

# Rotary



# Club of Williamston Sunrise

## Club Leaders



[Laska J Creagh](#)  
President



[Christopher A. Lewis](#)  
President - Elect



[Gene Klco](#)  
Secretary  
Webmaster



[Steve Terry](#)  
Treasurer



[Earl K Wolf](#)  
President - Nominee



[James Conroy](#)  
Club Director



[Elgar Brown](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Wanda Bloomquist](#)  
iPast President

## Speakers

**October 04, 2022**  
[Tracy Purrenhage](#)  
Statewide Recycling

**October 18, 2022**  
[Michele Stratz](#)  
CAPCAN

## 9/27/22-General Discussion

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, September 28, 2022

### General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=14, Associate Members=0, Guests=0
- At Tavern 109 – moved inside due to rain
  - Also on Zoom



- President Laska started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
  - Raj gave a brief prayer of thanks
- Laska passed around a muffin signup sheet for the morning meetings
- Where to meet as the weather is getting too cold to meet outside?
  - Earl has arranged for us to meet at the WUMC
  - Enter on the south side of the building
  - We will be in a big spacious room
- Laska thanked Earl, Narda, Sharon & Adam
  - For their work on the Digital message board that was just installed



- - It was a 10 year project
  - Many thanks to Earl's persistence
- Then Laska thanked Paul, Narda & Gene
  - For the effort to get the fire suits to be delivered to Dominican Republic
  - She asked Gene to send the story to the District for their newsletter
- Rockin' Rotary Raffle discussion:
  - Have license already
  - Need a chairperson and committee
  - What do they need to do?
    - Get ticket printed
    - Keep track of where the tickets are
    - Keep records of ticket turned in
    - Make sure all tickets & money are accounted for
  - Cause?
    - 'People Creating Community'
    - Repeat same theme as last year
      - State how used last year's funds
      - Brains & Bellies
        - Brains could cover mental health & education
  - With no volunteers, decided to table it till next year
    - Do compete a little with the School Foundation
      - They run from November to February
- Laska passed out slips for a vote on time of day to meet
  - Those present voted for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place times
    - Choices: 7:30 am, noon, 5:30 pm
    - Will have voting for next two weeks to get all members input possible
  - Will aid the Think Tank to bring suggestions to members
    - Will bring suggestions to the club
    - Time of day, where, how many times meet per month
  - Noted that if we want younger members, can't meet at 7:30 am
    - They are getting their kids off to school
  - We are not a professional networking meeting group
    - More of service fundraising
  - With change coming, do we have speakers set?
    - Just 3-4 in the cue, some for an unscheduled time
- Laska had to leave early, but we had Happy Dollars first
- More club membership discussion:
  - Bob: Downturn of service organizations
    - Even pre-Covid, but Covid added to toll
    - What should we do?
    - Original member in 1997
      - Joined because was local and international
  - Why are we part of Rotary? Why did we join?
    - Deb: Raise money for community
    - Laska: For camaraderie, meet people
    - Chris: Satellite Club not interested in fund raising
      - Will help us though
    - Sharon: Satellite people motivated – 1 meeting/month – service
      - Our Club: 4 meetings/month – fundraising

- We do service – raise funds for others to do service
- Deb: Let's do Taste in the spring under the tent like we started
  - Raj: Social connections – meeting need to be fun
    - Used to be more fun
  - Sharon: Go from one fundraiser – to next fundraiser – to next fundraiser
    - So can give away money to grantees
    - That is her experience
    - Old meetings at Brookshire – clicks – old men's group
  - Paul: We have aged
    - Important to meet together
    - The board runs the club – group follows
    - Covid hurt membership
    - A few do most of the work – get burned out
    - Look forward to meeting at WUMC
    - We need a different perspective
  - Sharon: We benefit with the Satellite Club
    - Functioning differences
  - Narda: Need fundraising balance
    - Need to get credit for grants given
  - Bob: When first founded, service oriented professional group
    - Local business leaders were included
    - International focus with local
  - Merlin: Get back to the camaraderie of the group
    - Not going to invite anyone to join for fundraising
    - Covid was a killer
    - Include food – people gather around food
    - Time of day critical
  - Narda: Most left for financial, age, timing issues
    - We are not losing, but not gaining members
  - Narda: Look at Rotary Goals
    - 6 Areas of concentration
  - Sharon: Fundraising needs to be realistic
    - Year after year?
  - Bob: More inventive early in our charter
    - Blend of local and international speakers
    - Re-establish regular meeting time, food & camaraderie
  - Narda: Need to attract people
    - Early meeting issue
    - Some business people don't live in Williamston
  - All good feedback for the Think Tank group
    - Chris: He appreciated the thoughts
  - We ended with the 4-Way Test (+1)

## Special Event Calendar

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, April 19, 2022

### Williamston Sunrise Rotary

#### 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

**"Success in not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts."**

## Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

"Two sisters, one blonde and one brunette, inherit the family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble. In order to keep the bank from repossessing the ranch, they need to purchase a bull so that they can breed their own stock. Upon leaving, the brunette tells her sister, 'When I get there, if I decide to buy the bull, I'll contact you to drive out after me and haul it home.'" The brunette arrives at the man's ranch, inspects the bull, and decides she wants to buy it. The man tells her that he will sell it for \$599, no less. After paying him, she drives to the nearest town to send her sister a telegram to tell her the news. She walks into the telegraph office, and says, 'I want to send a telegram to my sister telling her that I've bought a bull for our ranch. I need her to hitch the trailer to our pickup truck and drive out here so we can haul it home' The telegraph operator explains that he'll be glad to help her, then adds, it will cost 99c a word. Well, after paying for the bull, the brunette realizes that she'll only be able to send her sister one word. After a few minutes of thinking, she nods and says, 'I want you to send her the word "comfortable.'" The operator shakes his head. 'How is she ever going to know that you want her to hitch the trailer to your pickup truck and drive out here to haul that bull back to your ranch if you send her just the word "comfortable?'" The brunette explains, 'My sister is blonde. The word is big. She'll read it very slowly... "com-for-da-bul."

## September Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, August 31, 2022

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

**Mark Steinberg September 1**

**Janet Eyster September 14**

**Simone Ranes September 15**