

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

Club Leaders



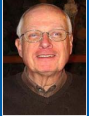
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iPast President

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

7/19/22-DG Kathy Gallagher

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, July 19, 2022

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=14, Associate Members=0, Guests=3



- Sorry for the lack of a Zoom connection for those who tried to Zoom in
 - My PC wouldn't read my phone as a Hot Spot-so no internet
- President Laska started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Raj gave a short prayer of thanks for the universe and everything in it and asked blessings on the work of Rotary
- Guest speaker today was District Governor Kathy Gallagher
 - She has had many roles in Rotary in the past
 - She is a member of the Battle Creek Rotary Club
 - She has been President, Secretary, Public Image Chair and on the Membership Committee
 - Kathy was Joined today by her husband Mike and Assistant DG Tim Lee (from the Sturgis Rotary Club)



Assistant Tim Lee, District Governor Kathy Gallagher, Mike Gallagher & President Laska Creagh

- She noted that it is great to have so many active members doing good things in our community
 - Planting 500 trees
 - Running a Duck Race that brought in \$20,000
 - A new Satellite Club that is the latest in the District
 - A collaborative effort by many clubs to do a river cleanup project
 - Our club, Haslett/Okemos, East Lansing & MSU Rotaract
- She noted that the Rotary Foundation has approved grants in the past for Weekend Survival Kits
- Rotary International has 1.4 million members
 - Started by 4 men 100 years ago
 - In 200+ countries
 - The last Rotary International Convention had 12,000 attendees
 - Lots of variety of cultures and peoples
 - Attended by many Rotaract people with lots of energy
 - Bill Gates looked to Rotary to help eradicate Polio
 - Saw an organization that would get it done
 - Only 2 countries left with polio
 - Afghanistan & Pakistan
 - Ed Foster is our Polio Plus secretary
 - He is promoting Rotarians to pledge \$100/year for Polio Plus
 - Kathy gave certificates to Merlin Hopkins & Julie Pfeifle who have taken the pledge
 - There was a contingency at the Convention from Ukraine
 - They were spotlighted often
 - The District gave \$200,000 to support Ukraine
 - Rotary has give \$4.7 million for Ukraine support
- The Rotary District conference this year will be on May 5-7, 2023
 - At Firekeepers Casino & Resort
 - It is now smoke free
- She said good things about our new RI President, Jennifer Jones
- Q/A:
 - We had an Interact group, but it was hurt due to Covid & dissolved
 - Satellite Club is alive and growing
 - How has the District been hurt by Covid?
 - Some loss of membership
 - It shows signs of coming back
 - We are small but mighty
 - She mentioned an idea – a walking club as a way to gain membership
 - Service projects help
 - People see what we do to help the community
 - Encouraged to help
 - Can have Friends of Rotary
 - Help on service projects
 - Any consolidation of clubs?
 - Not much – too geographically dependent
 - Membership Idea presented at the Conference
 - Get people to pay the dues and just show up for the service projects
 - Getting great success with new members
 - Eventually some will join the regular club meetings
 - ROSE – Rotary Offering Service Everywhere
 - One new member can bring in a lot of enthusiasm
 - The District is here to support us
 - One of Kathy's goals is to build up the District support structure
- We talked about a few other projects we were involved in:
 - Digital Message Board
 - To fill a need for local info in a timely manner
 - The money has been raised

- Our Rotary Club has provided about ¼ of the funds
 - Getting close to completion
 - Spark in the Dark
 - Started 2 years ago in Traverse City in Michigan
 - We are close to 1000 members now
 - Still growing
 - Haven House – homeless shelter
 - Provide a dinner meal once a month
 - With help from the Methodist Church and local bakery
 - We need better PR about the things we do
 - Wear your Rotary shirt
 - Tell people about Rotary when they ask
- Assistant DG Tim Lee said he is a forensic engineer in Sturgis
 - He has been on the Polio campaign in Pakistan
- We concluded with the 4-Way Test (+1)

Special Event Calendar

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, April 19, 2022

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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

"The one who seeks a friend without a fault remains without one."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

Gentle Thoughts for Today:

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble..

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs...'

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

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