

Rotary



Club of Williamston Sunrise

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Speakers

10/25/22-Heather Galacka & Norm Shinkle

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, October 26, 2022

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=11, Associate/Honorary Members=2, Guests=2
- We met at Zynda's in their back room



- With President Laska gone, President Elect Chris Lewis ran the meeting
 - Chris started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Merlin gave a short prayer of thanks
- We ordered food and drinks

Our first guest speaker was **Heather Galacka**



- She told us about a Celebration for the Volunteer Park Pavilion
 - It will be this Thursday, October 27 at 4 pm at the park
- The work to finish it has been delayed due to manufacturing delays
 - The pavilion is finished, but not all the tables and benches are there
- They will have hot dogs, chips and cookies
- Merlin's wife has donated an oak tree for the area
 - It is in honor of her son who died of ALS
- Phase 3 is a smaller project
 - A formal entrance to the park off Putnam
 - Finish the walkway from Putnam
 - Replace the metal fence
- We thanked her for all that she has done for the community

Our second speaker was **Norm Shinkle**



- When Norm was 15 he went to Boys State
 - His parents made him go to a Rotary Meeting to thank them for their support – letting him go to Boys State
- Norm graduated in 1972 from MSU
 - He was encouraged to run for County Commissioner in 1972
 - And won by 272 votes
 - In 1976 Norm was elected for Township Supervisor
 - In 1982 he ran for State Senate
- Norm said money was important in running a campaign for an public office
 - He has had to get on the phone and ask for money
 - Not easy and he doesn't like doing it
 - Raised about \$77,000 this year
- He feels that serving is important
 - It's about guarding the constitution
 - The constitution makes our country great
 - We in the USA are fortunate that we can disagree without repercussions
- He is running for the State House
 - It is hard to run a campaign
 - He is a conservative
 - No tax increases
- On a state level, Norm thinks the schools have a problem with 3r grade reading levels
 - Should be a high priority
- He was on the State Board of Canvassers
 - Doesn't understand why some people don't want people to be required to show their driver's license or ID to vote
- Norm likes Rotary
 - Used to do more International programs in early days
 - Like to see more of that
- Q/A:
 - Jim Miller: 4-Way Test more demanding then seems
 - How to you rectify "Is it the Truth" with the Republicans who deny the 2020 election results?
 - Norm: Biden won
 - Naomi: How do you get feedback from constituents?
 - Through staff, same contacts, calls & letters/emails
 - Make decisions based on all the info and feedback
 - Wanda: State reading program. How can you improve it?
 - Cut bad teachers, work to get better school boards
 - Naomi: Some teachers are giving 200%
 - Friend teacher in different district says homes have changed
 - Teachers can't do it all

- After Norm's presentation, we talked some business
 - November 15th is the Murphs Awards
 - We will meet at WUMC in the large hall
 - Need an RSVP if plan on attending
 - Cost is \$7 for the meal
 - I say coming, will be charged even in don't show
 - On Saturday, December 3 we will participate at Breakfast with Santa at the HS
 - Need someone to dress up in one of the Duckie suits
 - Sharon volunteered
 - We will have a table with Rotary info at the breakfast
 - Earl passed out brochures about a Veteran's Day Banquet
 - It will be on Saturday, November 12 at 6 pm
 - At the Brookshire Inn
 - Tickets are \$50 each – benefiting the History Museum
 - Choice of chicken, steak or salmon – cash bar
 - Speakers will be Robert Hibbard and Cloyce Odell
 - Takes of Korea, by the men who lived it
 - Info at www.williamstonmuseum.org
 - Earl noted that Williamston has never had a banquet for vets
 - We then did Happy Dollars
 - Deb noted that our Exchange Student, Aanchal
 - Joined Rotaract in India and was voted president
 - Wanda said that the 500 tree project went so well
 - They are planning to plant another 200 next year
 - Called the Red Cedar Woodlot
 - Jim & Merlin talked about the Ducks re-numbering project
 - Found that white Flexsteel worked to cover the old numbers
 - But sharpies would not stick to the Flexsteel
 - Gene said he would try a special pen that the Scheffel Toy Project uses when sharpies won't stick to the painted toys
 - Note: he tried it on Wednesday – no luck – still no stick
 - Mexico Trip to see the Monarch butterflies – Earl or Jim M
 - Need people to sign up ASAP
 - After Wednesday, will open it up to anyone
 - Will come back with more info on helping the monarchs
 - Merlin and Mark Steinberg visited Fred Campbell in Ann Arbor
 - Doing well there
 - Merlin will be heading to Florida soon
 - This will be his last meeting in person for a while
 - He'll join us on Zoom
- Guest Monica Schafer was asked about raspberries
 - She told about how they had to cut ½ their plants off, and they grew back fuller and with larger berries
 - They also changed the varieties of berries for June picking to avoid pests
- We concluded with the 4-Way Test (+1)

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, July 13, 2022

"There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing and be nothing."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Friday, July 1, 2022

The stockbroker received notice from the IRS that he was being audited. He showed up at the appointed time and place with all his financial records, and then sat for what seemed like hours as the accountant pored over them. Finally the IRS agent looked up and commented, "You must have been a tremendous fan of Sir Arthur Doyle." "Why would you say that?" wondered the broker. "Because you've made more brilliant deductions on your last three returns than Sherlock Holmes made in his entire career."

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