



# 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 - Tayna Wolff, Sarnia, Canada, Governor, District 6330*

## Coming up this week: D. Ryen & D. Zemper’s Recollections of WWII

### “Home Away from Home” for Families of Injured Service Men and Women --- Fisher House

“The public assumes that, if they are not informed by the government that there is a problem, things must be OK.”

Paul McCullom of Flushing offered these remarks to the members of Flint Rotary on Friday. McCullom volunteers on behalf of Fisher House to make the public aware of the important needs met by the organization, its facilities and programs. He reported that a great need exists and a program – Fisher House - has been created to address it.

The problem is that numerous families of injured soldiers are not able to travel or be easily accommodated at the site of their family member’s hospitalization. Over 5,000 servicemen have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. At the same time, 32,000 have been injured – many of who require intensive medical procedures and recovery services. Those seriously injured are transported to a major military hospital in Germany or the United States.

When families are notified of a serious injury of their family member, they are inclined to leap into action to meet them at the hospital. In this case, they cannot just drive across town to the hospital. Depending on the nature of the injury, the soldier may be hospitalized in a number of locations across the country based on that facility’s specialization – burns are best treated at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas.

Many families find themselves without the resources to be able to make the trip and interrupt their daily lives to be at the bedside over what can be a very lengthy recovery period. That’s where the Fisher House comes in. The program offers funds for families to purchase airline tickets and operates 30 homes adjacent to major US military hospitals.

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### Upcoming Programs

August 28 – Rep. Lee Gonzales “Advanced battery tech & renewable energy”

September 4 – Labor Day Weekend – no meeting

September 11 - Kristin Dziczek

September 18 - Rafael Turner - Rotary Brazil Group Exchange

### VITAL STATISTICS

Thanks to the following who helped make our meeting possible:

Greeter Dave Hanoute, Set-up and Take-down Al Koegel, Register & Introduce Guests Kathy Gonser, Song Leader Rob Jewell, Inspirational Message Jerry Johnson, and 50/50 Jerry Knoodle

As always, thanks to pianist **Paul Vanston.**

### 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 Milsap**

**Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus - Richard Cordell**

## Other Rotary News:

It was Rotary's pleasure to welcome newly-elected **Flint Mayor Dayne Walling** to his first meeting. It's been awhile since a Flint Mayor has taken advantage of the honorary membership and we hope Mayor Walling will restore the tradition. We also wish to thank the Mayor for introducing his recently-appointed **City Administrator, Gregory Eason**, who accompanied him to the meeting.

### *Email Alert!*

Keeping our email address file up to date is a never-ending process. One of the consequences of changing your email address but not letting someone in Rotary know is called a "bounce back". That means an error message regarding the address we have on file literally "bounces back" telling us the address is no longer valid. Our only option is to delete the address until we can get an update and that means you may miss receiving the newsletter for a time. So, it's in everyone's interest to let us know when/if your addresses changes. An email with the new address to either Amy Vanderputte or the Bulletin Committee Chair (Doug Speck for this Rotary year) will do the trick. Thanks for helping with this process.

### 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  
*Blue Collar Grill, Corunna 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 Noon  
*Saginaw Club*

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

#### Thursday

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

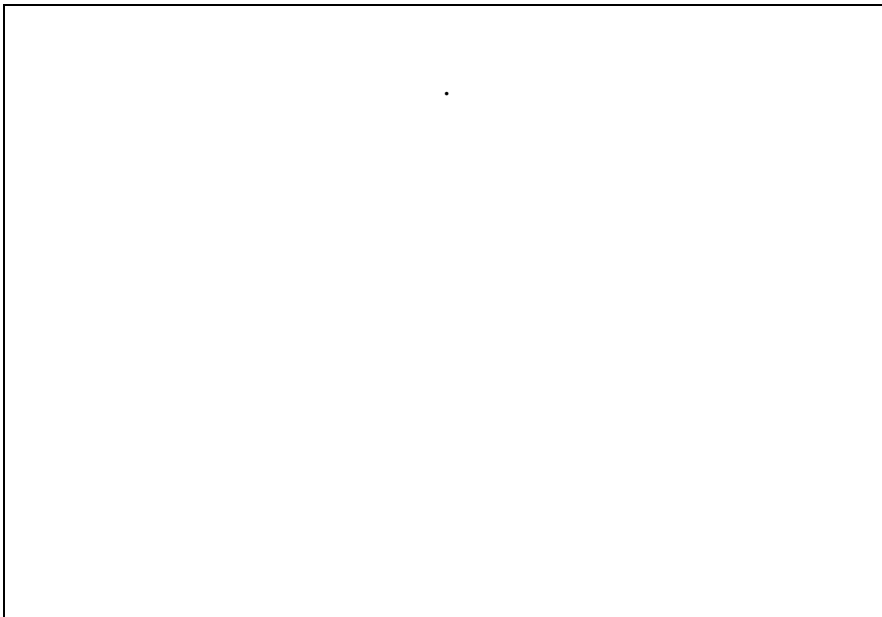
Burton 12:10 p.m.  
*Brookwood Golf Club*

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

Corunna Noon  
*United Methodist Church*

### Make-ups:

7/21/09	Michael Bourke	Grand Blanc
7/30/09	Carl Conner	Burton
8/4/09	Dayne Davis	Genesee Valley
	Rich Fortner	Genesee Valley
	Doug Speck	Genesee Valley
	Paul Wenstrom	Grand Blanc
8/6/09	Curtis Collier	Flushing
	Larry Ridge	Flushing
8/11/09	Carl Conner	Genesee Valley
	Dayne Davis	Genesee Valley



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McCullom shared stories of several local families who have been aided by the Fisher House at a time of injury of their son or daughter.

Mark Yonan, Marine veteran and broker at Merrill Lynch, joined McCullom to explain the benefit he and his family derived from the Fisher House. Marine TJ Yonan came under enemy fire in Falujah in November, 2004. He was fortunately protected by body armor from shot in the chest, took a shot to his weapon ammunition clip, and was also shot in the wrist. Yonan arrived at a Naval Hospital in Southern California five days later. Not worrying about the details of accommodations, the Yonans rushed there to meet TJ when he arrived. Mark Yonan explained that he and Mrs. Yonan slept the first night in the lobby of the hospital. They were informed by a security guard about the Fisher House across the street and learned that they could receive complimentary room and board while they awaited word on TJ's condition and needed treatment. Thirteen surgeries and five months later, TJ was released. The Yonans, with the help of Fisher House, had been able to be there for every one of his procedures. Mark Yonan recalls the warmth and hospitality they received from the staff, volunteers, and fellow residents of the Fisher House. He encouraged everyone in attendance to do what they can to support the Fisher House.

President James Franklin announced his plan to make a personal contribution of \$100 and encouraged others to contribute through the Rotary Club or report to the Club if they contribute directly.

## Rotary Club of Flint Red Cup Invitational

Brookwood Golf Club  
Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Registration starts at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch from 11:45 – 12:15

Shotgun Start at 12:30 p.m.

Rotarians who bring a non-Rotary guest  
(and the guest) only pay \$60 to register  
– versus \$80.

Register by August 17th

If you would like more information on the  
event, or would like to be a tee or green  
sponsor, contact David Gaines or Steve Jadwin.



## 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?"**

## REMINDER

Member Pledge Card/Statement

Payment is due no later than  
September 30, 2009