

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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Speakers

March 28, 2023
[Laska Creagh](#)
At Zynda's

3/21/23-Mike Stout

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, March 21, 2023

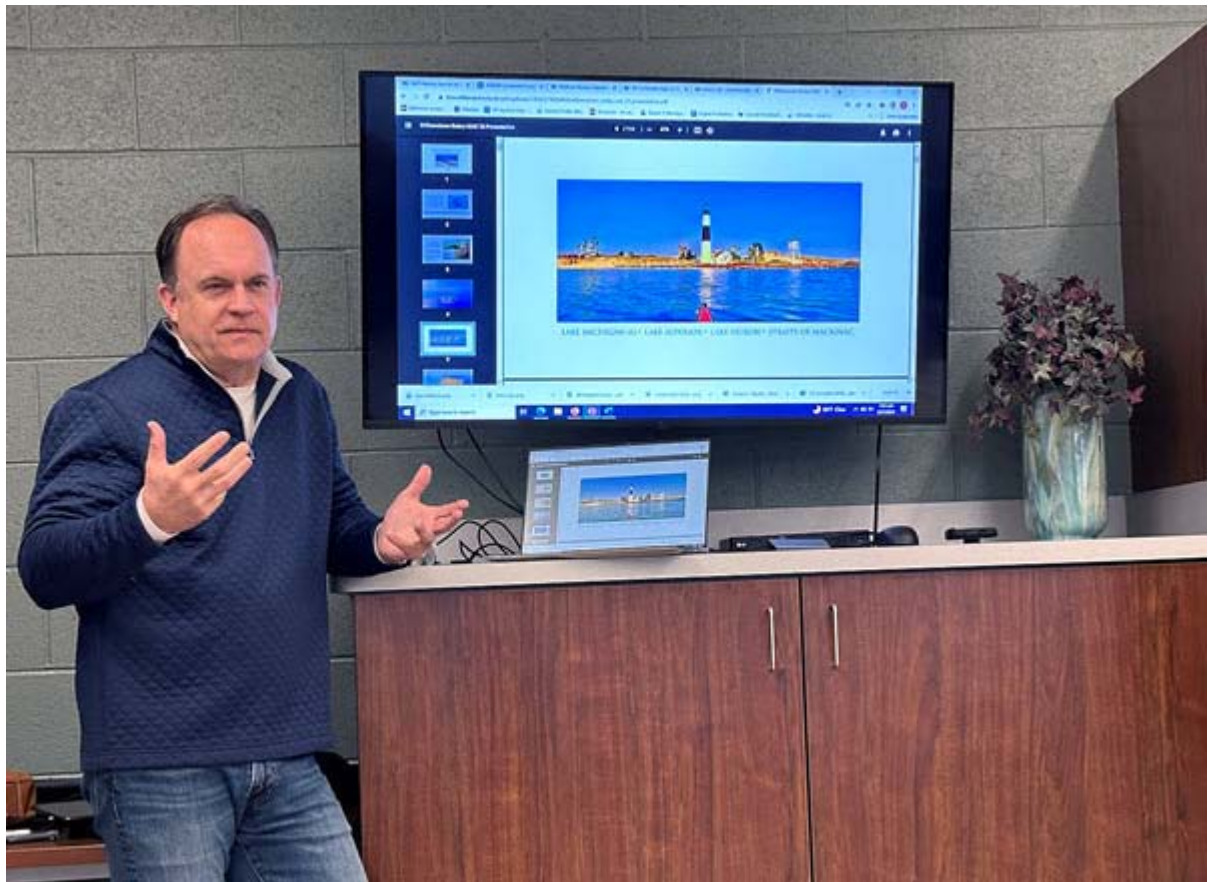
General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=15, Associate Members=1, Guests=4

