



Club Leaders



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Robert Stephenson
Club Director

Speakers

April 16, 2024

Denise White
Duck Race Ticket Sales Demo

April 23, 2024

No Meeting

April 30, 2024

Chris Lewis
Evening Meeting At Zynda's

04/16/24-Denise White

Williamston Rotary April 16, 2024

President-Elect Earl opened the meeting at 7:33am

- Pledge
- Rotary Vision â€" Sharon
- Raj â€" morning snack
- Attendance: Members=19, Associate Members=2, Guests=5

Guests: Raj Wiener and Adam Spina, Superintendent



- Introduced Grady Langdon and his Mom, Nicole
- Grady and Raj participated in the District Career Program
- Mentors are assigned - Raj was in a room as a host
- Gradyâ€™s Mom signed him up for this, looking to go into law and he was grateful that he participated.
- Grady plays centerfield on the baseball team at WHS, challenging Haslett today!
- Adam presented Grady with a participation award
- Sharon explained RYLA to Grady. We will sponsor Gradyâ€™s attendance

Mark Rodge - Assistant Governor Elect

- Assistant governor-elect, liaison to the district
- Helps with the district and club data base (DACdb)
- Leadership training for leaders or â€"wanna beâ€™sâ€™ in Charlotte this Wednesday
- May 3-4 â€" District Conference â€" agenda passed around
- Interact Clubs sponsored
- RYLA camp â€" July 12-14

Adam Spina

- Late last night, Steve Kersten inducted to the Michigan Coaches Hall of Fame
- Cassandra Eberhart â€" Region 6 Teacher of the Year, finalist for state Teacher of the year, state board advisory council
- Becky Durling â€" a Presidential Science Educator Award! Running for National Teacher of the Year

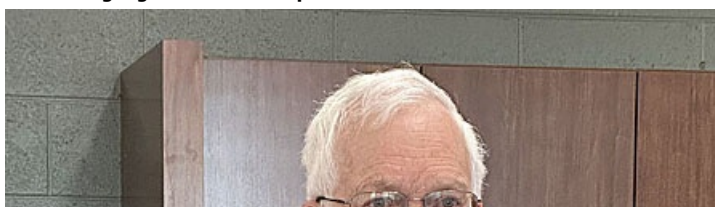
Speaker â€" Denise White explaining the new process for the Duck Race Sales

