

# Flint Rotary World

Charter No. 220 – **Rotary Club of Flint, Michigan** – Organized April 7, 1916

**Rotary theme for 2009-10 – “The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands”**

John Kenny, Grangemouth, Scotland, President, Rotary International - Tanya Wolff, Sarnia, Canada, Governor, District 6330

## Coming up this week: February 26 – State Senator Deborah Cherry

*Last week’s meeting featured: Congressman Dale E. Kildee*

**District Governor Elect Joe Reynolds** of the Genesee Valley Club got the ball rolling with a “status report” on District and Area 7 activities. On May 7-9, the Seminar for Tomorrow’s Leaders will once again be held at The University of Western Ontario in London. He announced an exciting event that has grown directly out of that annual event, the District’s **first ever Interact Club**. Adding to the excitement is the Club’s location, our own Flushing High School! Other accomplishments included the upcoming Rotary Exchange, our local literacy program, and the Haiti relief effort, among others. Of particular note is a combined area club raffle coming in April to raise funds for Polio Plus. Top prize is \$2,500 US!! Rotarian **Michael Dach** will be distributing the tickets to help **RI** raise \$200 million to garner a matching grant of \$350 million from the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**.

Rotarian **Ghassan Saab** introduced “him who needs no introduction”, Flint’s own **Congressman Dale E. Kildee**. It was nearly 50 years ago Dale first appeared before Flint Rotary to receive an Ambassadorial Scholarship to study in Peshawar, Pakistan. Along with his wife Gail, Dale is the father of three adult children and six grandchildren. Among many, many other responsibilities, he serves as co-chair of the Automotive and Native American Congressional Caucuses. First elected to public office before many of us could vote, the Congressman boasts one of the House of Representatives longest tenures (34 years) and holds the record for fewest votes missed throughout his career. Always, dollar conscious, he has returned over \$1 million to the US Treasury in unspent annual appropriations received to run his office.

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## VITAL STATISTICS

**For the Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

**Sandy Staffne** served as the greeter, with introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians provided by **Melissa Jacobsen**. **Helen Philpott** led us in song and **Kevin Keane** offered the inspirational message. **David Smith** sold 50/50 tickets. Set up and take by a **dedicated Rotarian** with assistance from **Don Barrow** and **Dick Cordell**. As always, thanks to pianist **Paul Vanston**.

## Upcoming Programs

March 5<sup>th</sup> - Phil Shaltz, Downtown Flint Redevelopment Efforts

March 12<sup>th</sup> - UM-Flint’s Joel Rasch, Flint Entrepreneurialism

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Dennis Dinsmore, Chair, District 6330 Rotary Foundation

March 25<sup>th</sup> – David Eisler, President, Ferris State University

## Officers and Directors

**President - James Franklin III**

**President Elect - Jerry Johnson**

**Vice President - Don Rockwell**

**Vice President - Tiffany Flynn**

**Director - Joe Fioroni**

**Director - Joy Martinbianco**

**Director - Kevin Keane**

**Director - Dawn Hibbard**

**Past President - Roxanne Caine**

**Club Administrator - Amy van der Putte**

**Treasurer - Rebecca Millsap**

**Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus - Richard Cordell**

## Other Rotary News:

**District Assembly** – Lambton College, Sarnia; April 17, 10 AM to 4 PM. President’s elect, Committee Chairs.

**Seminar for Tomorrow’s Leaders** – May 7 – 9, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario

**District Conference** – Sarnia Holiday Inn, May 13 – 16, Port Edward, Ontario.

**Polar Bear Open Fund Raiser** - to benefit **Resource Genesee**, Feb, 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at IMA Brookwood, Fund Raiser for Resource Genesee. Putters and golf balls provided. Call **Lindsey Younger** at 232-6256 for additional details.

