

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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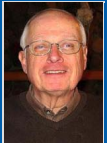
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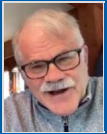
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Speakers

October 25, 2022
Heather Galacka @
Zynda's
Volunteer Park
Pavillion

10/18/22-Michele Strasz-CapCAN

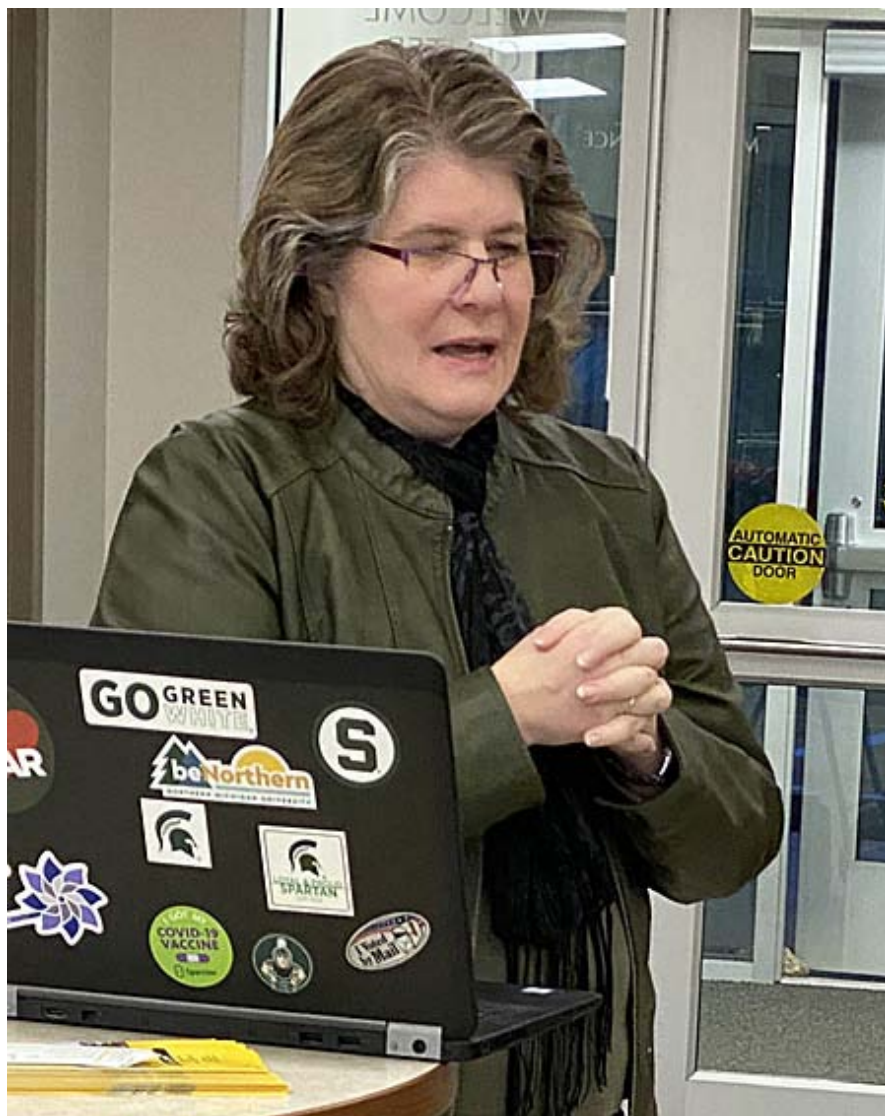
By Gene Klco on Wednesday, October 19, 2022

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=17, Associate Members=1, Guests=1
- We met again at the WUMC gathering room



- President Laska started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Raj gave a short prayer of gratitude for our gifts
- Chris introduced our guest speaker, Michele Strasz



- o She is the Executive Director for CapCAN
 - o CapCAN stands for Capitol Area College Access Network
- CapCAN is a coalition of community agencies, businesses, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, foundations and other stakeholders working to increase attainment of post-secondary degrees and certificates in the Capital Area.
- She did a quick poll of us as to who went to secondary education
 - o And how many had children that had secondary education
 - o Even grand children
 - o Most if not all raised their hand
- CapCAN is community focused
 - o Started in Ingham county in 2014
 - Then included Eaton county in 2018
 - Partner with Clinton county now
- How do we define college?
 - o 4 year university
 - o Yes, but also 2 year college like Lansing Community College
 - o Also apprenticeship programs
 - They have classes at LCC too
 - Get certification
 - o Some people enter the military to get help to pay for college
 - Can get an Associates degree when finished
- College advisors help with applications
 - o Difficult for students during the pandemic
 - o Lots are catching up
- What is the percent of jobs in the community that require a secondary education?
 - o 70%
 - o Can get a job with a HS degree, but low paying and hard to live on
 - o 60% of adults do not have post secondary education
 - Secondary education = economic security
 - Top problem employers have is hiring qualified personnel
 - Many with secondary education can work from home
 - Without degree during pandemic, many forced to work in stores or lost their jobs
 - Associate degree earn ~\$35,000/year
 - Bachelors degree earn ~ \$64,000/year
- Goal to get 60% of community with post secondary education by 2030

