



Flint Rotary World

Charter No. 220 – *Rotary Club of Flint, Michigan* – Organized April 7, 1916
Rotary theme for 2008-2009 – “Make Dreams Real”

Dong Kurn Lee, Seoul, Korea, President, Rotary International, - Carl "Kelly" Fotheringham, Mildmay, Canada Governor, District 6330

COMING THIS WEEK – SENATOR DEB CHERRY on the STATE of MICHIGAN February 13, 2009 Meeting - “THE STATE OF FLINT MICHIGAN”

Today’s special guest speaker Flint City Council President Jim Ananich was introduced by Past President Rob Jewell. Council President Ananich was born in Flint, Michigan, graduated from Flint Central High School , Michigan State University, University of Michigan and represents Flint’s seventh ward. He is married to Andrea and they reside in Flint, Michigan.

Council President Ananich stated, “I think we can all agree, it has been quite a week at City Hall and here I am speaking to all of you on Friday the 13th”. There are many problems facing Flint and the reality is the City of Flint has an 8.3 million dollar general fund deficit for the 2007-2008 fiscal year; 4.5 million dollar deficit in the Central Garage Vehicle Fund; \$500,000 deficit in the Data Processing Fund; and another \$800,000 deficit in the Golf Fund- resulting in a 14 million dollar cash flow deficit. This year’s deficit projection is similar in size to last year. Decreasing revenues and increasing costs is a daily issue.

Other troubling problems is the confidence in City Government is at an all time low. Council President Ananich stated, “We do deserve better and we must strive to be better”. If you donate money to a favorite charity in the community, consider donating some time as well, become a mentor at a school, serve on a committee, run for public office, etc. If we are going to rebuild our community, it is going to be done together.

Some ideas for improving our city government would be to eliminate some unneeded positions, restructure department heads, negotiate a sensible retirement package with the Police and fire departments, post transactions and financial document to the public-allowing for more transparency and openness and be a forerunner of the Green Revolution by developing urban agriculture.. Some of our best assets and projects are our colleges and universities, redevelopment of downtown and the Land Bank.

President Ananich was raised in this city with a strong sense of pride, realism, and dedication.

VITAL STATISTICS

From the Feb. 13, 2009 meeting:
Mike Chaffee served as the greeter, with introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians provided by **Helen Philpott**. The 50/50 raffle was handled by **Jim Tomblinson**. **Kevin Keane** led us in song and **Ken Halter** offered a special inspirational message. Set up and take down by **Jim Tomblinson** . As always, thanks to pianist **Paul Vanston**.

Upcoming Programs

Feb 20 – Senator Deborah Cherry on State of Michigan

Feb 27 – Ted Henry on Genesee County

Officers and Directors

President.....Roxanne Caine
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Vice PresidentJames Franklin
Vice President Jerry Johnson
Director Joe Fioroni
Director Don Rockwell
Director Tiffany Flynn
Director Joy Martinbianco
Past PresidentMichael Dach
Secretary/TreasurerRichard Cordell
Club Administrator Amy van der Putte

Other Rotary News:

Special thanks to Vice President James Franklin for presiding over our meeting last Friday for President Roxanne Caine.

Vice President James Franklin announced that there are still outstanding pledges and dues for this year. Please see Amy to make arrangements.

Please mark **April 17th** in your calendars for a **Club Assembly** with items requiring a vote of the membership. Your attendance is vital!

February's Rotary After Hours and Networking meeting is February 25th at Soggy Bottom 5 pm – 7 pm with catering by Hoffman's Deli.

District Conference – June 5, 6 & 7

Where to make up:

Monday

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

Tuesday

Clio 7:15 a.m.
Roger's Lodge

Durand Noon
Papa Joe's Restaurant

Grand Blanc 7:15 a.m.
Sophie's Kitchen

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

Genesee Valley (Flint) 12:15
Old Country Buffet, Miller Road

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 Noon
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 Noon
United Methodist Church

Make-ups:

February 10, 2009	Kenneth Halter	Grand Blanc, MI
February 10, 2009	Paul Wenstrom	Grand Blanc, MI

2009 Rotary Club of Flint Community

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW NOMINATION

(nomination forms are available at the registration table)

This award is meant to honor a Non-Rotarian from the greater Flint area who embodies the ideals of Rotary and who best exemplifies the Rotary motto of : "Service Above Self".

All nominations must be received by 2/28/09.

Nominations may also be submitted by emailing Doug.B@tgidirect.com or calling Doug Bacon at 810-237-5216.

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