



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 - Tanya Wolff, Sarnia, Canada, Governor, District 6330

Coming up this week:

How the Michigan Business Tax Policy Impacts Economic Development - Plante Moran

Last week’s meeting featured Anthony Turner and the 2010 U.S. Census

Anthony Turner is passionate about counting – people that is. The U.S. Census Department employee was a Census team leader in Flint before joining the Detroit Census Center, and he is determined that EVERYONE in Genesee County will be accounted for on the 2010 Census. “An accurate Census is critical to the welfare of the nation, the State and to Genesee County,” he said. He explained that the Census is primarily about two things, “your money and your power,” referring to the federal dollars given on the basis of Census numbers and how elected representative seats are apportioned. Low Census counts mean less federal dollars coming in to a community, including Pell grants, support for hospitals and higher education. Low counts can also cause a community to lose elected representation through redistricting, which starts in 2011. “We must make every effort to find everyone in Genesee County and make sure they are counted,” he said.

“In 2000 we lost a congressional district by not having counted 50,888 residents of the county and we lost \$2 billion in federal money,” Turner said. He and his team are shooting for a 100 percent complete count. Challenges included homeless people, snowbirds, and those distrustful of government. “Flint is one of the last tier one cities in the State of Michigan,” Turner explained, “if Census misses counting 12,901 persons in the county, the Flint area will lose \$12 million in federal support every year for the next ten years (until the next Census).”

Interestingly, college students are counted where they attend college and foreign nationals are counted because they receive benefit from public services.

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VITAL STATISTICS

For the Jan. 15 meeting:

Dan Crannie served as the greeter, with introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians provided by **Gail Ganakas**. **Rob Jewell** led us in song and **Julianne Princinsky** offered the inspirational message. **John Mott** sold 50/50 tickets. Set up and take down by **Kevin Cook**. As always, thanks to pianist **Paul Vanston**.

Upcoming Program

Jan. 29 - Kearsley Street Year in Review - Paul Wenstrom et al

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 Millsap

Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus - Richard Cordell

Other Rotary News:

BE COUNTED! - In the spirit of the Census – if you showed up at Sarvis on Jan. 8 despite the snow day, and then you lunched with a fellow Rotarian somewhere, let Amy van der Putte know and you will receive a make-up credit.

FOOD BANK - the Next Food Bank Saturday will be Feb. 5

AFTER HOURS – The next Rotary After Hours will be Jan. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Redwood Lodge.

FOR WOMEN ONLY (Sorry guys!) – in support of the IMA recreation Association and the Boys and Girls Clubs, there will be a Wine, Women and Chocolate event at IMA Brookwood Golf Course Feb. 6 from 1-6 p.m. For all the details or to register, visit www.winewomenandchocolate.org

MEET THE CHALLENGE – the Rotary Challenge that is – if you are close to completing your first Paul Harris Fellowship, you may qualify for a matching grant from the club of up to \$200. Contact Amy van der Putte or Doug Bacon for more information.

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS – Past Flint Rotarian Robert C. Dinsmore, father of Dennis Dinsmore, passed away Dec. 15 at the age of 89. Dennis was Governor of District 6330 in 2005-06.

Where to make up:

Monday

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

Tuesday

Clio 7:15 a.m.
Roger's Lodge

Durand 11:30 a.m.
Durand City Hall Basement

Grand Blanc 7:15 a.m.
Sophie's Kitchen

Fenton 7:15 a.m.
Spring Meadows Country Club

Genesee Valley (Flint) 12:15 p.m.
Redwood Lodge, Hill 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 12:00 p.m.
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 12:00 p.m.
United Methodist Church

Make-ups:

