

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

3/7/23-Annual Report & Monarch Butterfly Trip

Club Leaders



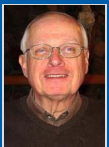
Laska J Creagh
President



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



Timothy A. Lee PDG
Assistant
Governor

Speakers

March 07, 2023
Earl Wolf, Jim Miller & Others
Monarch Butterfly Trip

March 14, 2023
No Meeting
Committee Meetings only

March 21, 2023
Mike Stout
Kayaking Great Lakes & Rivers

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, March 7, 2023

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=11, Associate Members=0, Guests=5



- President Elect Chris Lewis started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - President Laska was home with Covid
- Chris presented a PowerPoint presentation that Laska prepared
 - The By-Laws required that we have an **Annual Report** on the status of our Club
 - Strategic Planning
 - Meeting at the township pavilion
 - What to keep, what to leave
 - Meeting in person
 - Shared muffins
 - Developing a Think Tank to work through ideas that surfaced
 - Documenting how we do all our activities
 - Moving to the church meeting place
 - Moving to 3 member meetings a month
 - Dedicating one additional meeting / month to committee work
 - Creating a Rotary Calendar
 - By-Laws review (ongoing, close to member review)
 - He then showed a photo review of the year
 - Duck Race
 - Red Cedar Pathway
 - Lots of Satellite Club help on this
 - Grants & Operating Expenses
 - Broke up the grants and moved some regular ones to Operating Expenses
 - Won't require a Grant Application each year
 - Ukraine Presentation
 - Our club donated \$3000
 - Members and others added an additional \$2525
 - Total \$5525 + District kicked in \$9000
 - To buy & send ambulances and medical supplies to Ukraine

Some members will go to Detroit on Monday to help load a shipping container

- Murphs
- Tom Clay Golf Outing
- Harvest 5K Run/Walk
- Other: Providing nourishment and support to people
 - Weekend Survival Kits
 - Open Table at WUMC
 - Blessing Box
 - Spark in the Dark
 - Haven House

We should be proud of all that we do!

- After the Annual Report we had Happy Dollars
 - Sharon was given an award for her 22 years of service to the Michigan Foundation for Exceptional Students
- Chris & Earl are going to PETS this week
 - Learn more about Rotary & running a club
- Then Earl presented a great slide show of their Monarch Butterfly Tri in Mexico in February
 - 5 of our Rotarians, Earl & Deb, Jim & Naomi & Sharon went
 - Along with a few other Williamston people



- They flew into Mexico City
 - They spent a few days there touring the city
 - Needed to acclimate to the high altitude (5000 feet)
- Later they went up to the mountains where the butterflies were
 - The butterflies are at 10,000 feet altitude
- The first day they went on Sunday – very busy
 - Good for the local economy as all locals provided services
- That was in the afternoon
 - The next day they went back in the morning
 - Wow! The butterflies were spectacular
- They came upon a Rotary plaque – for a donation from a Rotary Club in Texas
- Why are the monarch's there?
 - Rich diversity of flowers & small streams of water
 - Want a cool place to hang out in the winter
 - The butterflies that are inactive generally do well
 - Are better able to fly to Texas to get to milkweed plants
- The forest is an old growth one
 - With Mexican Pines
 - And Oyamel (sacred) fir
- They took a horse ride up to the top of the mountain
 - Up 1000 feet in elevation & steep
 - On the second day
 - When walking – had to stop and breathe
 - Pace yourself in low oxygen air
 - Lots of butterflies feeding
 - Huge bundles of butterflies on the trees
 - Asked to be quiet to let everyone have their own experience

- The locals are very protective of the monarchs



- Jim Conroy asked what has happened with the monarch population
 - Spraying of crops in the US – spraying Roundup to kill weeds has killed the milkweed plants as well
 - Reduced the monarch population by 90%
- The locals are replanting the fir & pines
- After the PowerPoint, Earl showed some videos off his phone
- Recommend if you missed the presentation, go to this link on Google Docs to see a video of the meeting
 - In 2 parts – Annual Report & Butterfly Trip
 - <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/my-drive>
- We concluded the meeting with the 4-Way Test

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, July 13, 2022

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” ~ Anonymous

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

The Greeks vs. The Irish

Over a double Latte, the Greek mentions “We built the Parthenon you may recall, along with the Temple of Apollo.”

“Aye, and it was the Irish that discovered the Summer and Winter solstices.”

“But it was the Greeks who gave birth to mathematics.”

“Granted, but it was the Irish who built the first timepieces.”


Knowing that he’s about to deliver the coup de grace, the son of Athens points out with a note of finality: “Keep in mind that it was the ancient Greeks who invented the notion of sex as a pleasurable activity!”

“Aye! True enough, but it was the Irish who got women involved.”

March Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, March 1, 2023

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



George Eyster March 1

Elgar Brown March 28