



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: **City of Flint Mayor Michael Brown** **Last Friday’s speaker was: Ruth Person, Chancellor U of M Flint**

Libby Maynard introduced our speaker, Chancellor Ruth Person. The Chancellor joins U of M Flint campus as the seventh leader of the school in its fifty year history.

The Chancellor’s most recent professional experience was serving in the same position at Indiana University, Kokomo for nine years.

“This is a new chapter in the history of U of M Flint,” said Chancellor Person, describing the changes the campus is going through as it moves from a commuter campus to a residential environment. She went on to describe the challenge facing Flint as it becomes a college town instead of ‘a town with colleges.’

Chancellor Person listed nearly a dozen significant issues to address during this transition: How to ‘operationalize’ in a residential campus? How to support increased student life demands? How to engage students to serve in the community? How to maintain quality in the face of all the change?

The Chancellor also posed the question as to how to attract more people to live downtown, noting that the 310 students currently there were not enough of a force to make significant change in the city’s future.

There were a number of questions regarding the new housing offerings downtown, aimed at future students who may be attending U of M. The Chancellor did not expect that the student enrollment would grow much more than 10% in the near term, but did not rule out the growth of residential students.

In closing, Chancellor Person addressed the challenges facing our community, noting that the U of M successes and those of Flint are intertwined; “A rising tide floats all boats”. she said. She also referred to the gospel spiritual “Keep Your Hands on the Plow” point out that there is hard work ahead on the road to recovery.

VITAL STATISTICS

From the March 6, 2009 meeting:
Linda Bielskis served as the greeter. Introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians was provided by **Kim Egerer**. The 50/50 raffle was handled by **Ken Halter**. **Katherine Saunders** led us in song and **Jerry Knoodle** offered the inspirational message. **Jerry Knoodle** did set up and take down. As always, thanks to pianist **Paul Vanston**.

Upcoming Programs

March 20, Jack Kay, Provost UM-Flint “The Holocaust”

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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.

District Assembly will take place April 18. This event is a training session for incoming officers, but also serves as an excellent educational opportunity for all Rotarians. See any Board member for info.

District Conference will be held June 4-7 in Mildmay, ON. Put this on your calendar now, and see President Roxanne for more information.

Bettendorf Attendance Initiative - Continue to remember Fr. Jim Bettendorf as he recovers from an infection. 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 Gonsler 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.

President Roxanne announced that Rose Marie Shick (Mrs. Dick Shick) continues to respond to treatment and is thankful for thoughts and prayers.

While our outstanding pledge balances from the membership have come down to \$11,000, 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

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

Rotary After Hours

This month join us for fellowship and networking in a less formal setting than usual; Wednesday, March 25, 5-7 pm at the White Horse tavern. Feel free to bring guests who might want to know more about Rotary.

Make-ups:

1-22-09	Richard Shick	Bonita Springs FL
1-26-09	Richard Shick	South Myers FL
2-2-09	Richard Shick	South Myers FL
2-9-09	Richard Shick	South Myers FL
2-23-09	Richard Shick	South Myers FL
2-26-09	Richard Shick	Bonita Springs FL
3-3-09	Parviz Daneshgari	Grand Blanc
3-4-09	Suzanne Kelly, Roxanne Caine	Briarwood
3-5-09	Parviz Daneshgari	DeSoto TX
3-5-09	Stuart Forsythe	Frankenmuth

3-6-09: Board Development Mtg: Roxanne Caine, Joe Fiorini, Tiffany Flynn, Jerry Johnson, Donald Rockwell

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