

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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Speakers

August 09, 2022

[Julie Brixie](#)
Update on Michigan

August 16, 2022

[Lisa Wallace](#)
Lasagna Love

August 23, 2022

[Jennifer Wonnell](#)
New Dansville
Superintendent

August 30, 2022

[Deborah Wolf](#)
Chair Yoga

8/9/22-Julie Brixie

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, August 9, 2022

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=14, Associate Members=0, Guests=1
- Meeting at Williamstown Township Hall Pavilion



- President Laska started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - She gave a short prayer of thanks
- Then we had Happy Dollars
 - Janet noted that we had plenty of rain lately and didn't need to water the 500 trees
 - She also thanked all the Rotarians who have been helping water the trees

Guest speaker today was **Julie Brixie** – our representative in the Michigan House



- She gave us a legislative update
 - They are on a long summer recess
 - Longer than usual
- She talked about the “Reproductive Freedom for All” petition
 - After the overturning of Roe vs. Wade
 - Planned Parenthood wrote a petition to allow the right to an abortion
 - Gathered over 900,000 signatures (1/10 of Michigan's population)
 - Submitted 753,000 to put on the ballot in November
 - Signatures not certified yet by government
 - Last week a lawsuit was filed to postpone the enactment of the 1931 abortion law in Michigan
 - A suite was also filed to ban the part of the 1931 law that penalizes doctors who perform abortions
 - Lots of legal challenges to the 1931 law
 - She asked the question as to why do they have so few sessions now
 - She thinks that it is to avoid the abortion question before the November elections
 - There was a committee vote to strike down the 1931 Abortion Law that was defeated along party lines
 - Budget
 - Basic budget passed
 - Still have \$6M not spend of Covid relief funds
 - Need to get to small businesses suffering from the pandemic
 - Have \$9B for future use to decide on
 - Base budget includes \$76B – the largest in history
 - \$19.6M school aid fund
 - Info for schools to know what they have to work with
 - Big jump in funding to help kids
 - \$6B for infrastructure – roads, bridges, sewers, ...
 - \$2.5B to pay down public pension funds
 - \$300,000 for economic development
 - Many more programs
 - Kids were hit hard by Covid
 - Still a disparity between wealthy communities and poor ones for education funding
 - Need to address the problem of inequities
- Julie considers herself a fiscal conservative
 - When there is talk of cutting taxes, how are they paying for it?

- When we cut taxes, as in the past, the infrastructure suffered
 - Lack of investment
 - The upper 1% has made much greater gains than the middle
 - Despite the pandemic, people in Michigan are generally doing well
 - Government support has helped stabilize low income families
 - Many businesses affected by the pandemic
 - Retail stores hurt – lots of online shopping
 - Parks and rec has exploded
 - Lots of people died due to Covid
 - Others have retired to avoid Covid
 - Lots of jobs are available
 - Wages are rising – helps service workers to earn a living wage
 - The pandemic showed how interconnected we are
- Q/A:
 - How get computers/internet for all kids
 - Gates foundation provided devices for kids for school work
 - Comcast offers a \$10/month internet service for low income families
 - Rural community have need for internet services
 - Not just kids, but agriculture as well
 - Agriculture is now high tech – need internet access
 - Michigan Health Plan
 - 1 M people helped
 - Poor people now have a BC/BS card
 - Question of paying now for health or paying more later
 - Will still have to pay for it
- After Julie's presentation, we had some brief discussions
- Polio Plus info was sent out to all
 - If want to help can sign up to pay \$100/year till polio is eradicated
- Board voted last month to return to paying \$100/member to the Polio Plus effort
- Williamston 5K
 - Laska asked us to ask 20 friends or family members to sign up for the run/walk
 - There will be a Zoom meeting on it tomorrow at 9 am
- Rockin' Rotary Raffle
 - Will start in September
- Earl noted that he went to a Wake Up Williamston gathering this morning
 - Not what he expected
 - Just a place to stop and chit-chat and have a donut
- District Raffle
 - Can get a raffle ticket by letting Earl know
 - He will add your name to a sheet that Steve will add to your quarterly bill
 - Cost \$25
- Digital message board
 - Nearly done
 - Electrical wiring installed to site
 - Supporter listed on back of sign
 - Close to installation
- Paul mentioned some packages at the fire station to pick up
 - He will pick them up to see what they are
- 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

"It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

More Rooneyisms - Too good not to share!!

I've learned.... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned.... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned.... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned.... That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned.... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned.... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned.... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned.... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned.... That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned.... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

August Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Monday, August 1, 2022

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

Kay Goluska August 11

Narda Murphy August 22



Diane Worthington August 25

Gene Klco August 26