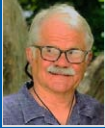


# Rotary



# Club of Williamston

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## Speakers

## 2/25/25-Mtg at Zynda's-Emily Sutton Smith

**Williamston Rotary**  
**Zynda's, 5:30pm**  
**02-25-25**

Attendance: Chris L., Laska, Denise, Narda, Mark, Margie, Marv, Chris A., Robert, Keith, Sharon, Todd, Norm, Carol, Rodney, Diane, Deb and Earl, and George and Janet all online.



President Elect Sharon LaPointe called the meeting to order at 5:29pm  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Vision Statement read by Sharon

**Welcome** to Emily Sutton-Smith, Williamston Theatre, check presentation



Sharon LaPointe presented Emily a check for the Williamston Theatre for \$3000.

- Emily shared about the current production at the Theatre - A Case for the Existence of God, 101<sup>st</sup> production!
  - They've added a Thursday matinee.
  - Curtain time is 7:30pm
- Passed out pamphlets on the rest of the season
  - Baba – a story of immigrants and father and daughter
  - The Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Health
  - Comedy of Billtown – tonight!
  - Next week – Dark Night in Billtown – a farce
- May expand Billtown to music next year after adding Comedy, Dark Nights

**Welcome** Gwen Chirico-Brandon, our new District Rotary admin.

**Texting Test** – Laska to text all present to see if they are getting the texts!

Muffin Sign up

**Updates:**

- **RRR** – So far 137 tickets sold and \$6700. collected.
  - Drawing at Old Mill Park on March 15 at 6:00pm, exactly!
  - Sign ups for Biggby and D&W
  - Please turn in sold ticket stubs and monies!
- **DUCK Race** – Steering Committee – 4 different areas
  - Denise - tickets
  - Deb – Facebook and PR
  - Narda - day of race
  - Jim – Sponsors
  - They are all moving along.
- **Committee Updates**
  - **Membership** – working on process of becoming a member and the most recent addition is the 'onboarding' document, with a mentor, a guide for new person and mentor. Draft of this will come to board for approval soon. Next project is looking at gaining corporate members.
  - **Service Committee** – launched the Blessing Box, and a number of persons showed up for packing meals both Rotarian and non-Rotarians. Jim Carr and Naomi are Rotarian reps. Attempting to coordinate with the Food Bank. Looking for other community entities to be part of the work with the Blessing Box. Service Committee met to finish counting Ducks!
  - **Red Cedar River Day Celebration** – Chris A., Sharon and Marv to chair. DNR will stock fish into the river!

Next membership meeting – March 4, 7:30am WUMC, Norm's bringing muffins!

Satellite Volunteer Service Committee; 3-20-25, 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Service Committee Meeting – March 11, 8:30am, Biggby

Membership Committee – Nothing scheduled  
Happy Dollars all around.  
Adjourned at 6:11pm

## Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Monday, July 1, 2024

[“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.”](#) ~ Helen Keller

## Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco

Yesterday I was at my local Kroger's buying a large bag of Purina Dog Chow for my loyal pet, Jake, the Wonder Dog, and was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think...I had an elephant?

So, because I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is, to load your pants pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me.

I told her no, I stopped to pee on a fire hydrant and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

## February Birthdays

By Gene Klco

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

**Jim Miller February 2**

**Carol Ray February 6**

**Bob Stephenson February 15**

**Raj Weiner February 15**

**Rodney Ray February 18**

**Earl Wolf February 20**

**Denise White February 27**