



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

Coming up this week: Statewide Broadband project

Last week’s meeting featured Rafael Turner, Rotary Group Study Exchange to Brazil

Rafael Turner shared his experience on the Rotary Group Study Exchange trip to Brazil at the last meeting. Turner is a member of Congressman Kildee’s District Office staff. A native of Flint he returned to the city after college to pursue a graduate degree at UM-Flint and to “help make Flint a better place.” He is involved in a number of organizations including Job Corps, NAACP, UNEC and the Kudos Program, to name a few.

Turner traveled with the Rotary exchange group to Rio Grande De Sul in the south of Brazil for eight weeks, during which time he discovered that in Brazil Rotary helps to bridge the gap between government and schools, hospitals and low income households. “I was not familiar with Rotary before I was invited to be apart of the Group Study exchange,” he admitted. He said Rotarians are the perfect mixture of compassion and intelligence.

He also found the Brazil was more than “Rio and Carnival,” and that it has the second largest economy in the Americas after the U.S. The group was able to visit the state legislature and government offices, as well as schools and hospitals. Turner stayed with a total of 10 host families and found family structure somewhat different than that of U.S. families, with children living in their parent’s house until their 30s and getting multiple degrees to be able to find a job in the highly competitive Brazilian economy.

He said the Brazilians he met were an example of a culture where life is not determined by the amount of money one has, but by the relationships one develops. My GSE experience has deepened my resolve to serve a greater purpose,” he said.

Upcoming Programs

Oct. 2 – TBA

Oct. 9 - TBA

Oct. 16 – Dr. Thomas George, state senator

VITAL STATISTICS

From the Sept. 18 meeting:

David Gaines served as greeter, with introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians provided by **Bob Wright**. **Roxanne Caine** led us in song. **Jim Richardson** offered the inspirational message. **Lindsey Younger** introduced the speaker and **Kim Egerer** handled the 50/50 – as usual! And set-up and take-down were performed by **Reg Lancaster**. As always, thanks to pianist **Paul Vanston**.

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:

Hanuman Marur reported that our World Service Committee has adopted a new project in Pakistan to support schools. Other projects include projects in Mexico, India, Brazil and Africa.

President James Franklin reminds Rotarians that membership **dues are to be paid by September 30.**

Club trivia question: How many charter members were there when the Rotary Club of Flint was chartered on April 7, 1916? The first to answer wins bragging rights! (Except Paul Wenstrom! As Club historian he has a slight advantage on this one.)

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 Rd.

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:

8/10/2009	J. Fioroni	Board Meeting
8/10/2009	Tiffany Flynn	Board Meeting
8/10/2009	James Franklin	Board Meeting
8/10/2009	Jerry Johnson	Board Meeting
8/10/2009	Kevin Keane	Board Meeting
8/10/2009	Joy Martinbianco	Board Meeting
8/10/2009	Rebecca Millsap	Board Meeting
8/10/2009	Donald Rockwell	Board Meeting
9/3/2009	Larry Ridge	Flushing, MI
9/8/2009	Kenneth Halter	Grand Blanc
9/10/2009	Parviz Daneshgari	DeSoto, TX
9/10/2009	Rebecca Millsap	Flushing, MI
9/14/2009	Roxanne Caine	Board Meeting
9/14/2009	James Franklin	Board Meeting
9/14/2009	Dawn Hibbard	Board Meeting
9/14/2009	Steve Jadwin	Board Meeting
9/14/2009	Jerry Johnson	Board Meeting
9/14/2009	Rebecca Millsap	Board Meeting
9/14/2009	Donald Rockwell	Board Meeting
9/15/2009	James Bettendorf	Genesee Valley
9/15/2009	Carl Conner	Genesee Valley
9/15/2009	Janice Karcher	Genesee Valley
9/15/2009	Paul Wenstrom	Grand Blanc
9/17/2009	Michael Thorp	Burton