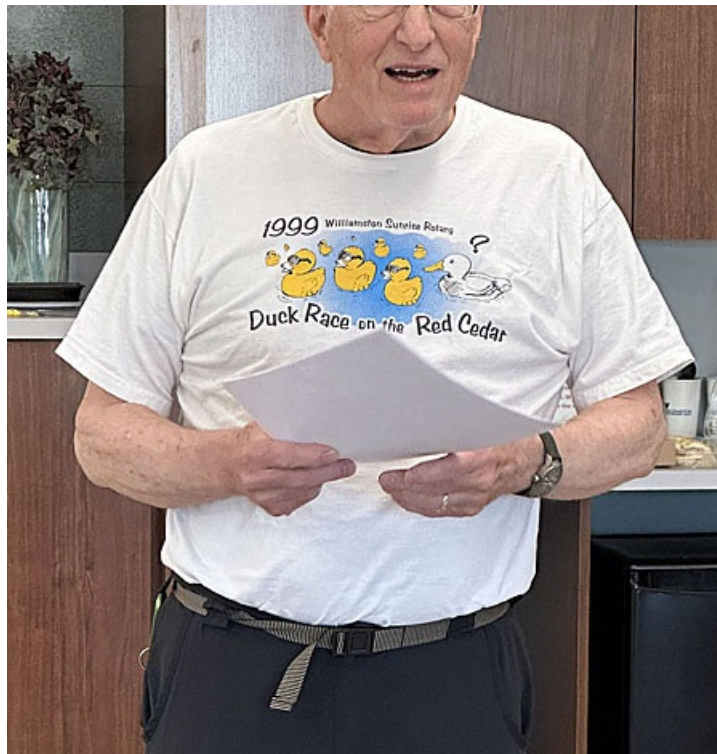




- **Be clear about our purpose this year â€” why do we do it?**
 - Community services through grants
 - The prize - \$1000
 - Seniors
 - School and community services
- The Board to finalize our purpose
- **Power point presentation (will be sent separately)**
 - Selling tickets as an individual
 - Biggest change â€” 1 ticket 1 duck
 - Equity â€” duck deals (you get what you paid for)
 - Cost â€” tickets last year cost \$2000+, this year, less than \$600.
 - Never knowing for certain how many ducks we had left to sell
 - Weâ€™ll evaluate after this year
 - Denise shared a ticket packet to see what they looked like
 - If you sell one, pull that ticket apart
 - Satelliterâ€™s will sell tickets like us
 - Business punch card for Duck Deals â€” deals should be a â€”buy one get oneâ€™™
 - Advertising sponsors this year â€” at selling points
 - A sign to put in their business saying â€œIâ€™™m a proud sponsor of the Duck Raceâ€
 - Youâ€™™ get an envelope with your name on it.
 - Required to sell 30 (minimum) and ASK for more!
 - Duck Deal tickets will be in there
 - Recording Sheet â€” TURN IN WITH STUBS
 - Return to Diane Worthington
 - Name and numbered tickets
 - Sold 30? â€” youâ€™™ get more!
 - If you sell one, have person fill out stub
 - If they buy a flock â€” fill out the top stub, SELLER puts name and one other identifier on other stubs
 - Tickets will be distributed on April 30 at meeting
 - When you need additional tickets â€” Diane is the contact!
 - 664 Pine Meadow Lane
 - 734-634 -6723
 - Scouts have their set
 - Seniors have their set
 - Everything picked up weekly!
 - Sharon is liaison for scouts and seniors
 - Markets start on:
 - May 11 â€” Meridian, 8-2pm
 - May 12 â€” Williamston F Mkt â€” 10-2pm
 - Should packets of 5 be stapled after sold??. Committee will determine next week
 - Market setup - will have everything in big tubs from Millerâ€™™s studio
 - Sell Market Tickets â€” NOT YOUR OWN
 - Sharon is signing people up to work the markets
 - Market SET UP â€” Williamston sets up for us!
 - Meridian â€” pickup canopy and chairs and table from Millers
 - Counting ducks early May â€” Denise will let us know when!

