

# Rotary



# Club of Williamston Sunrise

## Club Leaders



Wanda Bloomquist  
President



Laska J Creagh  
President-Elect



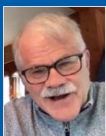
Gene Klco  
Secretary  
Webmaster



Christopher A. Lewis  
President-Nominee



Steve Terry  
Treasurer



Earl K Wolf  
President-Nominee  
Nominee



James Conroy  
Club Director



Elgar Brown  
Sergeant-at-Arms

## Speakers

**June 14, 2022**

Wanda Bloomquist & Laska Creagh

Duck Race Prep

**June 21, 2022**

Wanda Bloomquist & Laska Creagh

Duck Race Prep

**June 28, 2022**

Wanda Bloomquist & Laska Creagh

Officer Exchange at Tavern 109

## 6/14/22-George Eyster Bio

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, June 14, 2022

### General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=15, Associate Members=1, Guests=0



- President Wanda started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
  - Raj gave a short prayer to bless our work
- We then had Happy Dollars

Wanda asked **George Eyster** to give a bio of his life



- George had a prepared PowerPoint presentation
- He was born in Gettysburg, PA
  - He grew up in western Maryland in Emmitsburg
- Went to college at University of Maryland
  - There he met Janet
  - Married 52 years
  - They have a son Mark, a judge
    - And daughter, Sandy, research analyst in Washington, DC
- Went to Vet school at University of Pennsylvania – VMD
- He planned to be a large animal vet
  - Plans changed when he spent 4 months at NIH in cardiac surgery
  - Came to MSU in 1964 for 2 years for a Masters degree
  - Then planned to move south for the warmer weather
- MSU turned out to be a great place to be
  - New building in 1965, finest in USA
  - Like the work & the people
- Janet got her PhD at the time
- Decided to stay and bought the farm
  - Got tenure as faculty
  - Had a stint as Department Chair
- To do surgery at that time, had to start from scratch
  - Made their own equipment
  - Got the pump and made the system to oxygenate the blood
    - Very crude by today's standards
  - Trained the staff
- Open Heart Surgery was in its infancy at that time
  - Worked in conjunction with Ingham Hospital (Now McLaren)
  - Trained students – worked with the best
  - Many of these students helped at Ingham Hospital too
- MSU was one of the first schools to emphasize specialties
  - Great place to work – one of the premier programs in US
  - The leadership at MSU was open to new ideas
  - Given lots of latitude
  - It became one of the best small animal programs
- George has done about 1000 open heart surgeries
  - Mostly research
    - Some clinical cases
  - And thousands of other heart surgeries
- Today MSU is no longer doing OHS at the Vet school
  - George hopes to pick it up again
- Retired, but still have an office at MSU
  - Have the farm and rental houses
  - Make hay

- Fly
  - Travel south for the winter to get out of the cold
- MSU Vet school is about 105 years old
  - He taught there for 44 years
    - Taught about 85% of the graduates
  - He said that MSU has a family atmosphere
    - Small school environment with a large campus
- After George's presentation we talked about the Duck Race
- Duck Race
  - Laska showed a schedule of events
    - 9:00 am – setup
    - 1:00 pm – Duck Pen open for kids selection
    - 1:15 pm – Sales on street ends
    - 1:30 pm – End ticket sales
    - 2:00 pm – Duck Race begins
    - Cleanup after
  - She then showed the list of jobs for race day
    - A few holes were identified and filled
    - Janet needed some extra help in the last ½ before closing the ticket sales
      - She wanted 4 people selling at the table
      - Will get a sales rush then
      - Need 2 Squares to handle credit card sales
    - Laska has some of the 5 Squares
      - The Senior Center may have 2 of them
  - Raj noted that we need to 'secure' the ducks after they have been selected at the Duck Pen and till they are done with the race
  - Sharon will provide 3 tents and tables from Sowing Growth
    - 2 for the Duck Race ticket sales
    - 1 for the Craft show across the street
  - Chris will provide the build up for the race
    - Fire department needs to know to listen to him for the water release
      - Chief Yanz will not be there
  - Police will mark off the parking lot for the race
  - 900 tickets printed to date
    - In 2019 we printed 1500
    - Will be able to print more just before the race, as needed
    - Keep selling!!!
- Citizen of the Year
  - Raj could use some help collecting tickets as people come in
    - Naomi volunteered
  - Still time to order tickets for the dinner
    - See Raj
- Rotarian of the Year
  - Gene explained the RoFY procedure
  - He emailed info on Rotarian of the Year
    - Asked for Nominations
    - Complied the nominations
      - 4 names were nominated
      - George & Janet
      - Wanda
      - Laska
      - Jim Conroy
  - The past RoFY winners were then given the list of nominees
    - They all voted on their choice from the list of 4
  - Based on the results of the voting:
    - Or 2022 Rotarian of the Year is **Wanda Bloomquist**
  - A plaque is being made and will be presented to her at the Citizen of the Year dinner on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Next week's meeting
  - Decided to have our regular Zoom morning meeting at 7:30 am
    - But a short meeting to make sure all ducks in a row for the Duck Race on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>
  - A regular Board meeting will follow that meeting
- Meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>
  - We will meet at 5:30 pm at Tavern 109 (?)
  - It will be our Officer's Exchange as Wanda passes the gavel to Laska
- We concluded with the 4-Way Test (+1)

## Special Event Calendar

# Williamston Sunrise Rotary

## 2022 Special Events

- April 30, 2022 – 500 Tree Planting at Township Park
- May 21, 2022 – Plant 85 larger trees from pots at Township Park
- June 20, 2022 - Citizen of the Year Dinner – Part of Red Cedar Jubilee
- June 25, 2022 – Duck Race
- September 2022 – Start of ticket sales for the Rockin' Rotary Raffle
- September 17, 2022 - Tom Clay Golf Outing at Wheatfield Valley Golf
- October 16, 2022 – Williamston Sunrise Rotary 5K Fun Run
- December 3, 2022 – Drawing of Winner of Rockin' Rotary Raffle at

## Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Thursday, July 1, 2021

**As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.** ~ John F. Kennedy

## Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Thursday, July 1, 2021

### **HERE'S HOW BAD INFLATION IS!**

My neighbor got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.

CEOs are now playing miniature golf.

Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen.

I saw a Mormon with only one wife.

McDonald's is selling the 1/4 Ouncer.

Angelina Jolie adopted a child from America.

Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies, then had to learn their children's names.

A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico.

A picture is now only worth 200 words.

When Bill and Hillary travel together, they now have to share a room.

The Treasure Island Casino in Las Vegas is now managed by Somali pirates.

I called to get the Blue Book Value of my car. They asked if the gas tank was full or empty.

## June Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, June 1, 2022

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

**Sharon LaPointe June 6**



**Steve Terry June 16**

**Jim Conroy June 29**

**Kimberly Vaughn June 30**