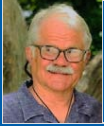


# Rotary



# Club of Williamston

## Club Leaders



[Earl K. Wolf](#)  
President



[Sharon L. LaPointe](#)  
President-Elect



[Wanda Bloomquist](#)  
Treasurer



[Laska J. Creagh](#)  
Secretary  
Past President  
Club Executive Secretary



[Gene Klco](#)  
Assistant Secretary  
Webmaster



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Rotary Foundation Chair



[Robert Stephenson](#)  
Club Director



[Christopher A. Lewis](#)  
iPast President

## Speakers

**December 06, 2024**

[Social at Williamston Pub](#)

Bring a Meal for the Blessing Box

**December 17, 2024**

[Earl Wolf](#)

**December 24, 2024**

[No Meeting](#)  
Merry Christmas!

## 12/3/24-Rebecca Bahar-Cook

**Williamston Rotary – 7:30a.m**  
**December 3, 2024**

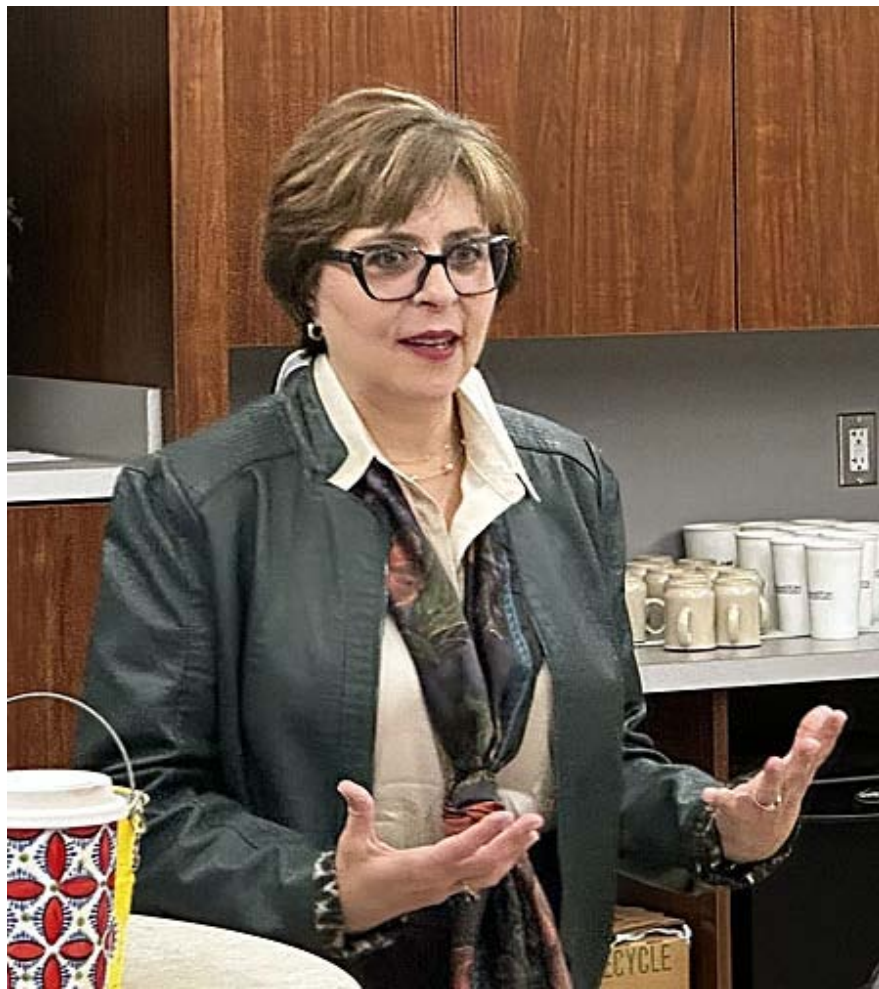
**In Attendance:** Laska, Chris L., Wanda, Earl, Jim Conroy, Ray, Carol, Rodney, Donna, Sharon, Narda, Denise, Deb, Bob, Norm, Jim Carr, Raj, Monica, Marv  
**Guest:** Rebecca Bahar-Cook

**President Earl opened the meeting at 7:32am.**

- Pledge
- Carol Ray read the Vision Statement



**Guest Speaker, Rebecca Bahar-Cook, President-Elect Lansing Rotary** - recently returned from the Rotary International Conference in Singapore



