

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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Brian Tort
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4/20/21 -Bella Spagnuolo

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, April 20, 2021

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members= 19, Associate Members=2, Guests=4



- President Kay started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Guest speaker Bella Spagnuolo



- HS Artist who won the \$1000 Sara Jane Venable Scholarship Award on display at the Lansing Art Gallery
 - <https://lansingartgallery.org/2021-art-scholarship-alert-virtual-exhibition/>

Speakers

April 20, 2021

[Bella Spagnuolo](#)

Her Award Winning
Art Work

April 27, 2021

[Nikki Zynda](#)

Zynda's Restaurant

May 11, 2021

[Student Excellence](#)

[Awards](#)

- Liz Wyelegala, Williamston Art teacher, talked about Bella and having her in classes from Elementary school through High School
 - Extremely talented, has the soul of an artist, dedicated to her work, took criticism and learned from that.
 - She will be an artist for life
- Bella's mom, Nichole, thanked all her teachers for encouraging her along
- Jim Conroy showed the art work that Bella used to win the award while Bella described the work
 - Bella talked about her work:
 - Tara's dog her first work with a digital pencil



Tara's Dog, Digital Pencil

- Done on an iPad drawing on the screen
- White Rabbit Charcoal



White Rabbit, Charcoal

- Trees from outdoor with one of the rabbits that she sees in their yard
- Sun & Moon Watercolor, pencil and colored pencil



The Sun and Moon, Watercolor, Pencil, Colored Pencil

- Figure drawing
- Uncaged Tiger Digital paint



Uncaged Tiger, Digital Paint

- Monochromatic drawing
- APP ♦ Gouache, sharpie



- Auditory Processing P_____
- Showing rage of hearing difficulties

- Comments:
 - Bella ♦s work is fresh ♦ no signs of a struggle
 - Impressed by different kinds of art ♦ quite different
 - Not stuck with the same style
- What does she plan on doing next?
 - Go to College of Creative Studies in Detroit
 - Or U of M for Penny W Stamps School of Art & Design
 - Probably CCS
- Liz noted that there are a lot of Art teachers in Williamston that make it happen
- Jim Miller asked if she sold any of her paintings?
 - He would be interested in buying something
 - Bella ♦ Possibly one of my digital works
- Art teacher, Diane Wolter, said that Coach Nelson started the figure drawing class
 - He started it in his living room with 6 kids
 - It has become a huge program at the high school now
 - Kids come from adjoining communities to get in
- Sharon noted that Bella has helped the Farmer ♦s Market with drawings and signs
 - Will probably display Bella ♦s work there
- Bella plays sax in the Jazz and Marching Band too
- President Kay said she saw a great future for Bella
- Diane Wolter explained the Sara Jane Venable Scholarship Award
 - Sara was the art coordinator for the Lansing School District
 - She was a big problem solver for arts
 - Helped teachers when wanted to take students to the Detroit Institute of Arts
 - Loved by all attached to arts
 - When died and a scholarship was funded, her name was attached to it
- Narda noted that the Williamston School System never walked away from arts even with budget cuts
- Nichole Spagnuolo said that Bella will be having a bill board of her art
 - A painting with lots of people in the background and ♦Humanity♦
- After Bella ♦s presentation, we had Happy Dollars
- Then Committee Reports:
 - Vaccination Committee
 - Sparrow volunteers ♦ Next Tuesday to help
 - Tuesday, April 27 at 9:45 am ♦ 2 pm
 - Arrive at 9:30 for a group photo
 - Rotary volunteers: Raj, Jim C, Jim & Naomi M, Wanda, Kay, Mark, Deb & Gene (later

- George too)
 - Raj encouraged us to signup when we can
 - This is not a one time event ♦ will be helping for many months
 - Use Signup Genius to sign up:
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054faea82ba1f58-sparrow>
 - Park by the water tower at the old Sears building in Frandor
 - Kay noted that her boss is in the hospital again with significant problems
 - She didn't think Covid would be an issue for her
 - Earl mentioned that the Senior Center was having trouble getting people signed up
 - Set them up with a walk-in time or get scheduled?
 - If scheduled, could go on a bus and get vaccinated on the bus and wait the 15 minutes and head back ♦ fastest way
 - If use Walk In time, will have to wait inside (longer wait)
 - Jim Miller will discuss at Vaccination Committee meeting on Thursday
 - Will get the info and make sure it happens
- Digital Signs ♦ Earl
 - Will have a bid soon from Johnson Signs in Lansing
 - Will know more soon
- We ended with the 4-Way Test (+1)

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

♦Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.♦

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

A woman goes into the Bass Pro Shop to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter. A Bass Pro Shop associate is standing there wearing dark shades.

She says, "Excuse me, sir. Can you tell me anything about this rod and reel?" He says, "Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes."

She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway. He says, "That's a six-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and 10-LB. test line. It's a good all-around combination and it's on sale this week for only \$20.00."

She says, "It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it!" As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor.

Oh, that sounds like a Master Card," he says.

She bends down to pick it up and accidentally farts. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was she who farted. Being blind, he wouldn't know that she was the only person around.

The man rings up the sale and says, "That'll be \$34.50 please."

The woman is totally confused by this and asks, "Didn't you tell me the rod and reel was on sale for \$20.00? How did you get \$34.50?"

He replies, "Yes, Ma'am. The rod and reel is \$20.00, but the Duck Call is \$11.00 and the Bear Repellent is \$3.50.

She just paid the bill and left!!! Or she could have been buying golf clubs♦

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

