



Flint Rotary World

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

Dong Kurn Lee, Seoul, Korea, President, Rotary International, - Carl "Kelly" Fotheringham, Mildmay, Canada Governor, District 6330

Coming up this week: Jack Kay, Provost UM-Flint: The Holocaust Last Friday’s speaker was: City of Flint Mayor Michael Brown

Rob Jewell introduced Michael K. Brown, the interim Mayor of Flint. Mr. Brown assumed the position for a six month term until a permanent mayor can be voted in. A Flint native, Mr. Brown has served in the community in a variety of positions including leading the United way and the Red Cross, and most recently working with the Genesee County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Brown began by acknowledging that there are a great many committed people working in city hall who are very eager to make a difference in the way the city government works. He mentioned that the City Council board members have a great deal of potential as well.

“This will not be a ‘caretaker’ administration.” said the mayor. He went on to list some details built around the four major priorities he wants to address immediately: 1. The financial crisis: with lawsuit judgments the city’s deficit is over \$30 million, so along with other staffing changes the mayor has frozen all purchases, hiring and travel. 2. Change the tone of city hall: the previous administration’s approach set a more argumentative tone which he hopes to make more progressive. 3. Turn morale around in city hall: Mayor Brown quoted someone as saying that the new Chief of Police did more for morale in two hours than anything else in the department has in the last two years. 4. Find ways to collaborate and cooperate: he pointed to discussions with county government to find ways to share resources.

In the Q & A Mayor Brown discussed possible alternative structures of city government including a regional approach. He talked about 1500 acres of brownfield to be redeveloped, as well as the idea about ‘closing’ certain neighborhoods where only a few residents lived. He also addressed Power’s offer to buy Southwestern, which he noted was too premature to discuss, and the effort to get the reindeer removed from city hall.

VITAL STATISTICS

From the March 6, 2009 meeting:
Heather Morolla served as the greeter. Introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians was provided by **Patrick Naswell**. The 50/50 raffle was handled by **Kim Egerer**, with a major assist from **Don Barrow**. **Mike Kelly** led us in song and **Cindy Ornstein** offered the inspirational message. **Linda Bielski** did set up and take down. As always, thanks to pianist **Paul Vanston** Sergeant at Arms **Reg Lancaster** threatened to fine the Catholics for text-messaging.

Upcoming Programs

March 27 - Rebecca Fedewa: CEO Flint River Watershed Coalition

April 3 – Perry Daneshgari

April 10 – No Meeting – Good Friday

Officers and Directors

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Other Rotary News:

Club Assembly - Please put April 17th on your calendar to attend the Club Assembly and business meeting to be held that day.

Bettendorf Attendance Initiative - Continue to remember Fr. Jim Bettendorf as he recovers from an infection. He is at Briarwood Manor, 3011 N. Center Rd. just north of Davison Rd. You can join a group of Rotarians as they create a 'make up' opportunity each week on Wednesday at 12:30. See President Roxanne for details.

Katherine Gonser is leading the Literacy Program for our club. She needs 8-10 volunteers to read to classrooms in local elementary schools. See Katherine for dates and more details.

While our outstanding pledge balances from the membership have come down to \$11,000, the club needs those commitments to function. If you are not sure if you have a balance owed, please see **Amy van der Putte**.

Kim Egerer introduced our guest students from The Valley School. Ashley, Sage and Kelsey represented their school well with admirable credentials, including outstanding GPA's, community service volunteering, career goals and scholastic awards.

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
Old Country Buffet, Miller Road

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

Rotary After Hours

This month join us for fellowship and networking in a less formal setting than usual; Wednesday, March 25, 5-7 pm at the White Horse tavern. Feel free to bring guests who might want to know more about Rotary.

Make-ups:

2-11-09	Larry Cywin	Grapevine TX
2-20-09	Larry Cywin	Southlake TX
2-26-09	Carl Conner	Flushing
2-27-09	Larry Cywin	Southlake TX
3-3-09	Carl Conner	Genesee Valley
3-3-09	Paul Wenstrom	Grand Blanc
3-4-09	James Bettendorf	Briarwood
3-4-09	Michael Lindemann	Sunrise
3-6-09	Kevin Keane	Board Dev.
3-7-09	Ken Halter	Food Bank
3-10-09	Michael Thorp	Genesee Valley
3-11-09	James Bettendorf, Gary Alter, Greg Baehr, Tiffany Flynn, Mike Kelly, Amy Krug, Katherine Saunders	Briarwood

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