

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

Club Leaders



Laska J Creagh
President



Christopher A. Lewis
President -Elect



Gene Klco
Secretary
Webmaster



Wanda Bloomquist
iPast President
Treasurer



Earl K Wolf
President -Nominee



James Conroy
Club Director



Timothy A. Lee PDG
Assistant Governor

Speakers

April 04, 2023

Wendy Parry

Food Truck with Fresh Bagels

3/28/23-General Discussion

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, March 29, 2023

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=12, Associate/Honorary Members=1, Guests=0
- President Laska started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Paul gave a short pray of thanks
- We next had Happy Dollars
 - Many for the MSU Spartans reaching the Sweet 16
 - And for Iowa ladies in the Final Four
 - And one for the UM Hockey team
- Our Rotary Hero this year has been selected – Steve Terry
 - Congratulations for all that you have done as Treasurer for so many years
- Laska passed out her work on a Rotary Calendar
 - It listed the many things that we need to do throughout the year
 - Each month list things that needed to be done that month
 - She asked us all to look at it and provide input back to her about anything we see needs adding
 - During the discussion the idea came up to have a Bike Ride - 25K ?
 - Similar to the Harvest 5K Run
 - Could be from Williamston to Webberville to Dansville and back
 - Wanda said the township was thinking of a historic bike ride
 - September 30, 2023 – River Celebration
 - Just had a meeting this morning with Laska, Sharon, Keith Creagh & Bruce Wigginton
 - What part of the celebration should we do?
 - Suggest a run for beginner kayakers – McCormick Park to Dietz Rd and back
 - Might be too much for a beginner
 - Check with Camp Pa-Wa-Pi as a launch spot or turn around spot
 - We have help fund Camp Pa-Wa-Pi in the past
 - Plan to start at the Red Cedar River Bend Landing
 - To Harris Nature Center – about 2 ½ hour trip
 - Scouts will shuttle people who drop their car off at Harris NC to Williamston to their kayak/canoe
 - Should we provide hot chocolate/coffee & donuts?
 - The celebration should introduce people to the Red Cedar & it's beauty
 - WILX TV10 did an interview of Laska & John Bollman
 - <https://www.wilx.com/2023/03/24/kayak-red-cedar-williamston-lansing/>
 - Question about Teacher Appreciation in fall
 - Raj went to Viet Nam a few years ago
 - They appreciate their teachers all year long
 - Not just on Teacher Appreciation Day
 - So last fall, provided food for them on in-service days
 - We thanked Laska for all the work she did to put this together
- Duck Race – Jim Conroy
 - The Duck Race committee – Jim C, Narda & Sharon
 - Subcommittees;
 - Marketing/communication – Earl & Deb
 - Sponsors – Raj & Jim C
 - Partnership with Scouts & Seniors – Sharon
 - Ticket Sales – Jim & Naomi Miller
 - Jim noted that for years Virginia Tashner (Senior Center)
 - Would sell tickets at Brookshire
 - She would do the 'Duck (like Chicken) Dance' if someone bought a flock of ducks
 - Virginia died a few weeks ago :(
 - Who will replace her?
 - Suggested we have handouts about our club & all the community service we do
 - To hand out at Farmer's Market, any ticket sales

- Can use to follow-up with sponsors too
 - Sponsors – about 200 letters sent out (mostly via email)
 - Key to getting sponsors is to follow-up with them
 - Jim was able to get a listing of all the Williamston Businesses
 - With info on contact, address, email, ...
 - He will use that to add to potential sponsor list
- By-Laws
 - Committee of Sharon, Laska, Bob and Narda
 - Went through them and kept all the RI requirements
 - Found many committees that we have no people on
 - She passed around a list of the committees
 - Asked us to sign-up for a committee
 - These are the Chairs/Co-Chairs (with members below)
 - Membership – Paul & Merlin
 - Sharon, Norm, Steve
 - Public Relations – Earl & Deb
 - Community Service – Narda & Wanda
 - Meeting Host Speakers – Earl
 - Rotary Foundation – Past President (Wanda)
 - Grants Committee – President-Elect (Chris), President-Nominee (Earl) & member at Large (Jim Miller)
- Need to select a May date to count ducks
 - Have 2 large tubs of ducks that were used last year
 - Some ducks that the numbers could not be read, have been over painted by Jim Miller
 - Will use the revised ducks to fill in where a number is missing
 - Decided to do at the **Township Pavilion on Tuesday, May 9 at 9 am**
- Earl wondered how we could get a Sky View Camera to monitor the weather in Williamston – like they have in downtown Lansing, MSU-FCU main office, Jackson, etc. that are shown in Channel 10 weather reports and others
 - Good PR for Williamston
- Next week's speaker at WUMC will be Wendy Parry
 - She is setting up a food truck to sell fresh bagels
 - Reminiscent of the old Bagel Fragel
 - She will bring some fresh bagels to the meeting
- We concluded with the 4-Way Test (+1)

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, July 13, 2022

"I opened two gifts this morning. They were my eyes."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jello to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy

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