



# Flint Rotary World

woneye 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: State Representative Lee Gonzales -- Advanced Battery Technology & Renewable Energy**

## **WFUM World War II Film Project features personal experiences of Mr. Duane Zemper, WWII Air Corps Photographer**

Donna Ryen, Producer, WFUM TV, explained that a documentary was produced to reflect a significant and interesting account of World War II. This locally produced film is part of a national effort to supplement the Ken Burns World War II documentary with stories from local residents. Matt Zacharius, editor, shared the reward he felt as a result of editing this important effort to capture history through the eyes of a local service man. Both remarked about the closing of WFUM and the resulting disappointment to staff and loss to the community.

Rotarians in the audience with World War II and other veteran service were recognized and thanked.

The film, 15-20 minutes in length, introduces fellow Rotarian Mr. Duane Zemper, resident of Howell, Michigan, who served in the European theater as a photographer with the job of documenting bomb runs. Zemper now serves as a library archivist, working to preserve the history of the Howell area, including WWII-related images and stories about local efforts to support the war like metal scrap drives.

Zemper told how he was designated to serve as a photographer despite limited experience. Before being deployed, he was trained in Denver, Colorado, and received further professional development at Yale.

Zemper told of the expeditious nature with which photographers would capture images of bomb strikes and, upon return to the base, quickly develop and provide them for review by commanders. Photographs allowed them to determine effectiveness of the bombings and develop strategy for additional strikes if necessary.

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## **VITAL STATISTICS**

**Many thanks to those who helped make the August 21 meeting a success:**

<b>Doug Speck</b>	<b>Song Leader</b>
<b>Jerry Johnson</b>	<b>Inspirational Message</b>
<b>Kathy Gonser</b>	<b>Greeter</b>
<b>Jerry Hill</b>	<b>Set-up/Take-Down</b>
<b>Kathy Saunders</b>	<b>Introduce Guests</b>

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

## **Upcoming Programs**

September 4 No Meeting – Labor Day Weekend  
September 11 Kristin Dzidzic, **Beyond Bankruptcy: What’s In Store for the U.S. Auto Industry?**  
September 18 Rafael Turner – **Brazil Rotary Exchange**

## **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:

**President James Franklin challenges members** to help him **raise funds for the Fisher House**. This non-profit organization provides temporary housing proximate to Veterans Administration hospitals for relatives of injured veterans undergoing treatment and/or therapy. Members should **make checks payable to: The Flint Rotary Charitable Foundation**. Either give the donations to Amy van der Putte at the next meeting or mail them to her at: 2481 Delwood Drive, Clio, MI 48420 We will present a lump sum check to the Fisher House at an upcoming meeting.

**Genesee Valley Rotary Club Location Change:** Starting on **September 1st**, the Genesee Valley Rotary will **meet at the Redwood Lodge**. The Redwood Lodge will be its regular meeting location for the foreseeable future. Prices will remain the same. Enter the restaurant through the main entry doors and turn right up the stairs to the elevated level. The meeting area will be defined with moveable acoustic panels.

**Don't forget!** Pledge cards are due **ASAP** and payment of the **dues portion is due by September 30, 2009**. Pledge information needs to be reported to the District so help us be on time.

### 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*

>>>> **Redwood Lodge starting Sep. 1**  
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:

8/12/09 Michael Lindeman Flint Sunrise  
Richard Warmbold Flint Sunrise

8/19/09 Michael Lindeman Flint Sunrise  
Richard Warmbold Flint Sunrise

### *New Member Proposal – First Reading*

Name: **Richard Haden, Licensed Financial Strategist**

Classification: Insurance - Sales

Nominated by: David Gaines

*Any objections should be sent to the Secretary in writing.*

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Zemper shared that he has never stopped to add up the number of bombing runs he took part in, noting that the group conducted hundreds of missions. He joked that, at age 90, perhaps he should take the time to add them up “over the next 20 to 30 years.”

Due to the dangerous nature of the flights, Zemper explained that he made a point not to become too attached to fellow flyers. He noted that they found themselves purposefully avoiding personal friendship. Zemper recounted several stories of crashes and loss of life including a few he had befriended.

Zemper reported several close calls including an incident that occurred while he stood over an open bomb bay with no parachute, taking photos, when the plane hit an air pocket and instantly dropped 40 feet. Zemper was thrown to the ceiling of the plane, rendering him unconscious. He then fell through the bomb bay door and dangled by his camera strap. The camera had become wedged in the bomb bay door hinge. Zemper shared that photographers had always been told to protect their equipment and not relinquish it. He believes this reaction to hold onto his camera – as if his life depended on it – kept him from falling to his death.

Zemper closed with an explanation that his memories are many – both horrific and pleasant. He shared that he has been dedicated to documenting and remembering all facets of the war and chooses particularly to remember the good.

Flint Rotarians closed the meeting by recognizing the service of Zemper and his fellow veterans in the audience with a standing ovation.

## 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