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Speakers

March 19, 2024

Julie Rudd
Williamston Senior Center

March 26, 2024

Chris Lewis
At Zynda's

3/19/24-Julie Rudd

**Williamston Rotary â€” at WUMC at 7:30 am
March 19, 2024**

Attendance: 14 Members, 1 Associate, 1 Guest

President Chris opened the meeting at Order at 7:32am

- Pledge
- A reflection was offered by Earl Wolf - Rotary Vision Statement

2 Member Spotlights

- Jim and Naomi Miller
- **Jim** started with his background. Mennonite Farm life while growing up



- o Budding biologist â€” first 6 years were idyllic
- o 2 Room Elementary Mennonite School, Miss Craybell (sp), disciplinarian. Hard time adjusting to school! But he became a good student. Would do the school work immediately and then read and do other things. Many books read. Bookmobile showed up!
- o Prior to HS, worked on his cousinâ€™s dairy farm. One day, Naomi showed up! They sat together and Jim was smitten! Had to wait for HS to go further with that romance! Huge public school, worked hard and he thought heâ€™d be a farmer. When he got into science and bio, things came easily. A student teacher asked, what are you going to do for your career? He said farmer -wrong answerâ€”you need to work with your head. His home room teacher took him under his wing for all things schooling. In his senior year, people asked where are you going to college? This home room teacher got him applied for college. He was given an intervention to be saved from Hell, but going to Millersville College! They had filled out his application! He was pushed along by people that believed in him!
- o He was in love with Naomi at this point. Junior year met a very demanding prof. He inspired Jim. Something about the profs publishing of original research and that was interesting to Jim and then joined the prof in publishing research after that. This prof was instrumental in him getting his PhD and became a college prof. This prof was his personal agent. Penn State University PhD.

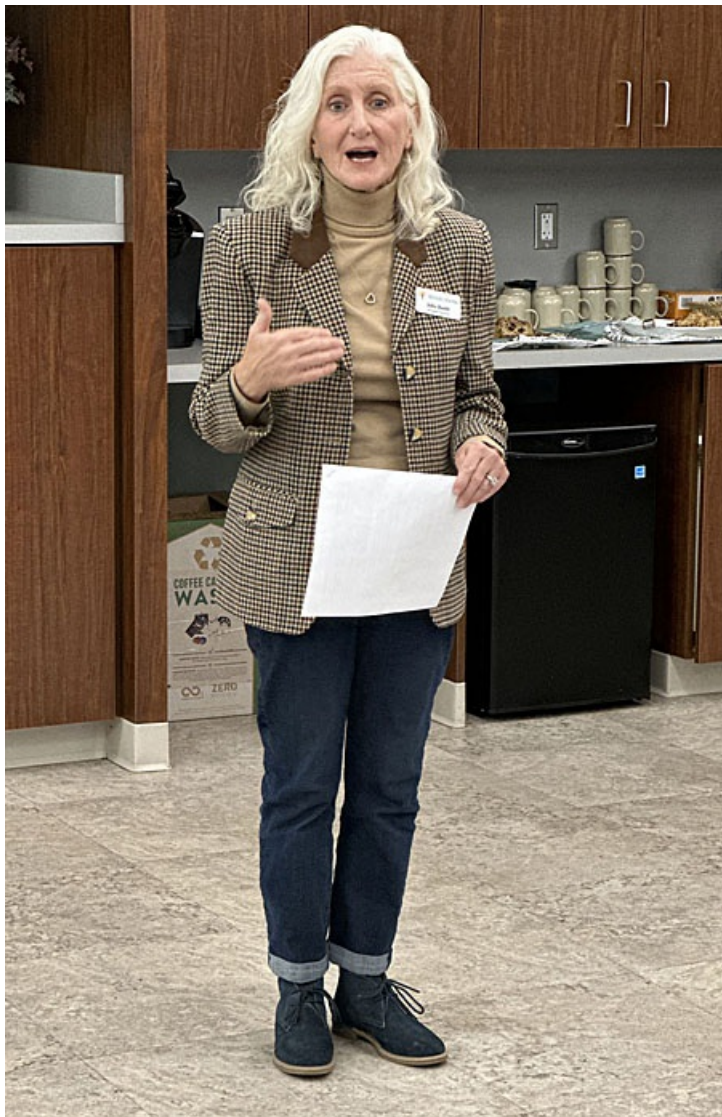
- Chemical ecology â€” analyzing insectâ€™s pheromones!
- Post Doc â€” Dear Dr. Roloffs (sp), â€œwe should work together!â€ He accepted Jim
- Geneva Experiment Center â€” During Carter years, inflation was bad. 4 jobs opened up and he took MSU! Good collegiality and fun.
 - He had four offers! He and Naomi had a matrix factor for figuring out where to go. And there was a liberal/progressive Mennonite church in the East Lansing area.
- Insect behavior, nature in practice of science; secured many grants, USDA, NSF, grad students and a Post Doctoral and research accomplishments, work contributed to human and ecological advancements. Insect mating â€” birth control! Also, etymological pest management, sticky catching the insects to see what insects were where. Malaria suppression, bed nets, interaction of malarial mosquitos and what nets to use to stop chemical resistance! WOW!
- Most fun discovery with malaria, started out as a tragedy. Colonies had crashed with a blood supply that killed all his research. They found an important finding, for killing this malarial mosquito.
- 1996-1999 â€” lured into higher administration â€” not fun so left after 3 years.
 - **Naomi** had a similar childhood â€” 8 children, 3rd from youngest.



