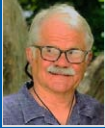


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Speakers

March 18, 2025
Earl Wolf

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March 25, 2025
Social Meeting at
Zynda's

3/18/25-Jill Cutshaw - Food Bank

Williamston Rotary Membership Meeting

March 18, 2025
7:30pm at WUMC

In attendance: Earl, Laska, Sharon, Jim Conroy, Wanda, John Bollman, Rodney and Carol Ray, Narda, Marv, Jim and Naomi Miller, Denise, Robert and Margie Stephenson, Norm Shinkle, Jim and Wendy Carr, Deb and online - Chris Lewis, Ray Lemmen, Gwen Chirico-Brandon,

Guests: Jill Cutshaw, Kim Banner (Treasurer of Food Bank), Joel Gerring – RRR winner!

President Earl called the meeting to order at – 7:31am

Pledge of Allegiance
Vision Statement read by – Earl
Prayer for Paul in surgery now!

Thank you Gifts from the WHS Art Department

- We provided \$2000 for their new ceramic wheel, they provided gifts for us!

Rockin' Rotary Raffle Update –

- **RRR Winner – Joel Gerring** presented with the check! Chris Lewis sold the ticket.



- Successful outcome, given some bumps!

- Final report being written, will do the presentation in the near future
- o To include the groups input

Guest Speaker – Jill Cutshaw, Williamston Food Bank 2025 – Sharon introduced her



Kim Banner (Treasurer of Food Bank), Jill Cutshaw, Rotary President Earl Wolf

- o Process, how do we get the food, what do we do with it and how do we give it?
- o Greater Lansing 140 food banks, many in churches
- o Ours open 1 time a month, why?
 - o Last weekend of the month
 - o People call in and get an appointment – since COVID
 - Families were continuously served
 - Much restaurant food from restaurants! Bacon, cheese, chips
 - Aldi had too much – 2500lbs of bacon!
 - o First week of next month – order from Food Bank of Lansing online
 - Order comes in 2nd week of month
 - o Unable to get the quantity and quality we used to be able to get
 - Not much canned veggies, soup, etc.
 - o Used to be \$.18 a pound for food;
 - o Expansive food bank including all personal products - \$600-800 every other month including paper products and kitchen products. Some from Lansing, some bought
 - o 80 families (over 200 individuals) a month = the rule is to service the people in your zip code area.
 - Williamston gets Webberville and Stockbridge and don't turn people away
 - o Start buying from Meijer and Aldo after the order to Lansing, checking inventory. Volunteers go to the variety of stores, following the ads looking for best deals
 - o First couple days of the week of distribution, they call and make appointments and they order all perishables
 - o Try to give 2 fresh veggies and 2 fresh fruits
 - o Out of 140 Greater Lansing, ours is a CLIENT CHOICE food bank.
 - Register with Treasurer, bring their own bags, each person has a personal shopper that takes them through the food bank. The shop is like a glorified 7/11. Clients pick their choice of, for instance, soup.
 - Space limits the availability of Client Choice food banks. Church locations only can serve 20 families because they don't have space.
 - Williamston Food Bank supplies 1 ½ - 2 weeks of food. Supposed to be a supplement, not a full supply for family.
 - Meats – menu board tells them what they can choose from; pizza rolls are a favorite.
 - Coffee costs too much for them to supply.
 - Staff works to supply clients with what their needs are.
 - o No verifying of their income, as staffed by volunteers. They sign that they are under the poverty level.

- Pay for space? – not paying for space, but are sharing the utilities.
- o Only open 2 days a month – all 80 families go through. If someone calls and they are in need, they are made an appointment, they are serviced...it's then only prepackaged food, nothing fresh.
- o When you're buying, no special discount, pay like a regular customer, tax exempt. Jill emails Meijers what she wants to buy that's on sale.
- o We live in a MOST GENEROUS COMMUNITY!
- o Delivery clients get to choose between some items
- o Donations from personal gardens are welcomed, depending on the days accepted
- o Partnerships with D&W (bakery and slightly expired products),
- o Families find it on the website, 211 call
- o Freezer – Kim Banner, donation of \$24,000 check to purchase!
- o Food Bank Van – a deceased left enough money for the cargo van!

Blessing Box TV Video –

- Not completed as of yet
- Wendy had a meal kit building session last week, many participated
- WILX interviewed, not yet aired
- 1 hour took 78 meals bagged!

Announcements:

District Conference in South Haven – May 2 & 3, 2025

Standing Committee Updates –

- Service Committee – no update
- Membership Committee – no update

Ad Hoc Committee Updates –

- **Duck Race** plans are moving along
 - o Letters to potential sponsors going out in the next week, with your name! You will get a copy!
 - o PLEASE FOLLOW UP with the sponsor!
 - o Tickets to begin selling on or about May 1

Upcoming Meetings:

- Satellite – 5:30pm March 20 at Zynda's
- Member Meeting – March 25 at Zynda's at 5:30pm
- RRR – review TBD, watch for the schedule!

New Rotary address:

P.O. BOX 41, Williamston, Michigan 48895 - is our new Rotary address!

Happy Dollars all around!

4-way test

Meeting adjourned at 8:37am

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco

The difference between try and triumph is a little umph. ~Author Unknown

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco

I have been in many places ...but I've never been in:

- 1. Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.*
- 2. also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognises you there.*
- 3. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there.*
- 4. I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.*
- 5. I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go and I try not to visit too often.*
- 6. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.*
- 7. Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.*
- 8. I like to be in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart!*
- 9. And, sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not!*
- 10. People keep telling me I'm in Denial but I'm positive I've never been there before!*
- 11. I have been in Deepshit many times; the older I get, the easier it is to get there.*
- 12. So far, I haven't been in Continent, but my travel agent says it is on the list.*

March Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Saturday, March 1, 2025

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

George Eyster March 1