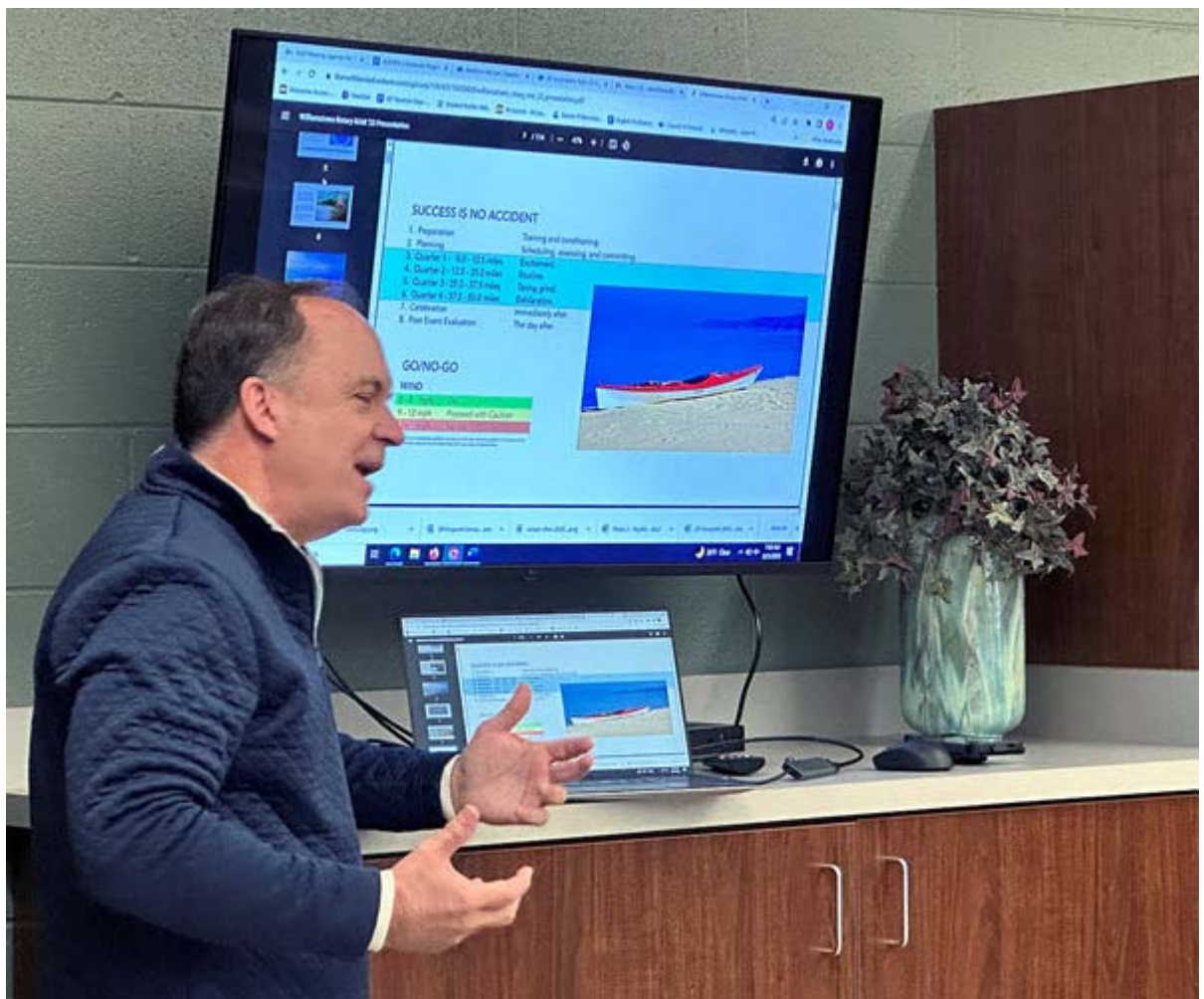


- President Laska started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Jim Miller gave a short prayer of thanks
- Laska started with some club business:
 - Merlin has received another Paul Harris Award & pin
 - Given for donation \$1000 to Rotary International
 - 100% of the money that is donated around the world is used for Rotary causes
 - Administration expenses are run on interest the money makes
 - After 7 years, the original money is give back to the district for grant distribution
 - Many members have not voted yet for 2023-24 Officers
 - The ballot will be sent again to all
 - Only vote if you haven't already
 - September 30, 2023 will be the River Celebration Day
 - Sharon & Laska will coordinate on our part
 - With Bruce Wigginton from the Satellite Club
 - Lansing Rotary is working with the 6 Rotaries to make this happen
 - Monica Schafer has engages the county commissioners & local jurisdictions to identify potential funding sources to maintain the river
 - Be thinking about what committees you want to serve on
 - Membership – Paul & Merlin
 - Public Image – Chris
 - Foundation – Raj
 - Others?
 - Upcoming events:
 - Duck counting & sorting
 - Duck Race committee meetings – April 9, May 11 @ 9am
 - We then had Happy Dollars

- Guest speaker – Mike Stout



- Mike has kayaked by himself across Lake Michigan 6 times
 - And once across Lake Superior
- Mike grew up in Grand Rapids
 - Got a kayak to paddle local rivers
- Though he wanted to kayak Lake Michigan
 - Got a sea kayak – 17' long
 - No rudder – long & narrow – made to go straight
- 2 months ago he paddled from Williamston to the Grad River
 - Williamston to Grand River Park in great shape
 - Beautiful – saw lots of nature
 - Came back to Williamston for dinner
- Kayaking Lake Michigan
 - It's 50 miles from Wisconsin's Rawley Point Lighthouse to Michigan's Big Sable Lighthouse
 - Kayaking for success is no accident



- Prep – training, conditioning
- Planning – Scheduling, assessing, committing
- 4 stages of the trip
 - Q1: 0-12.5 miles – Excitement
 - Q2: 12.5-25 miles – Routine
 - Q3: 25-37.5 miles – Taxing grind
 - Q4: 37.5-50 miles – Exhilaration
- Celebration – Immediately after
- Post event evaluation – the day after
