



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: No Meeting September 4

September 11 - Kistin Dziczek, The Car Group, The Future of the Auto Industry

Michigan’s Progress – Advanced Battery Technology & Renewable Energy

Rotarian Gerald McCarty introduced the Honorable Lee Gonzales, 49th Michigan House District Representative. Representative Gonzales provided an overview of statewide efforts to diversify the economy into battery and alternative energy technology.

Gonzales reported that Michigan is beginning to make progress on some of the great things we aspire to, including industrial diversification and economic recovery. In a recent edition of Time Magazine, it was pointed out that the fundamental challenge for the US economy is to “Reset” itself.

Gonzales referenced aggressive efforts to “reset” Michigan through the use of a new program that he actively supports called Centers of Energy Excellence. One of the centers is the Swedish “BioGas project” in Flint, which Gonzales described as a “gateway” to US bio-fuel production opportunities.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), with which Gonzales has worked closely since initiation of the Swedish Biogas project, encouraged advanced battery technology legislation to provide MBT tax credits for battery production related to GM, Ford, and Chrysler hybrid vehicle production. This program became a magnet for recently awarded Dept. of Energy electric vehicle funding awards with over 50% of DoE funds awarded to Michigan projects. Gonzales recognized Coca-Cola and other firms with commercial fleets that use hybrid vehicle technology.

Gonzales described the opportunity for Michigan to replicate Germany’s large-scale production and use of solar panels. He referenced his recent meetings with Dow in support of their new solar panel partnership with Kokam.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Many thanks to those who helped make the August 28 meeting a success:

Rob Jewell Song Leader
Hanuman Marur Inspirational Message
Gary Alter Greeter
Jim Richardson Set-up/Take-Down

Many thanks to Paul Vanston for doing a fabulous job at the piano.

Upcoming Programs

September 4 - No Meeting – Labor Day Weekend

September 11 - Kristin Dziczek, Future of The Auto Industry

September 18 - Rafael Turner, Rotary Group Exchange to Brazil

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 reminds Rotarians that membership **pledge cards are due this month** and membership **dues are to be paid by September-end.**

The **Flint Rotary Golf Outing** will take place at IMA Brookwood on September 23. Those interested in golfing or supporting the outing should contact Steve Jadwin or David Gains.

SPECIAL NOTE: For those making up at Genesee Valley, the club now meets at The Redwood Lodge. Time is the same and so is the day; only the venue has changed. Upon entering the main doors, turn right and take steps to the elevated portion of the eating area. Acoustical wall panels will separate rotary's area. *So, don't go to the Blue Collar Lounge.* You'll find it closed.

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. The club will present a lump sum check to the Fisher House at an upcoming meeting.

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
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:

8/18/09	Doug Bacon Joy Martinbianco Vince O'Keefe Helen Philpott Doug Speck	Genesee Valley
8/18/09	Michael Bourke	Grand Blanc
8/21/09	Paul Wenstrom	Lansing
8/24/09	Larry Cywin	Sault Ste. Marie
8/25/09	Larry Cywin Janice Karcher	Genesee Valley
8/27/09	Perry Daneshgari	DeSoto, TX

Special Thanks To

Janice Karcher

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Gonzales remarked that Michigan has to be competitive in cost with other parts of the world. Efforts to “reset” the economy must utilize the skills of the state’s residents.

Questions from the audience focused on the cost of hybrid vehicles and strategies for re-use and disposal of lithium in batteries. Gonzales responded that we have to work through issues to successfully wean ourselves off foreign oil, suggesting that the future cost of crude is unknown and crude suppliers are not our friends.

Wind energy was also highlighted as a growing opportunity for Michigan. Gonzales pointed to anticipated installations of wind farms not only in targeted locations on land but also off shore in the Great Lakes.

Rotary Club of Flint Red Cup Invitational

Brookwood Golf Club
Wednesday, September 23rd

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