



Flint Rotary World

Charter No. 220 – **Rotary Club of Flint, Michigan** – Organized April 7, 1916
Rotary theme for 2008-2009 – “Make Dreams Real”

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”Bridges to the Future” aims to build future leaders for our community.

Despite a bit of confusion about whether **Dick Ebbott** or **Dick Shick** was supposed to give us the inspirational message, a good crowd of Flint Rotarians braved the snow to be on hand when President **Roxanne Caine** opened the first meeting of December. It turned out that Dick Shick was the one to give us the inspirational thought that “so often the accuser is the personification of the accusation.” It was a reminder to show a bit of patience and humility when we interact with others.

Joy Martinbianco introduced our newest Rotarian; **Dr. John A. Helmuth**, a professor of economics at the University of Michigan-Flint. Then **John Mott** ran the raffle in which **Dave Gibbons** took first place and the duty of running the raffle at the December 19 meeting. [We will have a special event at the December 12 meeting, scheduled for the UM-Flint’s Northbank Center which precludes a raffle then.]

John Musgrave introduced our featured speaker, **Pete Hutchinson** of the “Bridges to the Future” program. Working as a collaborative project of the United Way, Flint Public Schools and the Genesee Intermediate School District working in all 21 Genesee County schools districts, Bridges to the Future envisions youth as leaders of tomorrow; Excited, Engaged and Empowered! Bridges to the Future is committed to meeting the needs of youth and their families by providing fun, safe, quality programming during non-school hours.

The Bridges to the Future partnership is an adaptive youth development model that reinforces fundamentals learned during the school day by providing fun and creative learning experiences after school. Programming provides cultural, academic and recreational enrichment to youth and their families. The enrichment provided by Bridges is generally not available to the majority of the students through other avenues. In addition, Bridges provides support services, leadership and service learning opportunities, along with access to information and referrals for health & human services.

Providing many examples of how the students were called on to show leadership, Hutchinson looked forward to Flint Rotary being part of Bridges’ future.

VITAL STATISTICS

From the July 11 meeting:

Stacey Doyle served as the greeter, with introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians provided by **Dick Ebbott**. **Stacey Doyle** also led us in song while **Dick Shick** offered the inspirational message. Set up and take down by **Don Barrow**. As always, thanks to pianist **Paul Vanston**.

Upcoming Programs

December 12, 2008 – The Economic Forum

Meeting to be held in the UM-Flint Northbank Center Ballroom 432 N. Saginaw Street on the north side of downtown Flint, just across from the old Durant Hotel.

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