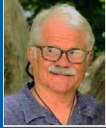




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Speakers

03/25/25-Mark Hanifan

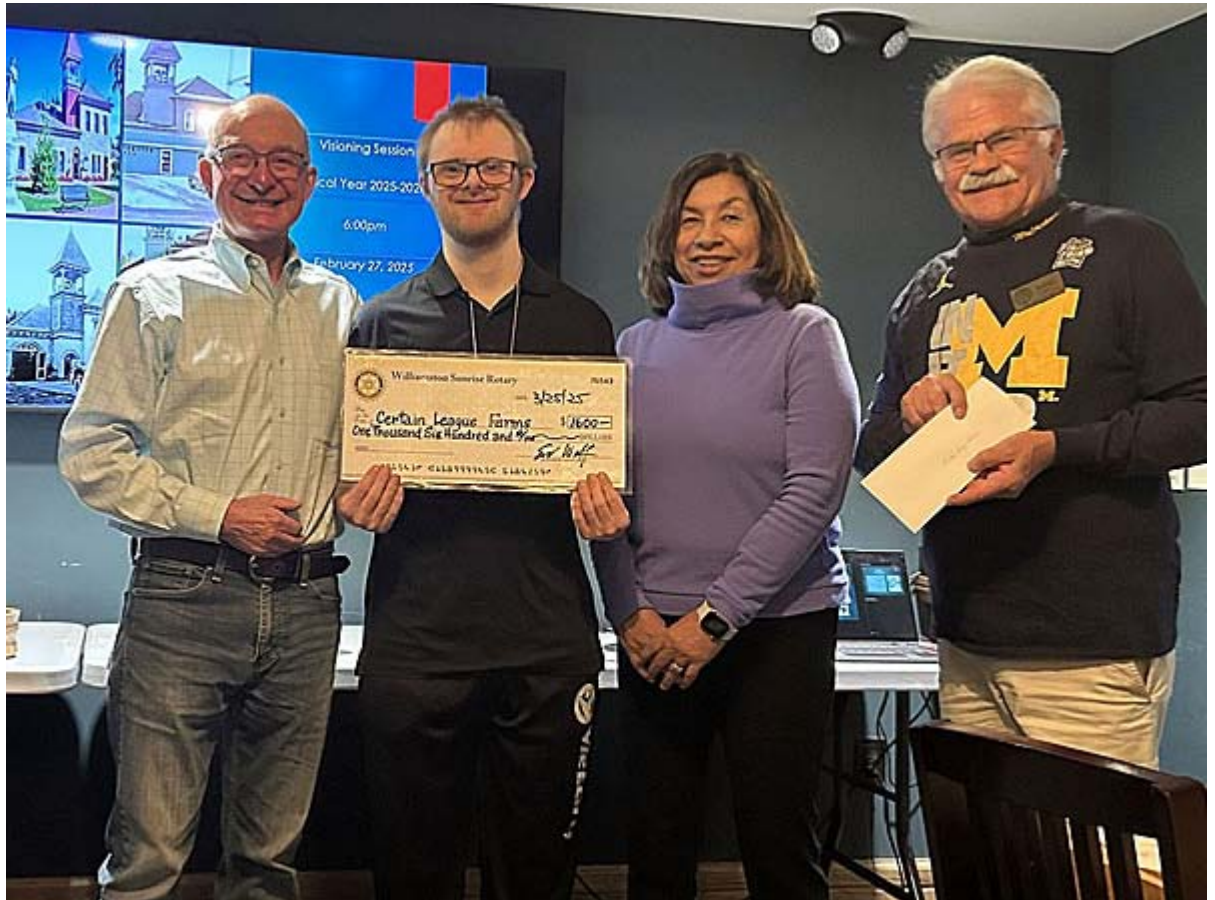
Williamston Rotary Zyndas, 5:30pm 03-25-25

Attendance: Deb, Jim Conroy, Laska, Carol, Rodney, Jim Carr, Keith, Marv, John, Margie (awaiting membership) and Bob Stephenson, Sharon, Todd, Earl, Wanda, Diane, Norm, Mark Steinberg and Gwen and Chris Lewis online

Guests: John Hanifan, Ashley and Mike Anderson, Mike and Roseann Bills and Sam Wiley

President Earl called the meeting to order at 5:31pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Vision Statement read by Jim Conroy

Check Presentation to Mike Bills of Certain League Farms



- Gave us some background on the Farm and focusing on the rural aspect with the population the farm is serving, promoting work skills that this population can benefit from.
- Our grant will fund the building of six raised bed gardens. Within this population, the raised bed gardens can help focus the work of the workers. As that focus is growing they can move the students to a larger skill based opportunity. Would like a partnership between CADSA, Rotary and the Farm.

Welcome to John Hanifan, Williamston City Manager. (Note from Laska, I did not capture all he spoke of!)



2025 Big Year!

- Utilities – working well!
- Proposed Projects – many this year and next
- Zoning and Code Enforcement
- Employee Retention – fully staffed, stable political environment
- Economic Development – Branding, placemaking, master plan, changes to zoning,
- TIFA Icehoue Project
- Big Splash – Kayak launch
- Inflow and Infiltration Study
 - Land available
 - paving some dirt roads
 - High Street, sidewalks need work, non-motorized paths
 - Red Cedar Trail – walk along river to kayak launch and back
- New Opportunities
 - Marketing,
 - Managed Growth
 - Zoning changes,
 - TIFA Projects
 - City Tree Nursery
 - Dahlstrom Park Improvements
- Leaf Vacuum
 - Less labor, significantly faster, keeps leaves out of street, residents rake to easement
- Regional Opportunities
 - Red Cedar River Trail Initiative
 - Non-Motorized Regional Path
 - Departments
 - Police, clerk, treasurer, DPW/Utilities
- New Housing
 - Rowley Road
 - Other in town housing units in the mix
- How can Rotary be more helpful?
 - Keep doing what you're doing
 - We do so many great things
 - John is a 2nd generation from Ireland; he appreciated the St. Patrick's Day fun
 - Mike Bills suggested that Clinton County doesn't have a Williamston, they drive here to enjoy it and we all should keep doing the little things that make the city great!

Updates:

- Satellite group has number of great upcoming projects. They were asked to share the list to all!
- Annual Conference May 2 & 3 at South Haven, MI

Rotary Hero Nominations –

- Sharon named last Hero's award.
- She has put together a list of criteria, next meeting is April 1, we can and will determine how we'll move forward; will be sent separately.

WILX video of the Blessing Box

- **Earl shared the video of our Rotarians putting together meals for the Blessing Box**

Committee Updates

- **General Membership meeting** – 4-1-25, 7:30am WUMC
- **Satellite Volunteer Service Committee**; 4-17-25, 5:30pm – 6:30pm, Zyndas

Happy Dollars all around.

Adjourned at 6:25pm

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco

"People forget how fast you did a job, but they remember how well you did it." ~ Howard Newton

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco

The Twenty and the One A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean ." "Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!" "So, tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?" The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church ." The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

April Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, March 26, 2025

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

Rick Wiener April 1

Chris Lewis April 7

Laska Creagh April 15

Naomi Miller April 21

Deborah Wolf April 21

March Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Saturday, March 1, 2025

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

George Eyster March 1

Kieth Creagh March 26