- Much â€”chore-ingâ€” around the farm,
- Many neighbors in and out. Always an orchard - loved farming
- Naomi was getting all the best of the fruit, loved the farming and the area along the Susquehanna River. They loved hiking the region.
- Grades 1-12 public school, loved the social; HS chose business tract, she was chosen to work with a company to start an apprenticeship; stayed in position for 3 years + after graduation
- 1970 Jim and Naomi married; moved to grad housing in State College. International community. Michelle born a year later. She was working in auditing. All the children would interact and it was very fun. Jim very busy with his work.
- Naomi was reading and going to seminars about early childhood. When Michelle was 2, not liking day care, Naomi quit working and she focused on the research. She developed a Day Care for the kids in the neighborhood with 5 kids.
- 1975-76 Michael was born in Geneva.
- Decided on MSU â€” flat comparatively! A friend suggested Williamston for a home. Variety of vocations here. Rented on Lynn Road, found their home on North Williamston. Friends of Kallmanâ€™s. Offered them child care for the twins. And worked at the Playmate Cooperative.
- When kids were in school, she answered an ad for a start-up in Haslett. Window treatments, picked up management classes and Business Principle Sources at LCC.
- Left and thought sheâ€™d stay home; worked with designers and the Cowles House. Declined it a couple times and then she worked in the drapery world.
- Through all of this, found a way to be involved and build community!
- 1987-retirement â€” Fancy high-end window treatment and best in Lansing area. Fancy draperies in the Capitol!
- She was instrumental in starting other small business with friends. Had a variety of stores and designers!
- She feels she has benefited from all the communities that she lived in.
 - Why Rotary?
 - During their first year of retirement, they were asked many times to join.
 - Wasnâ€™t interested in fund raising, but enjoys the neighbors and community.
 - This was an excellent way to get back into community!

Speaker

- **Julie Rudd** â€” Williamston Area Senior Center



- Many things happening at the Senior Center!
- October hired Ann McKinney as activities and events coordinators
- Julie wanted to focus more on giving back to community - Girls basketball, plays cards with the seniors
- Vision for the Future " been with them for 7 years, looking for a new building, nothing has come to fruition; Monica Schafer helped find some monies that could be used.
- Yes, they are trying to buy the Merindorf Building, submitted last fall for monies
- Looks like the proposal is on the agenda on April 1. Worked with Dep. Controller for \$1 million. Asked for \$1.4 million.
- They have a bank account with donations from members. Have \$64,000.
- Millage 4-5 years ago passed! Julie was the lead and got in on the ballot. Asked for .25 mills; after that Ingham reduced it to 2.4%. She is going for a renewal. Generates about \$28,000. Per year from each area.
- Key attention getting " worked with NIESA; the center supports the same areas as NIESA, we support 24% of Ingham County. Impressive. Then pulled 2023 voter registration for these areas. Demographic is 35% is 60 and older. Also looking at changing the name " NE Ingham Senior Center and another. Put on hold until we get the building.
- That building " 7.195 acres, 8544 square feet all on one level. Nice parking lot, handicap parking; outside building, 7 exits, ease for food delivery, commercial kitchen, electronic sign.
- Hoping to get something from the commissioners, not sure how much or when. First to every request money from Elders Services Millage. In future, Senior centers can request monies.
- Liquor License goes for \$300,000. Not getting.
- Local Realtor " Tom Barrett, will donate his commission to buy the building; Julie Brixie has been very helpful; Elisa Slotkin"s office is helping. They all sent reps to look at current building, the visit went very well. Most often people that visit understand the need! Additionally, talked to Stabenow"s office. Most grants want a building before funding. Have reached out to state senators Anthony and Singh.
- 4 years ago, very little monies on hand. Redid the bylaws, financial processes. Better processes in place. Much better place; voting member from Williamstown Township on the board; rep from Wheatfield. Need to get a board meeting from each area on board.
- Lease it up July 2025 at current location.
- The April 1 meeting is VERY important! Seniors need to be in the room. Letters of support need to be written. Expanding critical services is a big part. The center is meeting these needs.
- Send letters to:
 - Julie Rudd, Executive Director
 - 201 School Street

- Box 343
- Williamston, Mi. 48895

Announcements

- Happy Dollars all around
- 4-way test
- Adjournment at 8:54am

Upcoming meeting dates:

- Regular Meeting March 26th evening 5:30am at Zynda™s
- Service Committee â€" April 9th at 9:00am at WUMC
- Membership Meeting â€" April 2nd at 11:30am at Sunnyside
- Satellite Volunteer Service â€" Thursday, March 21st at 5:30 at Zynda™s (every 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:30pm)
- Duck Race Committee â€" April 9th at 8:30am at WUMC

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Saturday, July 1, 2023

The reason most people do not recognize an opportunity when they meet it is because it usually goes around wearing overalls and looking like Hard Work. ~ Thomas Edison

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco

Aviation 101

An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 30,000 feet, when suddenly an Eurofighter with a Tempo Mach 2 appears.

The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus, boring flight isnâ€™t it? Now have a look here!"

He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, and then swoops down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks: "Well, how was that?"

The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but watch this!"

The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly straight, at the same speed.

After 15 minutes, the Airbus pilot radios, "Well, how was that?"

Confused, the jet pilot asks, "What did you do?"

The Airbus pilot laughs and says: "I got up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the aircraft to use the washroom, then got a cup of coffee and a chocolate fudge pastry."

The moral of the story is: When youâ€™re young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser, you learn that comfort and peace are more important.

This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older and Smarter.

Dedicated to all my senior friends ~ itâ€™s time to slow down and enjoy the rest of the trip.

March Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Friday, March 1, 2024

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

George Eyster March 1