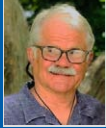


Rotary



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



[Mark Steinberg](#)
Rotary Foundation Chair



[Robert Stephenson](#)
Club Director



[Christopher A. Lewis](#)
iPast President

Speakers

December 24, 2024
[No Meeting](#)
Merry Christmas!

12/17/24-Marv Zischke

Williamston Rotary December 17, 2024

In Attendance: Laska, Sharon, Earl, Jim Conroy, Norm, Keith, Marv, Ray, Chris L., Rodney, Bob, Deb, Jim Carr, Monica, Raj, Paul, Mark, Adam. On zoom: John, George and Janet

Guests: Julie Rudd, Senior Center Director, Ed Foster, Charlotte Rotarian

President Earl Opened the meeting at 8:32AM

- Pledge
- Vision Statement read by Marv

Announcements:

- Concerns shared for Wanda's husband and Todd Carlisle's step father
- Williamston Robotics Team made the state finals and we provided them with a helpful grant!
- District Governor Nominee Elect - CHRIS LEWIS
- Thanks for attending the Holiday Party
- Thanks to all that helped move the Senior Center

Meet Marv Zischke



- Lathe worker
- Jan.3, 1948 in Grand Ledge
 - Raised in Grand Ledge
 - Milked cows by hand before school and after dinner
 - Dad was a carpenter, built homes in the area
 - Marv would help build houses on their farm and they would move into them as they finished them.
- Graduated 1966
 - Football and wrestling until shoulder was injured
 - Quit sports in senior year
 - Worked at the Grand Ledge Elevator, crappy work!

- Chess Club - he was on the First Board
- National scholarship to LCC
- Undergrad at MSU
 - BS in Pre Med
 - Worked his way through school
 - Paid \$2.50 per hour for his dad
 - Worked a Saginaw Meijers - Garden area 1968 MSU
 - Zoology and Psychology
 - Janitor at OLDS Hall - 10:00pm to 2:00am every morning
 - Worked full time at USPS in East Lansing
 - Drove a US Mail truck in split shifts
 - Sunday nights drove the lift truck
- Married Donna in 1971
 - She worked at MSU her entire career
 - Planned to go to Med School - chose not to apply
 - Farm Bureau Insurance in 1970
 - 5 managers in 10 years!
 - Hired and fired 3 times! - employee and then contractor
 - Independent Insurance - Mason, Jackson and finally the Michigan League for Thrifts Organization, then that went into Michigan Bank Association
 - Responsible for ALL insurance that banks purchase
 - Retired from MBA and mentored/worked with David Chapman Insurance
 - Unusual claims over the years
 - December in GR one year, 2nd floor of the bank was full of water! Water rushed down into the bank and elevator shaft.
 - Three Rivers Michigan - a disgruntled person took a chain saw all the way around the house!
 - Also claims don't think about ramifications of their actions, arthritic person drove to bank with the car, they let him in employee entrance, he fell, they dragged him across the entry...the drag broke his rib and he sued!
- Hobbies
 - Running, biking, gardening, and wood lathe cutting
 - Took a class from a professional in TC
 - 2 days with the professional
 - Trim the outside of the bowl first
 - Turn the inside and must finish it before you can stop
 - In the All Colored Tractor Club in Williamston - 1500 tractors!
 - Beer Club brewed his own beer
 - Capital City Rifle Club on Germany
 - Fred Campbell convinced him to come to a meeting and a River Cleanup meeting
- Thanks, Marv!

Polio Plus Society - Raj is a member of this group! So is Laska and Merlin. Ed Foster presented her with a certificate of membership. It takes 3 years after the last case is identified to declare Polio Free. Goal is 2027 to identified the last case, so by 2030 for Polio Free World.

Taste of Williamston Review - Raj and Julie



- Powerpoint handed out
- Numbers need updated
- Net figure is 33,000+

- Assignment sheet
- Everyone single Rotarian was engaged in some way in this effort!
- Team lead by 3 Rotarians and 3 Seniors - Raj, Jim Conroy and Ray, Julie, Ann Lemmen
- The bulk of equipment was rented
 - Total costs - \$4085.17
 - Tables and chairs,
 - Wine glasses (325) cost \$1400 this year. (Sponsored by Wieners)
- Local donations came in a \$100, \$25, \$250 and some larger ones from Graywahl \$5000, UM Health Sparrow \$1000, and MPC \$1000.
- Powerpoint What Went Well and What do we Need to Improve?
 - Excitement by city, Julie, Monica, Raj

Nominations Committee - Rodney, Keith, Raj, Alexandria, Merlin

Raj reviewed the committee slate for 2024/2025

- Pres. - Sharon
- Pres. Elect - Narda (interim)
- Pres. Nominee - Marv Zischke
- Immediate Past President - Earl
- 3rd year treasurer - Wanda Bloomquist
- Secretary - Laska
- At Large - Denise and Ray
- SVC - Mark Steinberg
- **APPROVED** by membership

Happy Dollars all around

Upcoming Meeting schedule:

- **NO MEETING ON DEC. 31, 2024**
- Satellite - Dec. 19, 5:30pm Zyndas
- Rockin' Rotary Raffle - Jan. 3, 9:00am Biggby
- Service - Jan. 6, 9:00am Biggby
- Membership - Jan. 14, 12:00pm at Zyndas
- Grants – TBD

4 way TEST

Meeting adjourned at 8:50am

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco

"Always remember that what happens around us is largely outside our control but the way we choose to react to it is inside our control."

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco

Subject: Great Philosophy From Japanese Doctor

Q: Doctor, I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: Heart only good for so many beats, and that's it... Don't waste time on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart not make you live longer; it's like saying you extend the life of a car by driving faster. Want to live longer? Take nap.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: Oh no. Wine made from fruit. Fruit very good. Brandy distilled wine, that means they take water out of fruity bit so you get even more of goodness that way. Beer also made of grain. Grain good too. Bottoms up!

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of one, sorry. My philosophy: No pain...good!

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU NOT LISTENING! Food fried in vegetable oil. How getting more vegetables be bad?

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: You crazy?!? HEL-LO-O!! Cocoa bean! Another vegetable! It best feel-good food around!

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming good for a figure, explain whale to me.

Q: Is getting in-shape important?

A: Hey! 'Round' is also a shape!

Finally, the Japanese Doctor summed up: Look mister, Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - Beer in one hand - chocolate in the other - body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO-HOO, what a ride my life was"!!!!

Eat whatever you like because you will still DIE, don't allow motivational speakers deceive you.

1. The inventor of the treadmill died at the age of 54
2. The inventor of gymnastics died at the age of 57
3. The world bodybuilding champion died at the age of 41
4. The best footballer in the world Maradona, died at the age of 60. BUT
5. KFC inventor died at 94.
6. Inventor of Nutella brand died at 88
7. Imagine, cigarette maker Winston died at age of 102
8. Inventor of opium died at 116 in an earthquake
9. Hennessey inventor dies at 98.

How did these doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life? The rabbit is always jumping up and down but it lives for only 2 years and the turtle doesn't exercise at all, lives 400 years.

So, take some rest, Chill, stay cool, eat, drink, and enjoy life. You will still die.

December Birthdays

By Gene Klco

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

Adam Spina December 11

Ray Lemmen December 14