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Speakers

September 24, 2024

[Social Meeting at Zynda's](#)

9/17/24-Ray Herek

Williamston Rotary â€” 7:30a.m. September 17, 2024

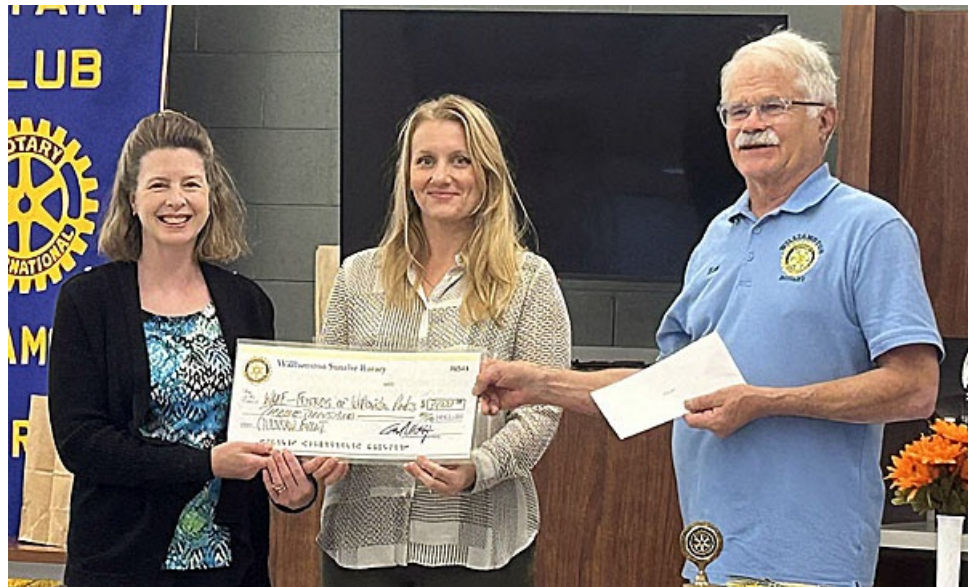
Attendance: Denise, Narda, Laska, Sharon, Jim Conroy, Earl, Ray, Carol, Rodney, Wanda, Merlin, Deb, George, Janet, Raj, Chris Lewis, Marv, Naomi, Jim Miller, Monica, Paul, Jim Carr

Guests: Lina Chapman, Friends of Williamston Park Chainsaw organizer and Heather Galecka, President

President Earl opened the meeting at 7:32am. George read our vision statement.

Updates on upcoming events:

- Chain Saw in the Park â€” Earl, volunteers needed, list coming, Heather thanked us for the support! Itâ€™s going to be a huge event! Some clubs and neighborhoods are working together to support the carvers.
- Earl presented Heather Galenka and Lina Chapman with a \$3000 check for this event.



- Red Cedar River Day Celebration â€” Sharon passed out a synopsis for us to review. She compared last year to this year.

Guest Speaker â€” Sharon introduced Ray Herek; 2019 AP Computer science female diversity (in STEAM) Award. He also won a contest on the Ear sketch app - â€”Teach to the Beatâ€™ award.





- He thought it was supposed to bring the donuts!
- 7 years computer science class teacher; 25 years at Williamston
- this class if not the “nerdy” class one might think
- Computer use is everywhere anymore and computer literacy is necessary “shopping agriculture, etc.
- Partly programming; creating apps that they can use when
- Learn how the internet works, the aspects of how it all works!
- Talk a lot about music; take samples of songs and program another song!
- Interesting circle of how things work out. Chris and Ray lived 20 yards apart in college and now in Williamston
- 1994 Computer Science minor
- Adam asked him to create a class accessible to all students
- Held the highest winnings on Wheel of Fortune (15 years ago), won 2 trips, a car and other things, 3rd most winner that year!
- Readiness of students “accessible to all, Algebra I is the only class they must have. Promoted through counseling department, encourage STEAM, Elementary has a tech/engineering class K-5th, MS has another class, district has been promoting it throughout.
- Deb asked about adults! Need in greater community for better understanding of all this information.
- Teach to the Beat “contest through Georgia Tech University. Programming under the guise to create music.
 - Ear Sketch program “create songs through computer programming, he won a \$100. Gift card! Find it on the district website!
- Monica pointed out the amazing value of Mr. Herek

Taste of Williamston “ Raj and Julie Rudd gave an update; October 22

- Rotary fundraiser, returning after COVID
- It’s an opportunity to showcase our restaurants
- Look for the Taste poster around town and thank them
- 300 tickets “ a little taste of their restaurant “ 200 spoken for!
 - Nicos, Brookshire, Tavern 109, Spags, Williamston Pub and Grill, and more
 - Little bites- Good Bake Bagels, That New Place, Ann Castle cookies and SunnySide Café
 - Old Nation
- Conroy, Ray Lemmen, Marv, Jim Miller, Merlin, Janet and George are doing an auction, helping the Senior Center get ready
- Live Auction done by Peter Clay - Sculptors, artist, vacation packages, Hockey, Wharton, Basketball signed by both Izzo’s, etc. Generator as a collection of people to finance - \$22,000., required by city to make the center the cooling and heating place for the city. Smaller ticket items for \$50. “Donut 50” “ donuts every Thursday for the Senior Center
- Volunteers needed
 - Food will be served out of the kitchen;
 - Recruiting from school groups “ young people to help take trays to station and “captains” of the station to make certain everything works.
 - Celebrity waiters “ Adam Spina, Andy Provencano, Tammy Gilroy, Chief Wiess and Chief, Ben Eichler, etc.
 - 3 bar tenders “ Rick is chief bar tender with certificate
 - 6-8 people to register
 - Auction table registers
 - Farmers Market on Sundays to sell tickets, when tickets are gone
- There is a FB page for Facebook Williamston, please like and share!
- Should be a very fun event
- Janet needs donations of wine and baskets! 10-12 baskets. Wine must include name, address, number of bottles and Brand of wine. Wine can NOT come from a donation from a store, must be a purchase from an individual!

Happy Dollars all around!

- 4 Way TEST
- Meeting concluded at 8:32 am

Upcoming meeting dates:

- **Next Meeting “ September 24, 7:30am at WUMC**
- Membership “ September 18, 12:00pm Noah’s Nook
- Satellite Volunteer Services Committee “ Thursday, Sept 19, 5:30pm Zynda’s
- Service Projects “ September 25, 8:34am Biggby

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Monday, July 1, 2024

No amount of success at work will make up for a failure at home. (from back of a Granger truck)

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco

Sven and Ole, two Minnesota engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up.

A woman walks by asks what they were doing.

"Ve're supposed to find da height of dis flagpole, " said Sven, "but ve don't haff a ladder."

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground.

Then she took a tape measure from her pocketbook, took a measurement, announced, "Twenty one feet, six inches," and walked away.

Ole shook his head and laughed. "Ain't dat just like a voman! Ve ask fer da height and she gives us da length!"

September Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Sunday, September 1, 2024

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

Mark Steinberg September 1

Janet Eyster September 14

Simone Ranes September 15