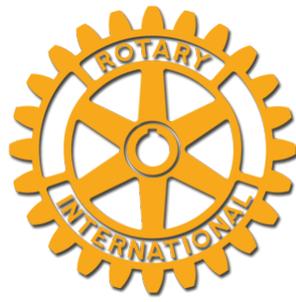


# Rotary



# Club of Williamston Sunrise

## Club Leaders



Kay Erin Goluska  
President



Wanda Bloomquist  
President - Elect



Gene Klco  
Secretary  
Webmaster



Laska J Creagh  
President - Nominee  
Membership Chair



Steve Terry  
Treasurer



James Conroy  
Club Director



Elgar Brown  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Mark Steinberg  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Narda Murphy  
Youth Services Chair



Brian Tort  
iPast President



Brian Tort  
Assistant Governor

## 3/23/21-Mark Sweatman & Courtney Anderson

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, March 23, 2021

### General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=19, Associate Members=2, Guests=2



- President Kay started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Guest speakers were **Mark Sweatman & Courtney Anderson**



## Speakers

**March 23, 2021**

Mark Sweatman & Courtney Anderson

Discussing Their Satellite Club in Charlotte Courtney is Executive Director of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce

**March 23, 2021**

Kay Goluska

Board meeting

**March 30, 2021**

Kay Goluska



- Mark is the Past President of the Charlotte Rotary Satellite Club
  - Courtney is the current President & Executive Director of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce
- Courtney talked about her reason for joining the Satellite Club
  - She doesn't like getting up early and has more evening opportunities
- They showed the Mission Statement for the club:
  - ♦As the satellite club of the Charlotte Rotary, we strive to exemplify the 4-way test through monthly service projects, international donations and strong community camaraderie.♦
- Contacting the club:
  - Facebook: @CharlotteSatellite
  - Email: [charlottechamberofcommerce@gmail.com](mailto:charlottechamberofcommerce@gmail.com)
  - Phone: 517-543-0400
- Founding of the Club:
  - Satellite Club was formed by existing members of Tuesday Charlotte Club (sponsoring club)
  - Formed to offer members, existing and future, an option to a conventional Rotary Club
  - Satellite Club developed and ratified its own bi-laws, in accord with sponsoring club and RI guidelines
  - We do Rotary differently
- Dues Structure
  - District Dues - \$12/Quarter
  - RI Dues - \$18.75/Quarter
  - Club Dues \$10.25/Quarter ♦ for club use
  - Total \$41/ Quarter (no food fees)
    - Meet at bar/restaurant and each pays for own meal/drinks
- Fund Raising
  - Dues structure limited members desire to do good things in our community.
  - Fund raising has been important to building revenues for local and international activities.
  - Activities have included simple bake sales, 50/50 raffle at community event, and Taste of Charlotte card sales.
  - Mark noted that the main club gave them \$100 seed money
    - Opened a bank account
    - Needed to find a way to generate money to help with
  - Taste of Charlotte Card sales gave buyers a discount at area restaurants
    - Generated \$4000-\$5000
- Time Commitment
  - Our club meets weekly at a local restaurant to discuss projects, develop project ideas and discuss upcoming community events.
  - Business portion lasts no longer than 30-minutes.
    - After that they sit and talk - build camaraderie
  - Complete at least one service project each month.
- Projects
  - Do small evening projects - like city street cleanup
  - Do some larger weekend projects - like deck and ramp building
  - Charlotte Rotary Satellite Clubs Projects and Events:
    - Charlotte Municipal Airport Kitchen Remodel
    - Memorial Park Landscaping
    - Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Teen Center
    - Camp Francis Remodel
    - Tent Assembly for Taste of Charlotte Event
  - Have some recurring projects
    - Palliative Care Auction Assistance
    - Highway Cleanup I-69

- General Federation of Woman's Club Senior Tea
- Father's Day Fly In
- Back to School event ECFC
- Palliative Care Spring and Fall Clean up
- Christmas for Kiddies

