



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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Coming up this week: Rebecca Fedewa: CEO Flint River Watershed Coalition **Last Friday’s speaker was: Dr. Jack Kay, Provost U of M Flint**

Gary Alter introduced our speaker, Dr. Jack Kay. Dr. Kay is a Provost and Vice Chancellor at U of M Flint, as well as a professor of communication. He has been with the university since 2005 when he came here from a similar post at Wayne State University. His research specialty has been ‘the power of language’. Dr. Kay has made a significant study of hate groups in the U.S., motivated in part by his family connection to the Holocaust.

Dr. Kay began by saying he would describe two journeys. The first which took place twenty years ago and the second which began in the early 1900’s.

While doing some research during the farm crisis in the mid 1980’s, Dr. Kay discovered a subculture at the fringe. He noticed that at many of the foreclosure auctions there were groups of men, who, it turned out, were recruiting for white supremacy group. Dr. Kay took on an assumed identity and, with the knowledge of the authorities, infiltrated the hate group. He ended up spending a week at an Aryan Nation conference, and was shocked at the doctrine they espoused, especially to children there. Dr. Kay noted that in challenging economic times the hate groups are most likely to grow, and that they are very successful in recruiting in prisons.

The second journey centered on a man named Leon Kamerfuks, born sometime between 1905 and 1915 in Poland. As Word War II approached, Leon and his family, wife, son and parents, were confined in the ghettos of Warsaw because they were Jews.

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VITAL STATISTICS

From the March, 20 meeting:

Becky Milsap served as the greeter, with introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians provided by **Katherine Gonser**. The 50/50 raffle was handled by **Bob Sibilsky**. **Kieth Saltsman** led us in song and **Patrick Naswell** offered the inspirational message. Set up and take down by **Linda Bielskis**. As always, thanks to pianist **Paul Vanston**.

Upcoming Programs

April 3: TBA

April 10: No meeting

April 17: Club Assembly-no guests please

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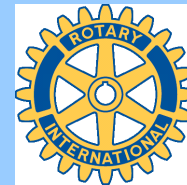
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Before long, Leon's family were brutally murdered by the Nazis and he was taken to Buchenwald concentration camp. On the day he planned to escape, he was transferred to Dachau. Conditions in the camps were atrocious, and when Leon finally escaped Dachau he was emaciated. He was hidden by a German family during the war, and eventually escaped Germany and fled to the U.S. There, after having his name change from Kamerfuks to 'Kay', he began a new life. He married and began a new family, including his son Dr. Jack Kay.

Dr. Kay mentioned that when he first shared the story of his father's experience during the Holocaust, the information made its way onto the internet and soon he was reunited with other members of his extended family, who he previously thought must have perished during the war.

In a complex and ironic turn of events, **Joanne Mondowny** attempted a Sergeant at Arms coup by announcing that S of A Chief **Reg Lancaster** was spotted in a photograph where he was not wearing his Rotary pin.

Reg pleaded innocent, claiming the picture was not him, but rather former Vice President Dick Cheney. He called upon his entire staff of Sergeants at Arms to offer their opinion of the picture, and they unanimously prevaricated on the subject. In the end, Past President **David Smith** was called in to render judgment. Following this, **Reg** was fined for not wearing his pin, the Sergeants were fined for lying, and the entire audience was fined for not believing them.



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?"

Introducing **Keith Saltsman**, our newest Rotarian.

Paul Wendstrom introduced **Keith Saltsman**, fresh from New Member Orientation, as our newest Rotarian. Keith is with Craig Ryan Fine Menswear in Grand Blanc, bringing over 34 years of experience in the men's clothing business. Keith is an avid reader and active in his church. He is also a good singer, as proven by his first task as an 'almost' Rotarian, he led is in song. Keith is married to Donna and they have four children.

- Your thoughts and prayers are welcome for **Ruth Cordell**, who suffered a seizure this week. Ruth and Dick have struggled with illness for a while now, so please remember them in this particularly difficult time.