Member Highlight â€” Bob Stephenson





- Unveiled his charter member Duck Race t-shirt
 - Depot presentation at the Museum tomorrow night on the Titanic
 - Margie giving away duck race earrings
- Grew up in SE Washington â€” rolling wheat fields, farming community
 - 1890 a Land Grant College similar to MSUâ€™s development
- Father was a physics professor, moved to Indiana
- 4 siblings
- Grandfather was prof of the Greek New Testament; Mom a church musician
- Academics, church and music background
- Freedom to roam as a youngster
- Physics was fun!
- Margie and Bob meant in 1st grade â€” got back together as Seniors in HS
 - Very shy growing up.. Sadie Hawkins dance brought them together â€” She asked him
- Margieâ€™s anatomy got him back into medicine!
 - She was studying nursing and anatomy science
- Physiology became his major
- Draft induced job at Boeing Co. â€” Didnâ€™t want that to be his legacy
- Grad School in Washington
- Post Doc at Mayo â€” clinical application of physiology in medicine
- MSU great to teach because of 3 medical colleges in one space. Immense numbers of students that take physiology!
- Fabulous wide outreach of students everywhere is Bobâ€™s legacy!
- Tobacco Free Michigan coalition â€” met Raj
- AED â€” Bob worked with the Raj when he was president of American Heart Association
 - No fear of legal liability
- Most common reason to join Rotary â€” â€”someone asked meâ€™. In bobâ€™s case, Margie told him he had to!
 - Door call to the house (Williamston, Dansville, Webberville), lobbied Margie to get him to join. She promised them they he would join! He needed the local connection so joined in 1997 as a charter member!
- Lots of changes, honored by colleagues and humbled by the work we do. We are here under the banner of â€”Service Above Selfâ€™ and the banner of the â€”4-way testâ€™! 2.25 million Rotarians world-wide!
- Gives Bob hope knowing that we are one Rotarian among 30ish in our club, but also one among 1.2 millions gathering in >40,000 local rotary clubs in nearly 200 nations and territories, all raising that banner of Service Above Self!
- He feels it may be naive, but gives him hope as there are 62 Rotary clubs in Ukraine, 127 in Russia and there are 60 in Israel and also 96 in the Middle East with Arabic being the most common language. He clings to the hope that good hearted Rotarians in all those areas.
- He spoke of the first president here in Williamston Tito Reyes â€” original member! He brought the duck Race here!
 - First year, half the ducks went up stream due to winds!
 - 1999 - ducks went in the right direction
 - He brought disconnected things together â€” had the HS art students design the duck t-shirts for us! Ducks into the pool! Families invited to swim, tickets sold!
 - Phil Korson was a prominent sponsor of the Duck Race
 - Cherry spit spitting contest
 - Big box for 4000 ducks with sponsors on the side â€” crane dumped
- Project Green â€” Rotary advanced biology; Norm Jolin had students into River, dredging up river things! Which things exemplify healthy rivers and which do not? Samples of river water back to school.
- Bollmanâ€™s provided medical kits for medical students in Malawi through our Rotary and the district grants and John contacted the distributors to get discounted rates.
- John Oâ€™Malia, married to Bev Oâ€™Malia â€” grants to go to Peru for a clean water project in Andesâ€™
- Our delivery of medical equipment from Rajâ€™s involvement with Ukraine

- Identity needs, be creative and don't take NO for an answer!
- Humbled, grateful and inspired to be among us! WE have fun!

Happy Dollars all around

Announcements

- Sign up for Polio Plus
- After the Storm work opportunity this Friday! Call Raj if interested
- 4-way test
- Adjournment at 8:47am

Upcoming meeting dates:

- Satellite Volunteer Service - Thursday, April 18th at 5:30 at Zynda's (every 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:30pm)
- Service Committee - April 23, 9:00 am at Bigby
- Duck Race Committee - April 23rd at 9:00am at WUMC
- Board meeting - April 23rd at 7:30 am at WUMC
- Regular Meeting - April 30th, at 5:30am at Zynda's
- Membership Meeting - nothing scheduled

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Saturday, July 1, 2023

“The person who believes they can do something is probably right, and so is the person who believes they can’t.”

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

1. A four-year-old child looked over at the next-door neighbor (an elderly gentleman), who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, *“Nothing, I just helped him cry.”*

2. Teacher **Debbie Moon**'s first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair color than the other members. One of her students suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, *“I know all about adoption, I was adopted.”* *“What does it mean to be adopted?”* asked another child. *“It means,”* said the girl, *“that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy.”*

3. On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a **“Little League”** baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first baseline, I asked one of the boys what the score was.

“We're behind 14 to nothing,” he answered with a smile.

“Really,” I said. *“I have to say you don't look very discouraged.”*

“Discouraged?” the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face.

“Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet.”

4. Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little **Jamie Scott**.

Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen..

On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school.

Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement.

“Guess what, Mom?” he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me:

“I've been chosen to clap and cheer.”

5. This is an eyewitness account of an incident that occurred in New York City, on a cold day, in December, some years ago:

A little boy, about 10 years old was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window and shivering with cold. A lady approached the young boy and said, *“My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window.”*

“I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes,” was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand, went into the store and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet and dried them with the towel. By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair on the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, *“No doubt, you will be more comfortable now.”*

As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her, *“Are you God's wife?”*



April Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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

Chris Lewis April 7

Laska Creagh April 15

Naomi Miller April 21

Deborah Wolf April 21