- Their club goal to get to 175 members
- Conference was so large, over 14,000 people there! Theme of the power of Rotary
- All different clubs, don't be afraid to adapt to all that your club needs.
- Corporate memberships are what they are looking to expand
- How do we do this expansion?
- Chamber let them use their member list, 3 responses from Lansing area corporations
- Speakers from around the world, keeping vaccines cold for distribution, Rotarians helped distribute - Rotary has such a vast amount of people we can pull into projects
- **Broad themes, smaller break-out sessions**
  - Public relations committee
  - How does a small group have impact?
  - Adopted a Middle Schooler and provided a computer
  - This child grew up to be a Para-Olympic
  - Talk about the ways you're really changing lives
  - Send out the info in September, take pictures
  - What makes OUR Rotary different and get that word out.
- **International Foundation**
  - Where do the Foundation monies go?
  - Part of what we are struggling with is how to become more active than check writing?
  - What other clubs can we partner with to draw some younger people in?
  - Encouraged us to go to an International Rotary Conference - [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) for information
- **Check out the Fellowships** because there are so many different interests!
  - We are invited to attend a Lansing Rotary-Friday afternoons lunch at the LCC Michigan room 11:30-12:30pm. Email Rebecca to let them know you're attending and you'll be welcomed
- **Updates on upcoming events:**
  - **Christmas Presents**
    - Presents DUE by Friday, Dec. 6 - can bring to the Holiday party
    - Need wrapping?, need pick up?, call Naomi or Laska





- **Holiday Party**

- Dec. 6 at 5:30pm
- Williamston Pub and Grill
- Great entertainment with the HS choir group
- 5:30pm - kids will eat first and we'll eat after so they can perform while we're eating



- Bring gifts that are bags of meals ready for the Blessing Box
- 4 recipes - for you to determine what to buy to put in the bags
- An email will be sent today from Earl for you to peruse the recipe, choose one and bag them in the recycling bag with a tag that is labeled on the bag
- Ingredients are not perishable, safe for winter time
- Recyclable Bags
- Bagged meals will be put in the Blessing Box as needed
- If you want to do something before Friday, put them into the box outside the kitchen door
- Take a bag and a label today or bring the donated meal Friday night and if you need, bags and labels will be there Friday night
- Encouraged to bring a potential member! Member packets will be there!
- Small fee - \$15 per person (\$10 for food and \$5 for HS kids)

**Newer Members - Rodney and Carol Ray**

- Rodney was born in Oklahoma and lived in 27 places around the states





- Went to MSU - BS in Electrical engineering
- Met Carol X County skiing
- One son in Oregon
- That brought him back closer to home
- Electric Utility Engineering Job in Grand Haven
- Traveled around a bit and came back to Williamston!
- Wicked Pickle Ball player
- 47 years married
- Carol grew up in Williamston (HS and college)



- Born in Lansing
- Dad was a CPA
- MSU grad - BS and MA in teaching visually impaired and Special Ed
- Taught at School for the Blind
- Hired out elsewhere when the school closed
- Met Rodney when she was teaching learning disabled
- T in T -20s and 30s, a nice safe place to meet people
- Married in 1978
- Son born 10 months later!
- Moved to West Virginia to follow Rodney's career
- Moved to Grand Haven
- 25 years in California, lived in northern and Santa Barbara area
- Carol picked up art and learned to draw and has now been painting 25-30 years!
- Showed in the Williamstown Township Art Tour
- And got into Horsing
- Since 5 years old she wanted a horse, so her. Parents bought her a cow!
- Won 2nd place of State Show with that cow!
- Has had horses off and on for the past 20-25 years, on her 4th horse now
- Kentucky Mountain horse, cruising along, not trotting so it's very good for people with back issues
- Goes horse camping in many Michigan camp grounds, in cladding Indiana and Ohio
- MTRA - across Michigan riding and camping trail

#### Announcements

- **Open House at Branch School - Saturday Dec. 7, 2-4pm**
- **Paul had a birthday last week!**

#### Happy Dollars all Around!

#### Meeting Schedule

- **December 17, member meeting at 7:30am**
- **NO OFFICIAL MEETING, Dec. 31at**
- **Service committee meeting - Jan. 6 at 9:00am at Bigby**
- **Rockin' Rotary Raffle initial meeting - Dec. 3 at 3:00pm at WUMC**

#### 4-Way Test

## Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Monday, July 1, 2024

**"If we fill our hours with regrets of yesterday and with worries of tomorrow, we have no today in which to be thankful for."**

## Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco

The Sensuous (and Smart) Wife "Have you ever seen Twenty Dollars all crumpled up?"...the woman asked her husband.

"No"...said her husband. She gave him a sexy little smile, unbuttoned the top 3 or 4 buttons of her blouse...and slowly reached down into the cleavage created by a soft, silky push-up bra...and pulled out a crumpled Twenty Dollar bill.

He took the crumpled Twenty Dollar bill from her ...and smiled approvingly.

"Have you ever seen Fifty Dollars all crumpled up?"... she then asked her husband?

"Uh...no, I haven't" ...he said (with an anxious tone in his voice). She gave him another sexy little smile, pulled up her skirt, and seductively reached into her tight, sheer panties... and pulled out a crumpled Fifty Dollar bill.

He took the crumpled Fifty Dollar bill... and started breathing a little quicker with anticipation.


"Now" ...she said. "Have you ever seen \$50,000 Dollars all crumpled up?"

"No way" ...he said (while obviously becoming even more aroused... and excited).

"Well go look in the garage!"...she said.

## December Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Sunday, December 1, 2024



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

**Adam Spina December 11**

**Ray Lemmen December 14**