



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: Dr. Perry Daneshgari, President and CEO of MCA Inc.

Last Friday’s speaker was: Rebecca Fedewa: CEO Flint River Watershed Coalition

Patrick Naswell introduced our speaker, Rebecca Fedewa, Executive Director of the Flint River Watershed Coalition. Along with an impressive work history and education, Patrick mentioned that Rebecca is an active runner, her favorite book is ‘Wuthering Heights’ and favorite movie ‘The Wizard of Oz’.

The mission of the Flint River Watershed Coalition is to be the ‘voice of the river’, stated in their vision statement: “Partnering to protect, preserve and improve our watershed.”

Ms. Fedewa began by asking the audience: “Who here lives in a watershed?”

It turns out the correct answer is ‘everyone.’ The definition of the word is ‘land that drains into a body of water’, and almost all parts of our country qualify. The big picture begins in the U.S. at the Continental Divide, where some water begins draining west to the Pacific, and some east to the Atlantic. The Atlantic watershed, when followed long enough leads to the Saginaw Valley and eventually to the Flint River Watershed.

From this point, Ms. Fedewa outlined the three main points of her presentation describing the purpose of her organization.

First: Education and Outreach. This is accomplished through a variety of events like the River Clean up on May 9 and the water quality monitoring they will do on April 25 and 30. (There is training available for volunteers to work on these projects.) ‘Genesee Green’ is another event, on May 15, aimed at bringing in students to get them involved in keeping our water clean. Then, an ongoing project, storm drain stenciling, which puts a message next to the drains reminding people not to pour toxic waste down the drain.

Second: Outdoor activities. River walks, Canoe trips, bi-weekly paddles with the Flint River Paddlers, and weekly rides with Friends of the Flint River Bike Path.

VITAL STATISTICS

From the March, 27 meeting:

Cindy Ornstein served as the greeter, with introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians provided by **Rob Jewell**. The 50/50 raffle was handled by **Lew Driskell**. **Dick Ebbott** led us in song and **Jerry Knoodle** offered the inspirational message. Set up and take down by **Don Barrow**. Conspicuously absent was the melodic magic of **Paul Vanston**.

Upcoming Programs

April 3: Dr. Perry Daneshgari: “Don’t Bring Jobs to Flint – Bring Innovation”

April 10: No meeting – Sarvis closed

April 17: Club Assembly-no guests please

Officers and Directors

President.....	Roxanne Caine
President Elect.....	Bobby Pestronk
Vice President	James Franklin
Vice President	Jerry Johnson
Director	Joe Fioroni
Director	Don Rockwell
Director	Tiffany Flynn
Director	Joy Martinbianco
Past President	Michael Dach
Secretary/Treasurer	Richard Cordell

Other Rotary News:

Club Assembly - Please put April 17th on your calendar to attend the Club Assembly and business meeting to be held that day. Due to the nature of the meeting, please invite your guests to come on a day other than April 17.

Bettendorf Attendance Initiative - Continue to remember Fr. Jim Bettendorf as he recovers from an infection. He had a bit of a setback this week but is still hoping to go home soon. He is at Briarwood Manor, 3011 N. Center Rd. just north of Davison Rd. You can join a group of Rotarians as they create a 'make up' opportunity each week on Wednesday at 12:30. See President Roxanne for details.

Katherine Gonser is leading the Literacy Program for our club. She needs 8-10 volunteers to read to classrooms in local elementary schools. See Katherine for dates and more details, but even if you are 'probably' interested, contact Katherine to volunteer.

While our outstanding pledge balances from the membership trickle in, the club needs those commitments to function. If you are not sure if you have a balance owed, please see **Amy van der Putte**.

Where to make up:

Monday

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

Tuesday

Clio 7:15 a.m.
Roger's Lodge
Corunna 6:30 p.m.
United Methodist Church
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

Make-ups:

2-24-09	Peter Kleinpell	Naples Bay Fl
2-27-09	Howard Shand	Sarasota Sunrise FL
3-2-09	Richard Shick	South Ft. Myers FL
3-3-09	Peter Kleinpell	Naples Bay FL
3-6-09	Peter Kleinpell	Sarasota Sunrise FL
3-10-09	Peter Kleinpell	Naples Bay Fl
3-12-09	Richard Shick	South Ft. Myers FL
3-17-09	Roxanne Caine, Michael Dach, Mark Eniex, Joe Fioroni, James Franklin, Dawn Hibbad, Jerry Johnson, Jerry Knoodle, Joy Martinbianco, Don Rockwell	Board Meeting
3-17-09	Lawrence Cywin	Keller, TX
3-17-09	Peter Kleinpell	Naples Bay Fl
3-20-09	Robert Gerholz	Punta Gorda, Fl
3-20-09	Don Lada	Grand Blanc
3-20-09	Howard Shand	Sarasota Sunrise FL
3-24-09, 3-25-09	James Bettendorf, Sandra Steffne, Gary Alter, Carl Conner, Sherlynn Everly, Kevin Keane, Michael Kelly, Suzanne Kelly, Patrick McAvinchey, Dick Shaik, Rita Stanley	Briarwood
3-34-09	Larry Cywin, Dayne Davis, Rich Fortner, Vincent O'Keefe,	Genesee Valley
3-25-09	Rick Warmbold, Jennifer Agree, Curt Collier, Dan Crannie, Tiffany Flynn, Rob Jewell, Jim Kovas, Amy Krug, Reg Lancaster, Heather Morolla, Jerry Preston, Mike Thorpe Polly Sheppard,	Rotary After Hours

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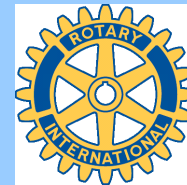
Third: Serving as the voice of the Flint River. This involved implementing a watershed management plan, promoting best practices residents in considering the watershed, working with communities, and providing a speakers bureau on the subject.

"People won't protect what they don't know about." said Ms. Fedewa, underscoring the need to educate the public on protecting the watershed. She went on to share practical ways for citizens to help: remember everything that goes to the catch basin goes in the watershed-we are all on waterfront property. Consider using organic or slow release fertilizers, natural pesticides, with no phosphorous. Sweep excess fertilizer into the lawn. Rake leaves and mulch them. Mow less, and mow higher. Add more trees. For more information you can visit www.flintriver.org.

Shannon Polk introduced five students from the Mott Middle College. The students all carried exceptional grade point averages, were active in the community, involved on campus, and had plans for college once they graduated from Mott.

The Mott Middle College prepares high school at-risk students for a successful work and educational future through the full integration of high school, community college and world of work.

The Mott Middle College grants an accredited college prep high school diploma. Students are expected to complete a high school program by overlapping a MCC Associates Degree program of their choice through a fifth year of high school.



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?"**

Food Bank –Service Club Saturday: April 4, 2009

Join Rotarians at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan on Lapeer Road to help sort and pack food. Our club, along with other volunteers, make it possible to distribute food to those who need it in our community. Serving 22 counties, the FBEM provides food to needy families through nearly 400 non-profit partner agencies. For more info, contact Rotarian **Tim Goyette**

President Roxanne Caine noted that with our regular program next week we will also have a presentation from **Hanuman Marur**, so with that in mind plan to start the agenda a little earlier into the fellowship/lunch time.