



Club Leaders



Laska J Creagh
President



Christopher A Lewis
President-Elect



Gene Klco
Secretary
Webmaster



Steve Terry
Treasurer



Earl K Wolf
President-Nominee



James Conroy
Club Director



Elgar Brown
Sergeant-at-Arms



Wanda Bloomquist
iPast President

Speakers

July 19, 2022

DG Kathy Gallagher
Introduce herself & her plans

July 26, 2022

Laska Creagh
Meet at Tavern 109 -
Meet Satellite Club Members

August 02, 2022

Deborah Wolf
Chair Yoga

7/12/22-Discussion on Fundraising

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, July 13, 2022

General Discussion:

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



- We met at Williamstown Township Hall Pavilion at 7:30 am
- President Laska apologized for the lack of coffee
 - She had a 'Laska-trastrophe' bring the pot of water over
 - It tipped on a turn and spilled some of the water
 - Then the outside plugs weren't working
 - She did bring delicious muffins!
- President Laska started the meeting with a pledge of Allegiance
 - Fred gave a short prayer of thanks
- Then we had Happy Dollars
 - Mostly happy to meet in person
- Then Laska asked Steve Terry to present two spreadsheets
 - A summary of Fundraising Income for the last 6 years
 - A summary of Grant Expenses for the last 6 years
 - A copy was give to each member
- Steve discussed the income sheet first
 - It did not include the Foundation money
 - It showed that the Duck Race was our biggest income getter
 - Over the last 6 years it produced about \$93,700
 - The Rockin' Raffle provided \$17,560 in one year
 - The Taste of Williamston for the 4 years it ran gave us \$34,293
 - There was no Taste the last 2 years
 - The auction part of the Taste went to the Foundation
 - So donors could claim a tax credit
 - Not shown in these figures
 - Poker has not been done the last 2 years
 - But produced \$28,499 in the 4 years prior to that
 - Grant revenues were \$19,250 in 6 years
 - In total, the revenue for the last 6 years was \$202,211
- Steve didn't break down all the Grant Expenses
 - Everyone there has a copy to look at and see where the money has gone
- The club has recently gone from 32 to 25 members
- If we do less fundraising, we have to do less grant expenses
 - Should we do less fundraising and more service projects?
- From 2017-2020 we moved \$5000 from Community Service account
 - To our Foundation
 - To be able to fund larger scale projects
 - We stopped that in 2021 due to lack of income
 - Should we start that up again
 - The \$5000 donated for the Digital Message Board came out of our Foundation
- From 2019-2020 we gave \$100/member to Rotary International Foundation
 - Should we start that again
- We were then broken up into 4 person groups and discussed a few questions
 - What jumps out at you?
 - Should we continue with the fundraisers?
 - If not okay with what we're doing currently, what would we change?
- We discussed the questions in small groups for 15-20 minutes

- General results of the discussion:
 - Satisfaction of what we're doing – YYY (Ys indicate a group agreement)
 - Set Priorities
 - Duck Race with improvements - YY
 - In river
 - Make more money
 - Raffle - YY
 - ToW - Y
 - No Poker – Y
 - More community activities
 - In Park
 - Music Concerts
 - More branding/Marketing of who we are
 - Service
 - Potential members
 - What can we do?
 - International Project
 - Membership impact
 - Service vs. fundraisers
 - How does Satellite Club fit in?
 - Combine Satellite Club with our evening meeting
 - Invited to join us on July 26th at 6:00 pm
 - Membership opportunities
 - No Membership Chair now
 - It's everybody's problem
 - Timing of meetings
 - Young family members can't make a morning meeting
 - Lunch meeting?
 - A lot of money and work done!
 - Supporting kids
 - Review how we want our money used
 - Raise about \$1000/member annually
- How decide what to do with this info?
 - Take to board, include Narda & Sharon

Other Discussion Items:

- Golf Outing – coming up on September 17th
 - Currently only Wanda & Gene on committee
 - Others? Merlin will help on the day of
 - Need help with fundraising ideas
 - How to make it a fun event
 - Help in the day with registration
- Cub Scouts
 - Need occasional person to attend cub scout meetings
 - Jim Conroy used to do it
 - Sharon volunteered
- Grant committee
 - Elgar was on with Laska
 - Need replacements:
 - Chris, Earl & George
- Question as to where Happy Dollars go?
 - They go into the Community Service fund
- George noted that we need to do something special for Jim Conroy
 - We all saw all that we had to do to pick up for his absence on the Duck Race
 - Ideas?
- Next week's guest is the new District Governor Kathy Gallagher
 - Bring your own cup/mug for coffee or hot chocolate please
- We concluded with the 4-Way Test (+1)

Special Event Calendar

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Williamston Sunrise Rotary

2022 Special Events

- April 30, 2022 – 500 Tree Planting at Township Park
- May 7, 2022 – Plant 85 larger trees from pots at Township Park
- June 20, 2022 - Citizen of the Year Dinner – Part of Red Cedar Jubilee
- June 27, 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 Williamston Light Parade

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, July 13, 2022

"Our problem isn't not knowing what is right, it is doing it."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

No Joke this week, but an interesting story: (part 2)

STORY NUMBER ONE

Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder.

Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time.

To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well.. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends, as well. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block.

Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him.

Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object.

And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was.

Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example.

One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Easy Eddie wanted to rectify wrongs he had done.

He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some resemblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified.

Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he could ever pay.. Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion, and a poem clipped from a magazine.

The poem read:

"The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time. For the clock may soon be still."

STORY NUMBER TWO

World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare.

He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific.

One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to

top off his fuel tank.

He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship.

His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet.

As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold; a squadron of Japanese aircraft was speeding its way toward the American-fleet.

The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet.

Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 caliber's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent.

Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible, rendering them unfit to fly.

Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction.

Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier.

Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return.. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft. This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Medal of Honor.

A Year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His hometown would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man.

So, the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honor. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2.

SO WHAT DO THESE TWO STORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER?

Butch O'Hare was "Easy Eddie's" son.

July Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

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

Todd Carlisle July 5

Pamela Shaheen July 31