUdJMjFMcWtUd0NISXl2TVpoSU1MQT09>

## Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

💠 **If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.** 💠 John Quincy Adams

## Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

**Don't let them take your temperature on your forehead as you enter the supermarket because it erases your memory.**

**I went for macaroni and cheese and came home with two cases of beer .**

## March Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, March 2, 2021

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

**George Eyster March 1**

**Steve Sachs March 24**

**Elgar Brown March 28**