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Speakers

August 13, 2024
No Meeting -
Committee Meetings
only

8/6/24-Peter Clay

Williamston Rotary â€” 7:30a.m. at WUMC
August 6, 2024

Attendance: Marv, Jim C., Jim Carr, Jim Miller, Wanda, Paul, Merlin, Earl, Gene, Chris, Deb, Donna, Raj, John B, Sharon, Naomi, Laska

President Earl opened the meeting at 7:30am

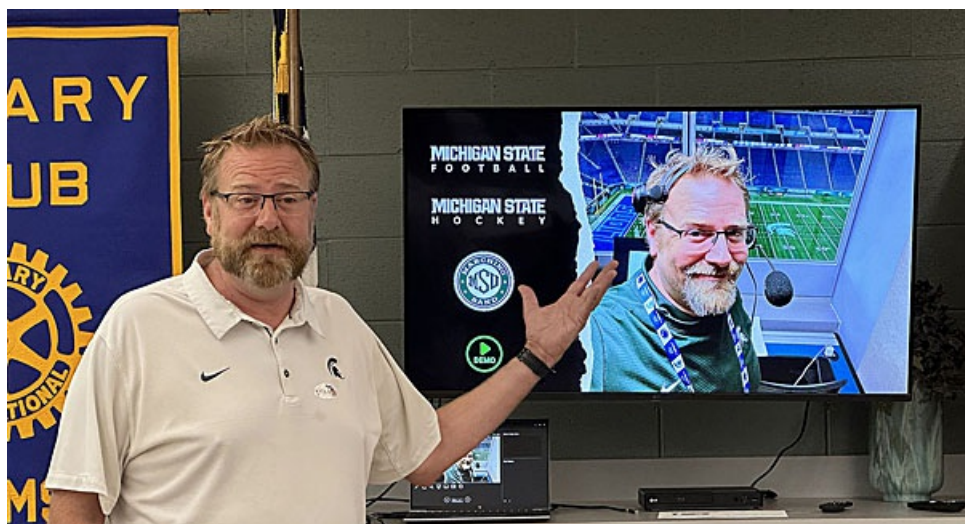
Guests: Julie Rudd, Senior Center, Jason and Julius Ide from Youth Sports, Jolene Gustafson, Mia Teller, MSU Rotaract, Peter Clay, the Voice of the Spartans (football, band, hockey) and Black Barn Band, Rodney and Carol and Rodney Ray, awaiting membership into Rotary

- **Mia Teller** - told us about the 1 year old MSU Rotaract, can be helped by showing support and given fundraiser opportunity!
- **Jason Ide** â€” with son Julius, going into 6th grade, thanking us for the grant to outfit the 6th grade football teams for safety. Guardian caps reduces collision impact. We gave them \$1000.



Introduction of Guest Peter Clay

â€” He addressed the common questions he gets:





- How he got started – way back playing radio as a kid. During college he was in a music program and worked at WITL. He talked to John Madden (MSU Band Director) and told him he wanted to be the voice of MSU. John told him to get a radio job and then produce a demo. He did this and then got hired!
- He worked in radio in North Carolina. He wanted and needed to come back to MSU and was offered the marching band announcer position. A few years later, hockey opened up and in 2019 he was called for a football game. This was his first game was with no fans during Covid. The following year he became the full-time announcer.
- Pronunciation of names – he has created a guide for names and he creates a roster card, Andy, his brother is his spotter with binoculars. Andy does defense and Peter does offense.
- He has a 60-page script for every game of information shared between plays and the half-time and pre-game show. He shared a pregame show, his favorite part always! This is what got him hooked on announcing.
- He doesn't get nervous usually, but sometimes! First Rose Bowl made him nervous. ESPN didn't have his mic on for TV, so he's ready to go back!
- First bowl game was the Citrus Bowl
- Coolest places he's been able to announce – he goes where the band goes. Michigan stadium, Rose Bowl, New York, etc.
- Does announcing pay well? – don't quit your day job!
- He works in WLNS in sales and does voice-overs. He shared a promo of the many businesses that he has done voice-overs for!
- He was the band announcer for the Williamston hornets when he son was in band
- How does one get started? Every sport needs an announcer! Ask! He got it because of radio, but others get in because their kids are in sports! And only do it if you love it!

