

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

Club Leaders



Kay Erin Goluska
President



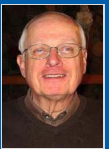
Wanda Bloomquist
President - Elect



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

4/13/21 - Jim Sillers

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Meeting ♦ **April 13, 2021**

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=16, Guests=1
- President Kay started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance



Guest Speaker ♦ **Jim Sillers** ♦ Rotary International Experience



Speakers

April 13, 2021

[James Sillers](#)

Rotary's International Involvement

April 27, 2021

[Nikki Zynda](#)

Zynda's Restaurant

May 11, 2021

[Student Excellence Awards](#)

- George met Jim at a bar in Anguilla at a Rotary meeting a few years ago
 - George first met Jim at in vet grad school in 1970
- Jim decided to be a Rotary Ambassador after retiring
 - He decided to leave the vet practice a 62 years old
 - He liked to travel and could afford to do it
 - Decided to use his IRA distributions to benefit Rotary causes
- Money donated to Rotary Foundation is held for 3 years
 - Interest pays the administration
 - After 3 years the money is given ♦ back to the District ♦ ♦ stays with RI
 - Half that goes to the District is used for Rotary District Grants
 - Global Grants - District Designated Funds (DDF)
 - At least \$30,000 and partnered with International Rotary group
 - Must have 15%
 - In RI ♦s 7 areas of focus (7th area new in July (Environment)
 - Have needs assessment
 - Sustainability
- Jim talked about Friendship Exchange
 - Groups set up the rules of exchange
 - Exchange person with International Rotary person
 - Live in exchange person ♦s home ♦ both ways
 - Set expenses between groups
 - 5-10 Days
- Jim showed photos of some of the International visits he was on
 - In Zambia ♦ helped cleanup and brighten school buildings
 - He was in Katmandu (where he did a make-up to keep his perfect attendance)
 - In Dominican Republic & Columbia
 - In El Salvador he helped provide cook stoves that were needed at \$65 each
 - In Columbia
 - Natives picked coffee ♦ but it was only during ♦ the year
 - Other half year were poor
 - Helped them setup terrace farming
 - Raise crops to supply food and to sell
 - They helped get incubators to save premature babies
 - A Women ♦s Coffee Project helped them produce higher quality coffee
 - Also started a pilot project to End Malaria Now in Columbia
 - Use nets to reduce influence of mosquitoes
 - Reduce standing water ♦ avoid breeding places
- Jim talked about Project Fairs
 - Rotary Clubs present their plans looking for partner clubs
- Q/A:
 - Sustainability with cook stoves in El Salvador? Maintenance?
 - Low maintenance stoves
 - RI insists on sustainability ♦ or change will not last
 - How many travels per year have you done?
 - In 2019 ♦ visited 6 countries
 - Cost was mostly air fare
 - He noted that Rotarians worldwide pay the same dues to RI
 - In third world countries, Rotarians are mostly the rich
 - Others can ♦t afford it

- Do you go with the same people?
 - Sometimes yes (esp. on certain project) ♦ but not always
 - Where is the best way to find out about these Rotary projects?
 - Not sure ♦ check with your District
- Next we had Happy Dollars
 - Kay Finished the main meeting with the 4-Way Test (+1)
- After Committee chairs reported
 - Chris reported that Spark in the Dark did receive the funds
 - We need 3-5 admin volunteers for communication
 - Admin training:
 - Learn to identify needs
 - How to handle situations
 - Find help
 - How to manage communication
 - Learn the process ♦ 1-2 hours per week required
 - It is a Facebook group
 - There is a PR piece
 - Need to get the word out
 - Kay volunteered to help
 - Merlin reported on the Sign Committee
 - Plan signs on E/W and N/S roads into Williamston
 - Rather than the Rotary Wheel, have a Welcome to Williamston sign
 - With Sponsored by Rotary on it
 - Will contact other service clubs to see if they want to be part of sign
 - After we get costs and city approvals
 - Jim Miller ♦ Vaccination Committee
 - Good response to help at Sparrow Vaccination site
 - Plan on doing first group work day on April 27th at 9:45 am
 - Sign up on SignupGenius
 - Good article in today's Lansing State Journal on Sparrow site
 - Gene will send out a copy
 - Narda ♦ Grants
 - Have sent something to the board to approve
 - She also noted that Earl is working on the Electronic Sign
 - Asked him to document the progress and info
 - Chris will give feedback at the Marketing Committee Meeting
 - Costs: \$20,000 - \$25,000 old quote
 - Not seen new figures
 - Will have 5 years to pay off
 - Jen ♦ Interact
 - Plan a downtown cleanup
 - Still looking for new members

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

♦**All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.** ♦

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

While going through some old photos, I came across this group from 12/7/2012.

Our Golden Retriever had a small surgery and had to wear a cone.



At the same time, our Basset had to have his butt shaved (I don't remember what that was about):



And in the newspaper appeared this cartoon at the same time (I added their names):

OFF THE MARK



We had to show the vet this cartoon later too!

(George, can you relate?)

Gene

April Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Thursday, April 1, 2021

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

Chris Lewis April 7

Donna Crawford April 13

Laska Creagh April 15

Naomi Miller April 21

Deborah Wolf April 21

Join Our Local and International Celebration of The Rotary Foundation!

By Teresa Brandell on Friday, April 2, 2021

Everyone from our District is invited to join in an international celebration of our Rotary Foundation. The event will be a Virtual Gala on Wednesday evening, May 12, 2021 at 8 p.m. EDT. In conjunction with this big international gala, our District will be hosting a pre-event gathering of our own starting at 7:30 p.m.

Do Good
This is our call to action



Celebrating Our **FOUNDATION!**
and our promise
to do *Good in the World*



Join us
May 12, 2021
Virtual Gala & Fundraiser
www.bit.ly/TRF-Gala



During our pre-gala event, we will recognize some of our local outstanding Rotary Foundation achievements during this past year, and will also have some fun.

The main event starts with a "Red Carpet" pre-show that kicks off at 8:00pm EDT sharp and is hosted by Rotary International's first

female President, Jennifer Jones! This will lead us into the variety show with Master of Ceremonies Past RI Director Jeffry Cadorette, distinguished speakers, entertainers, inspiring stories about service supported by TRF and much more!

Tickets to the gala are available [HERE](#).

Tickets are a donation of \$110 plus applicable fees, of which \$100 is a fully credited donation to TRF - you get a charitable tax receipt and 100 Foundation Recognition Points, and your District gets credit towards its Foundation goals as well.

This gives Rotarians, their clubs, and our Districts the opportunity to DO MORE GOOD, and meet the goals they have all set for Foundation donations in this challenging year. Each donation will be directed 75% to the Annual Fund and 25% to the PolioPlus fund.

If you want a peek at the entire program as of today, click [HERE](#).

Note that fun things are still being added to the program!

Please join us and other Rotarians from our District at this fantastic gala event, and at our pre-event celebration before the **big show!**

If you have any questions at all, please contact:

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