



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 up this week: Chairman of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, Ted Henry

Last Friday’s speaker was: State Senator Deborah Cherry

President Roxanne Caine kicked things off with a couple of general announcements to the Club. First, the Brazilian Group Study Exchange will be arriving the week of May 6th. Plans are taking shape but the Club still needs two more hosts to house Exchange Group members that week. Contact President Roxanne if you can help.

President Roxanne then sent out kudos to the Rotator Cuffs, our Big Bros/Big Sis bowling team. Al Koegel was also recognized for Koegel Meats lane sponsorship.

Senator Deborah Cherry is no stranger to Flint Rotary and she was welcomed to the podium by Rotarian Rob Jewell to discuss the State’s responses to the worsening economy. Senator Cherry sits on several important Senate Committees, among them Finance, Health, Capital Outlay, and General Government. She also plays a key role in the Michigan Promise Scholarship grant program that is being extended to the greater Genesee County area. Noting that the recession is taking a toll on everyone, she highlighted numerous reforms designed to bring State spending into line with available revenue. These included reducing the number of departments from 21 to 8, turning wetland protection services back over to the Federal Government, and closing four Dept. of Correction facilities. New legislative initiatives include a study to upgrade state services to the needs of the 21st century economy; the Michigan Home Foreclosure Prevention Act which requires mediation between lender and borrower before foreclosure can be implemented. Other legislation is in the works to prohibit power shut-offs at times when consumers are most vulnerable and which extend the prohibition to municipal utilities. A total of 1500 state employment positions have been eliminated along with \$50 million in earmarks that benefit on one distinct region.

She also commented on how Federal Stimulus funds would be used. Projects must be shovel ready

VITAL STATISTICS

From the Feb 20, 2009 meeting:

Jim Kovas served as the greeter, with introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians provided by **Ken Vavra**. The 50/50 raffle was handled by **Lynn Hurrand**. **Ken Vavra** led us in song and **Kevin Keane** offered the inspirational message. Set up and take down by **Jim Tomblinson** with assistance from **Don Barrow** and **Dick Cordell**. As always, thanks to pianist **Paul Vanston**.

Upcoming Programs

Mar 6 – Ruth Person, Chancellor UM-Flint

Mar 13 – John Foren, Editor, Flint Journal

Mar 20 – Jack Kay, Provost UM-Flint “the Holocaust”

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Twenty-five percent of road project money will go to local units and \$1 billion will go to schools to help offset reductions in the per pupil foundation grant made during the budget process. An additional \$1.5 billion will be used for fiscal stabilization.

Senator Cherry acknowledged that there is much about the stimulus package and how it can and will be used that is yet to be determined. And, there are the ever-present philosophical differences between the two parties that will have to be addressed and reconciled. Our thanks go to Senator Cherry for her detailed comments along with her frank presentation. Clearly there are no “magic bullet” solutions to stemming the recession. But, there is reason for optimism as well.

Other Rotary News:

The Joffrey Ballet has awarded a scholarship to this coming summer’s workshop to a young lady from New Mexico. She and her Mother are looking for housing for the two-week session. Contact Paul Torre at the FIM if you can help.

Club Welfare reports that Mike Bourke is now home and continuing his recovery. Fr. Jim Bettendorf is temporarily at Briarwood Manor, 3011 N. Center Rd. just north of Davison Rd. while he fights a nasty infection. He would welcome cards/letters at his home address as well as visitors to Briarwood. Lastly, Dick Shick’s wife Rosemarie has been diagnosed with cancer. Let’s remember that prayers, cards, and visits for all those laid aside with illness are always welcome.

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

New Member Proposals – First Reading

Daryl Vanella, President/CEO Whaley Children’s Center,
Classification: Human Services/Whaley Children Center

John Foren, Editor, The Flint Journal, Classification:
Newspaper/Editor

Submit comments in writing to the Club Secretary or Administrator.

Make-ups:

2/11/2009	Carl Connor, Mike Lindemann	Flint Sunrise
2/12/2009	Curtis Collier	Flushing
2/13/2009	Robert Gerholz	Punta Gorda, FL
2/17/2009	Roxanne Caine, Mike Dach, Gene Dennis, Stacey Doyle, Joe Fioroni, Tiffany Flynn, James Franklin, Rob Jewell, Kevin Keane, Joy, Martinbianco, Hanuman Marur, Rebecca Millsap, Don Rockwell.	Board Meeting

New Make-up Opportunity with Fr. Bettendorf

Fr. Jim Bettendorf is recuperating at Briarwood Manor for the next 6-8 weeks. To help him keep his Perfect Attendance since 1968, as well as personally pass along well wishes to him, a group of Rotarians is planning to meet at Briarwood on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at noon for the next several weeks. Briarwood is located at 3011 N Center Rd. ½ mile north of Davison Rd.

A sign-in sheet will be available, which will qualify as a Rotary make-up for you, too. Please contact President Roxanne Caine at RoxanneC@mclaren.org if you plan to attend.

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