



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

Program This Week September 18 – Rafael Turner, Rotary Group Exchange to Brazil

September 11th's Program: Where The Auto Industry Is Headed

Rotarian Dick Shaink introduced our speaker **Kristin Dziczek**, Director of Labor and Industry Group at the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor. In a very well prepared and documented presentation, Ms. Dziczek reviewed the history of GM operations in Flint. Medium duty trucks are the only vehicles produced in Flint and production rates are expected to continue as they are now.

She reviewed each of the plants and GM facilities. The Chevy Cruise engine is doing great things. Metal Fab is losing its product and nothing to replace it is yet in sight - 1,200 jobs are at stake. SPO has a lot of empty space as does the Detroit Ren Cen which means GM could consolidate both its headquarters and SPO to a new, smaller site. No changes are forecast for Tool and Die.

Car and Light Truck production ratios have changed due to oil prices and these markets continue in a state of flux. Cars are rapidly changing with new electronics, tires, and power trains. Fuel option changes are clearly in the future. Dziczek reported that one California service station now sells 12 different kinds of fuel including diesel, hydrogen, and plug-in electric recharging.

Sales of vehicles are down. Pick ups are down 36%. SUV's are down 53.5%. Cars are down 33.7%. CUV (car-based utility vehicles) sales are down only 7.6%, good news for Flint because its engines are built here. How did things go in the *Cash for Clunkers* program? GM did OK. Ford sold more than its competitors.

Looking into the future Truck and Bus is due for a new platform in 2013. The engine plant will do well reaching a peak of 450,000 engines in 2012. Sales of vehicles, which fell from a high of 16 million, are now around 10 million to rise reaching about 16 million by 2012. The work force in Genesee County will continue at about its current level. The best hope for those laid off is for Flint to attract other employers who need workers with the same skills our workforce now has. *Continued on Page 3*

VITAL STATISTICS

**Many thanks to those who helped
make the September 11 meeting a
success:**

Michael J. Thorpe	Song Leader
Doug Speck	Inspirational Message
Gerry McCarty	Greeter
Jim Richardson	Set-up/Take-Down
Stacey Doyle	Guests/Visiting Rotarians
Ken Halter	50/50 Raffle

Many thanks to **Paul Vanston** for doing a fabulous job at the piano.

Upcoming Programs

Sept 25 - State-Wide Broadband Project

Oct 2 – To be announced

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 Milsap

Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus - Richard Cordell

Other Rotary News:

President James Franklin reminds Rotarians that membership **pledge cards are due this month** and membership **dues are to be paid by September 30.**

The *Flint Rotary Golf Outing* will take place at IMA Brookwood on September 23. Those interested in golfing or supporting the outing should contact Steve Jadwin or David Gaines.

WELCOME TO FLINT'S NEWEST ROTARIAN! **Kylie Gates** was introduced by **Michael Dach**. She is with Fox 66 Television. She is married with one son. She volunteers for *Make a Wish*, enjoys sky diving and bungee jumping and is a graduate of Specks-Howard School of Broadcasting.

Where to make up:

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Durand 12:00 p.m.
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
The Redwood Lodge

Lapeer 12:10 p.m.
Lapeer County Center Bldg.

Columbiaville 6:30 p.m.
Rotary Building

Wednesday

Greater Flint Sunrise 7:00 a.m.
Sarvis Center

Owosso 12:15 p.m.
Owosso Memorial Hosp. Annex

Saginaw 12:00 p.m.
Saginaw Club

Davisburg 7:00 p.m.
Don Hart Community Center

Thursday

Flushing 7:00 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:

Date	Rotarian	Location
8/26/2009	Michael Lindemann	Flint Sunrise
8/27/2009	Dayne Davis	Burton
8/27/2009	Terrence Mohrman	Burton
9/1/2009	Lawrence Cywin	Genesee Valley
9/1/2009	James Kovas	Genesee Valley
9/2/2009	Richard Warmbold	Flint Sunrise
9/8/2009	Richard Fortner	Genesee Valley
9/8/2009	Steve Jadwin	Genesee Valley
9/8/2009	Terrence Mohrman	Genesee Valley
9/9/2009	Steve Jadwin	Flint Sunrise
9/9/2009	Michael Lindemann	Flint Sunrise
9/9/2009	Richard Warmbold	Flint Sunrise

Important Reminder!

If you plan to make up at Genesee Valley, it now meets at The Redwood Lodge. Go to the elevated part of the main restaurant. The meeting area will be separated from the rest of the area by moveable sound absorption panels.

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Continuing her look into the future she noted that because of the transition in engines and the growth of batteries new suppliers are beginning to move to the area. She said Flint has several advantages: it has the top rated automotive engineering school in the world, the best community college in the State, it is very well positioned to capitalize on batteries, it has low property costs and rents, and it is located at the cross roads of I-75 and the NAFTA highway (I-69) which provides access to engineering centers in Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. She thought a refurbishing of the Buick City idea could be good. Right now Flint's engine plant is an outstanding asset for us. Its engines are sent all over the world.

Rotary Club of Flint Red Cup Invitational

Brookwood Golf Club
Wednesday, September 23rd

Registration starts at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch from 11:45 – 12:15

Shotgun Start at 12:30 p.m.

Rotarians who bring a non-Rotary guest
(and the guest) only pay \$60 to register
– versus \$80.

Register by August 17th

If you would like more information on the
event, or would like to be a tee or green
sponsor, contact David Gaines or Steve Jadwin.



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?"**

REMINDER

Member Pledge Cards must be turned in by
September 30, 2009

Dues Portion is due no later than
September 30, 2009