

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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Speakers

August 23, 2022
[Jennifer Wonnell](#)
New Dansville
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August 30, 2022
[Deborah Wolf](#)
Chair Yoga

September 06, 2022
[Michele Stratz](#)
CAPCAN

September 13, 2022

8/22/22-Earl Wolf Bio

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Meeting – August 23, 2021
General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=16, Associate Members=1, Guests=0



- President Laska started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Raj gave a short prayer for Fred who is moving soon
 - Thanking him for all he has done for the club
- Our planned guest speaker, **Jennifer Wonnell**, is home with Covid
- We had Happy Dollars
 - Lots of comments wishing Narda Murphy on her birthday yesterday

Earl Wolf took over giving his bio

Adam Spina
Williamston Schools,
Rec Millage
September 20,
2022
Emily Sutton Smith
Williamston Theater



- Earl is one of three boys – sons of a preacher
 - They lived in many cities – longest in South Bend, IN
 - Went to school in the place where the “Hoosiers” movie was made
- Both grandparents were YMCA directors
 - Went to YMCA camp for 13 summers
 - Enjoyed the outdoors so much that he sought a career in natural science
 - Went to the University of Evansville then to University of Michigan
 - He was there during the Bo & Woody football era
- Earl was part of a traveling Rock & Roll dance group
 - Put on a show like “Ain’t too Proud to Beg”
- He got a job with the DNR – starting in Highland SP
 - It was the former Edsel Ford estate
 - Large property with a huge log home
 - He got a year there to turn it into a nature center in 1973
 - He lived there in the carriage house
- When a new nature center was open in Muskegon
 - He was assigned to make it work
 - Gillette Nature Center
 - Decided to have a Trillium Festival each spring
 - Brought in artists – like Gwen Frostic
 - And Sharon Tarr (Paul’s wife)
 - One time they brought in a special ed teacher (Deborah)
 - That’s when he met Deb
 - He was an actor in the play
 - He did a lot of civic theater
- Eventually they got married and built a house in the woods near the nature center
- In 1994 the DNR moved him to the Lansing area
 - Ran into Paul Tarr at a Methodist church
 - Kids went to Eastern
 - A big transition from all white Muskegon
- Deb had a teaching job in Howell with his job in Lansing
 - So they moved to Williamston
 - And he ran into Paul Tarr again
 - He must be following him
- Their kids all went to summer camp – a YMCA camp
- Deb was a principal at government Kindergarten school in UAE for 5 years
- After retirement, they do 7 years of WorkAway
 - Where they went to another country living with a family helping them
 - They loved the experience and met great new friends for life

Other Rotary discussion:

- Safety committee will meet to decide what we should do as the weather gets colder and we move inside.
- Jim Miller asked if there was any interest in going to see the Monarch butterflies in Mexico next February
 - Probably a one week trip in early February 2023
 - So far interest by Miller, Wolfs, Sharon, Creaghs
 - Contact Jim if interested
 - He will be putting together plans & costs
- 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

"Climb mountains not so the world can see you, but so you can see the world."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

My wife and I went through the McDonald's driveway window and I gave the cashier a \$5 bill.

Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her 25c. She said, 'you gave me too much money.'

I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar back.'

She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the 25c, and said

'We're sorry but we don't do that kind of thing.'

The cashier then proceeded to give me back 75 cents in change. Do not confuse the people at MacD's.

We had to have the garage door repaired. The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not

have a 'large' enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower. He shook his head and said,

'You need a 1/4 horsepower.'

I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, 'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.'

We haven't used that repairman since...

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