**Service Above Self** – Community recognition. May 8<sup>th</sup>, Genesys Banquet Center.

### Where to make up:

#### Monday

Saginaw Valley 12:15 p.m.  
*Horizons Conference Center*

#### Tuesday

Clio 7:15 a.m.  
*Roger’s Lodge*

Durand 11:30 a.m.  
*Durand City Hall Basement*

Grand Blanc 7:15 a.m.  
*Sophie’s Kitchen*

Fenton 7:15 a.m.  
*Spring Meadows Country Club*

Genesee Valley (Flint) 12:15 p.m.  
*Redwood Lodge, Hill Rd..*

Lapeer 12:10 p.m.  
*Lapeer County Center Bldg.*

Columbiaville 6:30 p.m.  
*Rotary Building*

#### Wednesday

Greater Flint Sunrise 7 a.m.  
*Sarvis Center*

Owosso 12:15 p.m.  
*Owosso Memorial Hosp. Annex*

Saginaw 12:00 p.m.  
*Saginaw Club*

Davisburg 7 p.m.  
*Don Hart Community Center*

#### Thursday

Flushing 7 a.m.  
*Sorrento’s Restaurant*

Burton 12:10 p.m.  
*Brookwood Golf Club*

Frankenmuth 12:10 p.m.  
*Zehnder’s Restaurant*

Corunna 12:00 p.m.  
*United Methodist Church*

## Make Ups

Date	Rotarian	Make Up Location
01/28/2010	Lynne Hurand	Rotary After Hours
01/28/2010	Jerry Johnson	Rotary After Hours
01/28/2010	Joy Martinbianco	Rotary After Hours
02/02/2010	Kenneth Halter	Grand Blanc
02/11/2010	Lawrence Cywin	Canyon Lake, TX
02/11/2010	Curtis Collier	Flushing, MI
02/12/2010	Robert Gerholz	Punta Gorda, FL
02/15/2010	Richard Shick	South Ft. Myers, FL
02/17/2010	Carl Conner	Flint Sunrise
02/17/2010	Richard Warmbold	Flint Sunrise
02/18/2010	Parviz Daneshgari	DeSoto, TX

### Excerpted From “45 Lessons Life Taught Me”, Regina Brett, The Plain Dealer

1. Life isn’t fair, but it’s still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won’t take care of you when you’re sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don’t have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It’s more healing than crying alone.
8. It’s OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save with retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

More to follow . . .

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This past year has been the hardest working of his career, dominated by health care reform and the automotive industry bailout. He mused over the fractious nature of the health care debate noting the irony that universal coverage was first proposed by Theodore Roosevelt and figured prominently in Richard Nixon's 1974 presidential campaign. He added that 71 thousand of America's 60 million uninsured live in our congressional district. Congressman Kildee is proud of his support of the automotive industry assistance efforts. Because the industry is such an integral part of the American economy, he argues, allowing it to fail would have had economic consequences far beyond the borders of Michigan.

Kildee devoted considerable time on the need to reinstitute banking controls lost with the expiration of the Glass- Steagall Act of 1933. Among other things, Glass-Steagall implemented controls on the overly risky investments and loose bank regulation generally thought to have led to the Great Depression. Key provisions of the Act repealed in 1980 and 1999, Kildee believes, permitted the growth high-risk investment and lax banking standards that led to the "freezing" of US credit markets and related world-wide economic collapse.

Kildee also is proud to have supported the Bush and Obama administrations' economic stabilization efforts. He recounted Treasury Secretary Paulsen's late night appeal to Speaker of The House Nancy Pelosi to take immediate action on TARP, the Bush administration's last piece of legislation. Kildee signed the legislation but predicted it would cost him 8% at the polls, a prophecy that came true.

Kildee shared some specifics of the Federal Stimulus Program for which he voted. The Flint area has received \$25 million for housing stock demolition, \$30 million for retraining the unemployed at Mott College, \$16.6 million to the Flint Bd. of Ed. for improvements to core education, and \$38 million to the State to train workers adversely impacted by the decline of the auto industry. He noted that the program had detractors on both sides of the isle and passed by only three votes. But, he believes, it still was the right thing to do.

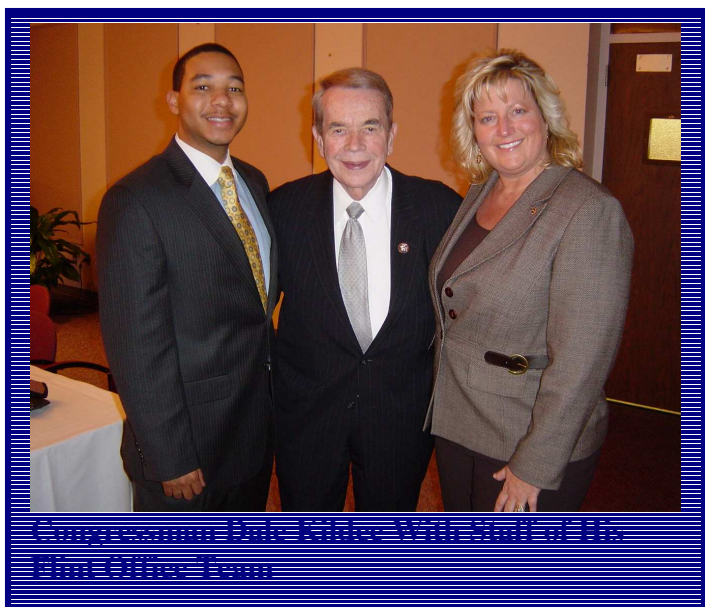
Flint Rotary thanks Congressman Kildee for his service and for sharing his views.



## The Rotary Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



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