- Williamston proper at 59.9%
 - o Ingham Co. at 48.5%
 - o Eaton Co. at 40.8%
 - o Michigan at 49%
- Rural communities are generally low – due to work on a farm
 - o But new tractors are high tech machines
 - John Deere dealer in town couldn't find people to fix them
 - Dean Transportation has same problem with buses
- In 2017 79% of high school graduates enrolled in college
 - o In 2020 only 65%
 - o Trying to find the young adults who skipped going to college
 - o Refer kids like that to CapCAN
- Michele passed out brochures with a lot of info on college planning and websites to access for info
- Laska mentioned a mentor program that Rotary does
- Narda was concerned that while Ingham County Career Center talks to HS students, it is sporadic
 - o Wants to have teachers trained in career awareness in classes
 - o All students are required to take career development classes
 - Skills assessment quiz
 - They give them options based on their interest and the education needed
 - o Need to review more often
- Michele suggested that students file for FAFSA!
 - o Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - o <https://fafsa.ed.gov>
- Michele's info:
 - o strasz@capcan.org
 - o (517) 203-5011
 - o www.capcan.org
 - o [\(13\) Capital Area College Access Network | Facebook](#)
 - o Contact Gene if you want a copy of the PowerPoint presentation

We thanked Michele for her presentation

- Williamston Harvest 5K Run
 - o Results not all in
 - o Not a lot of money raised this first year
 - o Needed more runners
- Duck cleaning report
 - o Jim Miller reported that sanding didn't work
 - o Tried 3 kinds of paint
 - Water based washed off
 - Oil based ended up sticky – never dried
 - o Someone suggested we black out the old numbers completely
 - Use a light colored pen to write new numbers over black
 - o We will need another 1500 ducks for next year – sales are up
 - New ones are very expensive and we have old ones
- Jim Conroy meals – Narda
 - o Would like something from us every 2 weeks
 - Set for a month with volunteers
- Mexico trip to see Monarch Butterflies – Earl & Jim M
 - o Working with a travel agent in Mexico
 - o 7 day trip starting on January 30, 2023
 - o Spend 2 days with the Monarchs
 - o About \$1200/person plus \$800/person air fare
 - o See more info at:
 - https://www.kimkim.com/tp/Eb4drAGb?kimkim_user_token=3kjG7E-Qiu7gcmewxPVpZG7zpTqXWFaMqHVhStB&utm_campaign=trip_proposal&utm_medium=email
 - o This is based on 8 people with 4 solid so far
 - o Contact Earl or Jim Miller for more info
- Education Appreciation Week
 - o November 8 & November 29
 - o Provide homemade snacks for teachers
 - o See Raj or Laska for info
- Fred Campbell appreciation visit
 - o Raj has setup a Tuesday, December 13th evening meeting at the Williamston Theatre
 - o Will not be during a show, but setup for a “Every Williamston Christmas”
 - Could use as our Holiday Party
 - o Many planned to go to the show on Thursday, December 15th
 - No meeting on December 20th or December 27th ?
 - Still in planning stage
- Old wine glasses were available for past Taste of Williamston
 - o Norm took 2 boxes for vases for his flowers
- Merlin & Laska cleaned up the shed
- Extra 5K run T-Shirts available at cost of \$10
 - o We gave extra shirts to sponsors
 - o Some volunteer shirts also – in XL
- Dedication of the Volunteer Pavilion on Thursday, October 27
 - o Next week's speaker Heather Galacka

- Will talk about the Pavilion project
- Annual Garden Club Wreath Sale – Sharon
 - See Sharon for form to order
 - Next Tuesday's meeting will be at Zynda's at 5:30 pm
 - Dinner orders up front
 - Meeting after orders are in
 - We concluded with the 4-Way Test (+1)

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, July 13, 2022

"The only thing that is worse than being blind is having sight but no vision."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS (1). Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith. (2). When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust. (3). Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope. (4). We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence. (5). We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love. (6). On an old man's shirt was written a sentence I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience. That is attitude. Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace.

October Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Saturday, October 1, 2022

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

Norm Shinkle October 4

Fred Campbell October 31