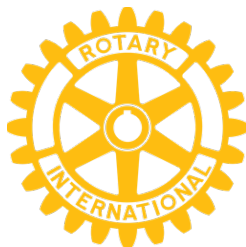


Rotary



Club of Williamston

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Club Director



Christopher A. Lewis
iPast President

Speakers

July 16, 2024
DG Mark Odland

July 23, 2024
No Meeting - 5 Tuesdays in July

July 30, 2024
Social Meeting at Zynda's
Juliana Lewis-Study Abroad

07/16/24-DG Mark Odland

Williamston Rotary æ™ 7:30a.m.

July 18, 2024

Attendance: Marv Zischke, Jim Conroy, Donna Crawford, Keith Creagh, Chris Lewis, Earl Wolf, Sharon LaPointe, Gene Klco, Denise White, Raj Wiener, Naomi Miller, Bob Stephenson, Jim Miller, Narda Murphy, Janet and George Eyster, Deb Wolf, Ray Lemmen, Wanda Bloomquist, Adam Spina, Merlin Hopkins, Paul Tarr, Jim Carr, Rick Wiener
Guests: Mark and LaRae Odland, District Director, Mark Rodge, Asst. Governor, Heather Galecka, Friends of the Williamston Parks.



President Chris opened the meeting at 7:32am

- Pledge
- Mark Odland, District Governor has agreed to do the President transition. He spoke about his best years as those serving as President and District Governor. President is an important, because nothing happens at Rotary until it happens at the club level. President is the most important leadership role in Rotary today.
- **Mark read a declaration for President and Earl repeated!**





- **Executive Board was also inducted!**
- Earl in gratitude presented Chris with the gavel!



Introduction of Heather Galecka, Williamston Parks

- Next project is Chain Saw Art in the Park. 2009 art work created after Emerald Ash Borer. Time to replace them. Family friendly event over 3 days this fall, Oct. 11-13, 2024 They need groups to sponsor the carvers, \$2000 or \$3000 depending on the level chosen. If we sponsor, we will be recognized by a plaque in the park. We can provide input into what the sculptor would be. Thank you, Heather.

Mark Odland – District Governor comments



- Attended RYLA Camp last week with 55 kids. He asked the kids to share one word about what they think they know about Rotary. Empathetic, serve the committee, etc. Our perception of young people about us, is different than he thought!
- He struggles taking selfies! He asked for help with it. He takes selfies at each club he visits.
- He shared “The Magic of Rotary” new emblem. The real magic is when members go into the community and make things happen along with getting grants and raising funds to support community. This is the final year of 70 that the president will select the theme. Due to branding, going forward, the theme will be selected by Board of Directors and set for 3 years.
- He congratulated our club for entering goals in 18 areas and we achieved or over achieved! Earl has entered goals, and attended many trainings. A Rotary Citation will be awarded.

- Three types of clubs â€”
 - Clubs that make it happen â€” fund raisers, etc.***** thatâ€™s us!
 - Clubs that let things happen
 - Clubs that are surprised at what happened
 - Mark Congratulated us on our powerful good culture!

Denise White â€” Final Duck Race Figures. She gave a handout

- Approx. \$30,000. Brought in
- Raised after costs, close to \$22,000.
- Social Media, Deb posted one last of the race. 61 comments, 70 shares, 14,400 likes and just under 3,000,000 yesterday and as of today 5.4 million!
- Trophy to Denise for outstanding leadership! Narda presented the duck bowl cleaner



Next meeting July 30 â€” Zyndas at 5:30pm

Happy Dollars all around!

- 4 Way TEST
- Meeting concluded at am

Upcoming meeting dates:

- Satellite Volunteer Service â€” Thursday, July 18 at 5:30 at Zyndas (every 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:30pm)
- Red Cedar River Celebration â€” Thursday, July 18, at 6:30pm at Zyndaâ€™s
- Duck Race meeting â€” August 8, 2024 at 10 at Biggby
- Service Projects - TBD
- Membership â€” August 6, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
Laska Creagh
WR Secretary

Thought for the Week

By Gene Kico on Tuesday, July 16, 2024

â€œThe power of imagination makes us infinite.â€ ~ John Muir

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Not a joke, but words to live by: Poignant last words of Steve Jobs, billionaire, dead at 56:

"I have reached the pinnacle of success in business." In other people's eyes my life is a success.

However, aside from work, Iâ€™ve had little joy.

At the end of the day, wealth is just a fact Iâ€™ve gotten used to.

Right now, lying on my hospital bed, reminiscing all my life, I realize that all the recognition and wealth I took so much pride in, has faded and become meaningless in the face of imminent death.

You can hire someone to drive your car or make money for you, but you can't hire someone to stand sick and die for you.

Material things lost can be found again. But there is one thing that can never be found when it is lost: Life.

Whatever stage of life we are currently at, in time we will face the day the curtain closes.

Love your family, spouse, children and friends... Treat them right .

Cherish them.

As we get older, and wiser, we slowly realize that wearing a \$300 or \$30 watch both give the same time

Whether we have a \$300 or \$30 wallet or purse, the amount inside is the same.

Whether we drive a \$150,000 car or a \$30,000 car, the road and the distance are the same, and we reach the same destination.

Whether we drink a \$1000 or \$10 bottle of wine, the hangover is the same.

Whether the house in which we live is 100 or 1000 square meters, loneliness is the same.

You will realize that your true inner happiness does not come from material things of this world.

Whether you travel first class or economy class, if the plane crashes, you go down with it...

Therefore, I hope you realize, when you have friends, brothers and sisters, with whom you discuss, laugh, talk, sing, talk about north-south-east or heaven and earth,... this is the real happiness!!

An indisputable fact of life:

Don't raise your children to be rich.

Educate them to be happy.

When they grow up, they will know the value of things and not the price."

July Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Monday, July 1, 2024

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

Todd Carlisle July 5