Makeup Date	Rotarian	Location
11/5/2009	Kevin Keane	Burton
12/11/2009	Robert Gerholz	Punta Gorda, FL
12/14/2009	Roxanne Caine	Board Meeting
12/14/2009	J. Fioroni	Board Meeting
12/14/2009	Tiffany Flynn	Board Meeting
12/14/2009	James Franklin	Board Meeting
12/14/2009	Jerry Johnson	Board Meeting
12/14/2009	Kevin Keane	Board Meeting
12/14/2009	Joy Martinbianco	Board Meeting
12/14/2009	Donald Rockwell	Board Meeting
12/14/2009	Douglas Speck	Board Meeting
12/16/2009	Michael Lindemann	Flint Sunrise
12/18/2009	Robert Gerholz	Punta Gorda, FL
01/05/2010	Richard Cramer	Palm Beach Gardens, FL
01/07/2010	Sandra Staffne	Burton
01/08/2010	Richard Fortner	Sarvis Center
01/08/2010	Robert Gerholz	Punta Gorda, FL
01/08/2010	Kenneth Halter	Sarvis Center
01/08/2010	Dawn Hibbard	Sarvis Center
01/08/2010	Gerald Hill	Sarvis Center
01/08/2010	Arthur Hurand	Sarvis Center
01/08/2010	Reginald Lancaster	Sarvis Center
01/08/2010	Hanumanthaiya Marur	Sarvis Center
01/08/2010	Rebecca Millsap	Sarvis Center
01/08/2010	Edward Mitchell	Sarvis Center
01/08/2010	John Nieman	Sarvis Center
01/08/2010	Michael Pifer	Sarvis Center
01/08/2010	Alan Rohde	Sarvis Center
01/08/2010	Robert Throop	Sarvis Center
01/11/2010	Roxanne Caine	Board Meeting
01/11/2010	Kimberly Egerer	Board Meeting
01/11/2010	J. Fioroni	Board Meeting

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To help Genesee County receive an accurate count, encourage people to fill out and return the Census forms by April 1 – Census Day (no Foolin’!). To do even more, contact the local Census office at 810-600-5140, or chat with one of the three Rotarians from our club involved with helping make the 2010 Census a success in Genesee County: Gary Alter, Doug Bacon and Tiffany Flynn.

Fun Census Fact: The first census was conducted in 1790 and counted EVERYTHING, including dogs, cats and cattle – now it just counts people.

A Letter from Amy Krug

Dear Rotarians,

I saw the email that went out to my fellow Rotarians since many of you had asked if there is anything that you can do for me following my house fire. Please know that I am doing ok. It has been a week today since the fire and my head is still spinning.

Although the house is a total loss I was able to get out with my dog Tanner and still have hope that my kitty might have been able to get out through the cat door. Miraculously, my amazing friends and family spent two days sifting through the rubble and were able to recover my grandmother's wedding ring, my most cherished possession! Very few items survived the intense heat of the fire and one of them was a Rotary pin which almost looks like new, amazing!!

I am truly blessed with friends and family and have felt God's protection through this entire ordeal. I would love to see you at the Open House, but rather than something for me, I would consider it an honor if you considered supporting a charity or the relief efforts in Haiti. This experience has brought into extreme clarity the struggles that people experience as they try to rebuild their lives after this type of event. I am blessed with support and resources, my heart breaks for those who are not.

Thank you for your kind thoughts, calls, emails and prayers. It gives me such strength to know that I have such wonderful people thinking and caring about me.

***Most sincerely,
Amy Krug***

Make Ups (Continued)

01/11/2010	Tiffany Flynn	Board Meeting
01/11/2010	James Franklin	Board Meeting
01/11/2010	Dawn Hibbard	Board Meeting
01/11/2010	Joy Martinbianco	Board Meeting
01/11/2010	Rebecca Millsap	Board Meeting
01/11/2010	Cindy Ornstein	Board Meeting
01/12/2010	Richard Cramer	Palm Beach Gardens, Genesee Valley
01/12/2010	Douglas Speck	Genesee Valley
01/13/2010	Michael Lindemann	Flint Sunrise
01/13/2010	Richard Warmbold	Flint Sunrise
01/14/2010	Lawrence Cywin	Canyon Lake, TX

What is your attendance percentage? It should be pretty close to 100% right now – with the new Rotary year beginning in July.

Our club's goal is 80%.

Remember, you can make up 2 weeks either side of an absence.

Volunteers are needed to help out with February Fellowship duties.

There weren't enough Rotary babies born in February!

To help out contact Melissa Jacobsen at 232-8600 or at [mjacobson@cleary.edu](mailto:mjacobsen@cleary.edu)