- Q/A:
  - How many members switched when you formed?
    - Some switch, but many still pay the regular fees - donate extra to foundation
      - Fees not a reason most switch
      - More about time of day and work schedule
    - Members can attend both clubs
    - Dues that pay for RI/District dues are passed through the main club
      - Satellite club keeps money made and club dues portion
  - With 2 clubs in Charlotte, is it confusing to the community?
    - No, it provides more Rotary exposure
    - Mark came from Brighton and they had 3 Rotary clubs
  - How many members in each club?
    - The main club has about 80 members and satellite 15 members
      - 3 Members moved to the satellite club
  - Do members attend both meetings?
    - Handful that attend both
    - One person sits on the board from each club as a liaison
      - To keep the clubs coordinated with each other
  - How did the club get started?
    - They gathered informally about a year before starting the club
    - Waited till they had a large enough group to make it work
  - How does the Restaurant Card work?
    - Have 11 locally owned restaurants in Charlotte
    - Asked them to provide an option for someone who bought a card to get a discount
    - Were able to get some money back from the restaurants when people used the card (didn't quite get how that worked)
  - Monthly project - how decide?
    - Have community request forms
      - We evaluate them as to the easibility of the request and does it fit the 4-Way Test
  - Do you have a website? Speakers?
    - Use Facebook for providing info to public
    - Secretary takes minutes of the meetings
    - Have speakers periodically
      - Not speeches, but informal discussions
  - Are you non-profit - 501(c)3?
    - Done through main club
    - Mark said he is frustrated that the satellite club is not on the RI website
      - Apparently Rotary has not figured out how to handle satellite clubs
  - Is your satellite club similar to the Brighton one?
    - Not sure, but think they have a younger group
- Kay thanked them for all the good info

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- Narda noted that we should read the article in the April issue of the Rotarian magazine page 54 on Our Clubs
  - We had Happy Dollars next
    - Paul talked about an idea to buy reflective vests and add our Rotary logo on them
      - Then give them to crossing guards, police, firemen,
    - Paul also had an idea to create a Williamston Heros Admiration T\_\_\_\_\_ (WHAT)
      - Present a plaque to local heros - police, National Guard personnel, shop owner,
      - Earl thought it would be good to present at one of the summer concerts
  - Committee updates:
    - Raj talked about vaccine info
      - She is going to a meeting tomorrow
      - There is an opportunity to volunteer to help with vaccinations at Sears through Sparrow
      - Will be trained to help
      - National Guard has been helping, but needed elsewhere
      - Volunteer for 4 hour shift
  - Kay noted the fighting disease is one of Rotary's causes
    - Vaccines are part of our cause to eradicate polio
    - Encourage community members to get the vaccine
  - We concluded with the 4-Way Test (+1)
  - Foundation and Club Board meeting followed this meeting

## Thought for the Week

"What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other."

## Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

**Your Yearly Dementia Test** (*only 4 questions this year*)!  
**This one has different questions than last year.**

**Yep, it's that time of year again for us to take our annual senior citizen test. Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you will lose it!**

**The spaces below are so you don't see the answers until you've answered.**

**#1 What do you put in a toaster?**

**Answer:** *'bread.'* If you said 'toast', just give up now and go do something else.

*And, try not to hurt yourself. If you said, bread, go to Question #2.*

**#2 Say 'silk' ten times. Now spell 'silk.' What do cows drink?**

**Answer:** *Cows drink water. If you said 'milk,' don't attempt the next*

question.

*Your brain is already over-stressed and may even overheat. Content yourself with reading more appropriate literature such as Women's Weekly or Auto World.*

**However, if you did say 'water', proceed to Question #3.**

**#3 If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?**

**Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass.**

**If you said 'green bricks', why are you still reading this? PLEASE, go lie down! (Unless of course, you were referring to a Spartan House)**

**But, if you said 'glass,' go on to Question #4.**

**#4 Please do not use a calculator for this for it would be cheating: You are driving a bus from New York City to Philadelphia📍..**

- In Staten Island, 17 people got on the bus.
- In New Brunswick, 6 people get off the bus and 9 people get on.
- In Windsor, 2 people get off and 4 get on.
- In Trenton, 11 people get off and 16 people get on.
- In Bristol, 3 people get off and 5 people get on.
- And, in Camden, 6 people get off and 3 get on.

**You then arrive at Philadelphia Station.**

**Without going back to review, how old is the bus driver?**

**Answer: Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember your own age?! It was YOU driving the bus!**

**If you pass this along to your friends, pray they do better than you.**

**PS: *95% of people fail most of the questions!***

## **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**