- Deciding if it is a Go or No Go
 - Wind
 - 0-8 mph – Go
 - 9-12 – Proceed with caution
 - 13+ - No go
- Experiences:
 - 13 hours from Rawley Point Lighthouse to Big Sable light
 - Take the Badger back out of Muskegon
 - Use a compass to guide him
 - Once forgot one and had to navigate like to old mariners did
- Kayaking Lake Superior
 - From Pigeon River in Canada to Isle Royale
 - Then from Isle Royale to Houghton, MI
 - Went to the sight the day before
 - Checked out the area
 - Had a 3-day window for good weather
 - Took 6 hours to get to Isle Royale
 - And 21 ½ to get from there to Houghton
 - Ran into 30 mph winds
 - Had to paddle into the winds of capsized
 - Not ready to do Lake Superior again
 - Not a suicide mission – escape mission
- Goes from June-August
 - Wears a wetsuit – thickness depends on water temp
 - Sometimes there is no horizon to be seen
 - Prevailing winds come from SW to NE
 - Pushed NE from prevailing winds
 - Had to fight back to course
 - At times, it is blissful – had to describe
- Website: Michigan Waterways Steward

- www.MiWaterwaysSteward.org
- He was shocked at all the urban debris along the river
 - Esp. near Lansing
- Wrote many letters to get help getting it cleanup
 - No response
 - Government admitted it was a problem
 - But no funds to do
 - Not all in their jurisdiction
 - Organized volunteers to help cleanup portions
 - Partnership with Lansing city and others
- From Williamston to Meridian township
 - Some debris, but otherwise great!
- Lansing is having 2 city wide river cleanups – in June & September
- Can get help from companies if give recognition for their services
- Monica Schafer
 - Met with Keith Creagh & John Bollman
 - Connect with people
 - Today at 1 pm will have a Zoom meeting with Rotary groups
 - Pull together to get funding
 - Encourage to get together for use
 - John Bollman is connecting with WILX TV for coverage
- Next week we will meet at Zynda's at 5:30 pm
- We concluded with the 4-Way Test (+1)

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, July 13, 2022

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food..
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair...
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

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