Updates on upcoming events:

Taste of Williamston – Raj introduced Jolene and Julie.



Raj & Julie Rudd

- Former member, Jack Helder started the TOW as a Library fundraiser and in 2016 Rotary became the sponsor. Weekend Survival Kits was an early recipient, which started here. Taste is a fundraiser we did for many years till 2020.
- In 2023 inquiries began about when were we going to start again?
- Julie mobilized the whole community in energizing for the purchase of the building for the Senior Center!
- Rotary Board requested Raj to explore options. She has been overwhelmed and overrun with enthusiastic support for this event. Jolene Gustafson hosted TOW before and is on the board of the Senior Center.
- They have conversed with all partners- restaurants, found a date that works – October 22, 2024.
- They are prepared to launch today. Ray Lemmon and Jim Conroy have prepared our licenses and are ready to be signed and notarized today.
- October 22, 2024 we will all be able to be involved in live music in a fall gathering!
- We have access to venue before and after, so won't be as stressful setting up and taking down all in one day. Everything can be set up day before and taken down the day after.
- It will lessen the load of Rotarians because we are partnering with the Seniors.
- 300 tickets (NEISA limited for safety) only to be sold. Early bird special is \$45. Up until October 1 and \$50. After that date.
- Today we'd like Rotarians and Seniors to make a reservation, until selling begins in September.
- Julie hoping main area is done by October 1. Much work on walls, bathrooms, getting equipment out, painting, new flooring, etc. Seniors not moving in until after this event.
- Designated a heating and cooling center for Williamston, so an auction/ fundraiser item they want is to get a generator.
- Our members need to reserve tickets today. day of is for ambiance – setting up the auction, bar

- Our members need to reserve tickets today, buy or is for ambulance and setting up the auction, bar selling beer and wine, goods, services and talents. May do a Rotary Choir.
- Reservation sheets will be at National Night Out tonight.

National Night Out - tonight

Red Cedar River Day Celebration

- September 8

Next Meeting - August 20, 7:30am at WUMC

Happy Dollars all around!

- 4 Way TEST

Meeting concluded at 8:30am

Upcoming meeting dates:

- Red Cedar River Day Celebration - August 7, 5:30 NEISA
- Duck Race committee - August 8, 10:00am at Biggby
- Membership - August 13, Sunny Side - time???
- Satellite Volunteer Services Committee - August 22, Zyndas 5:30pm
- Service Projects - August 23, 8:30am, at Biggby

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco

How you feel about life says much more about you than it does about life. Pay attention to these feelings, learn what drives them and choose to follow the unshakable, underlying yearning from which they spring.

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco

As we approach football season, a few quotes about football:

Gentlemen, it is better to have died a small boy than to fumble the football "... - John Heisman, first football coach at Rice ***"I make my practices real hard because if a player is a quitter, I want him to quit in practice, not in a game."*** - Bear Bryant / Alabama

"It isn't necessary to see a good tackle, you can hear it!" - Knute Rockne / Notre Dame

"At Georgia Southern, we don't cheat. That costs money, and we don't have any." - Erik Russell / Georgia Southern

"The man who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely to be the one who dropped it." - Lou Holtz / Arkansas - Notre Dame

"When you win, nothing hurts." - Joe Namath / Alabama

"A school without football is in danger of deteriorating into a medieval study hall." - Frank Leahy / Notre Dame

"There's nothing that cleanses your soul like getting the hell kicked out of you." - Woody Hayes / Ohio State

"I don't expect to win enough games to be put on NCAA probation I just want to win enough to warrant an investigation." - Bob Devaney / Nebraska

"In Alabama, an atheist is someone who doesn't believe in Bear Bryant." - Wally Butts / Georgia

August Birthdays

By Gene Klco

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

Kay Goluska August 11

Jim Carr August 20

Narda Murphy August 22

Diane Worthington August 25

Gene Klco August 26