

# Flint Rotary World

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

*Doug Kurn Lee, Seoul, Korea, President, Rotary International, - Carl “Kelly” Fotheringham, Mildmay, Canada Governor, District 6330*

## Coming up this week: Matt Sharp – The Flint Journal Publisher

### GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE FROM BRAZIL

The Rotary Foundation’s Group Study Exchange program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country’s culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

President Elect James Franklin introduced Joseph Reynolds, Assistant Governor for Area 7 District 6330. Assistant Governor Reynolds has been doing double duty today by not only escorting the Rotary Group Study Exchange Team from Brazil, but also sending off thirty four young people to the University of Western Ontario for the Seminar for Tomorrow’s Leaders.

Assistant Governor Reynolds introduced the team leader of the inbound GSE team from Brazil (District 4680). The team leader Maria Alice Dode is a physician. She in turn introduced team members Debora Marques (Foreign Trade Specialist), Mauricio Boff (Journalist) and Marcia Klee (English Teacher).

Team leader Maria Alice Dode started off with a “Welcome to Brazil” power point presentation and the other team members shared in the program. Brazil is a land of contrasts and diversity. Brazil is the largest country in South America. The population is over 194 million (fifth largest in the world). The largest city is Sao Paulo (11million). Brazil is a place where the temperature provides hot days and cold days with scenery of waterfalls, dry lands, mountains and deserts. Portuguese is the official language and the most widely spoken language.

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### VITAL STATISTICS

#### For the May 8 meeting:

**Kim Egerer** served as the greeter, with introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians provided by **Joy Martinbianco**. **Bob Sibilsky** led us in song and **Paul Torre** offered the inspirational message. **Kim Egerer** sold 50/50 tickets. Set up and take down was performed by **Ed Gullekson**. As always, thanks to pianist **Paul Vanston**.

### Upcoming Programs

May 22 – No meeting – Memorial Day weekend

May 29 - Dr. Kirk Heinze, MSU

#### Officers and Directors

President.....	Roxanne Caine
President Elect.....	
Vice President .....	James Franklin
Vice President .....	Jerry Johnson
Director .....	Joe Fioroni
Director .....	Don Rockwell
Director .....	Tiffany Flynn
Director .....	Joy Martinbianco
Past President .....	Michael Dach
Secretary/Treasurer .....	Richard Cordell
Club Administrator .....	Amy van der Putte

## Other Rotary News:

Special thanks to President Elect James Franklin for presiding over our meeting last Friday for President Roxanne Caine.

Rotarian Shannon Polk introduced visiting students from Northwestern High School last Friday.

Rotary After Hours Make Up meeting is May 28<sup>th</sup> at Blackstone's Pub & Grill – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity to introduce guest, who might want to know more about Rotary and for Rotarians to come to a new restaurant in downtown Flint.

Review the new committee's structure proposed and turn in your request by May 15.

District Conference – June 5, 6 & 7

The Third Annual "Service Above Self Award" nomination forms must be submitted by Monday, June 1, 2009 to: Linda Moxam, Flint Cultural Center Corporation, 601 E. Second Street, Flint, MI 48503

### 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

*Blue Collar Grill, Corunna 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

*United Methodist Church*

### Make-ups:

4/22/2009

Richard Cramer

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

4/23/2009

Kevin Keane

Flushing, MI

4/27/2009

Paul Wenstrom

Grand Blanc@ Bordine Nursery

5/1/2009

Robert Gerholz

Punta Gorda, FL

5/2/2009

Donald Barrow

Food Bank

5/2/2009

Kenneth Halter

Food Bank

5/2/2009

James Kovas

Food Bank

5/5/2009

Carl Conner

Genesee Valley

5/5/2009

Richard Cramer

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

5/5/2009

Lawrence Cywin

Genesee Valley

5/6/2009

Janice Karcher

Flint Sunrise

5/6/2009

Michael Lindemann

Flint Sunrise

5/7/2009

Sandra Staffne

Burton – Five Grand

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The Brazilian flag is green, yellow, blue and white. The Catholic religion makes up 73.6% of the population and Protestants represent 15.4% of the population.

Brazil has been seen as a major player in the global market. Presently they are the ninth largest economy in the world. The rate of inflation is 5.9%. The main exports are iron ore, oil, soybeans, beef meat and airplanes. Main imports are oil, auto parts, integrated and electronic circuits. Major companies known in Brazil are Embraer (Brazilian Aeronautics Co), Petrobras (refineries) and Vale (second largest mining company in world).

In 1996 the Brazilian Electronic Voting System was introduced and makes it possible for over 60 million to vote in elections. Soccer is the national sport and they have won the world championship five times.

In Brazil there are thirty eight districts in Rotary with a membership of 50,785. Major projects initiated by District 4680 are:

\*Mamma Mobile (acquisition and donation of a mamma mobile to the Rio Grande do Sul Breast Institute

\*Installation of an eye bank in Pelotas

\*Great Bee of Social Inclusion and Development

Some current challenging projects facing District 4680 are providing bus transportation for "Special Children" and securing a complete anesthetic cart and defibrillator.

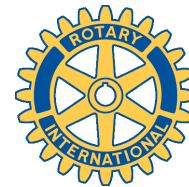
At the conclusion of the presentation we all learned a new Portuguese saying....

"Muito Obrigado" meaning Thank You.

### ANSWERS TO LAST WEEKS ROTARY CLUB OF FLINT TRIVIA BONUS QUESTION?

Who are the five current members of this club who can claim 40 to 49 years membership in Rotary?

**Al Koegel – 48 years**  
**Cory Cookingham – 47 years**  
**Dick Cordell – 46 years**  
**Jim Tomblinson – 42 years**  
**Jim Bettendorf – 41 years**



### 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

### New Member Proposal – First Reading

Name	Classification	Sponsor
Dr. James E. Weber	Medicine	Rick Warmbold

*Any objections should be sent to the Club Secretary or Administrator in writing.*

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