



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: October 2, 2009, Dr. Hadeer Abo El Nagah, Rhodes Scholar from Cairo, Egypt; “Shattering the Stereotypes”

The Statewide Broadband Project

Rotarian Marie Zuk introduced today’s speaker, Mr. John Foster of Convergent Technologies. A past member of Flint Rotary, John perhaps is most easily remembered as one of the “Back Table Bad Boys.” John serves on the Michigan Broadband Consortium, a group assembled to provide recommendations to the Michigan Center For Shared Solutions and the Michigan Department on Information Technology. These two state-level agencies are charged with allocating Federal Stimulus Funds under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Earlier this year, Governor Granholm released a call for statements of interest in funding proposals aimed at providing broadband Internet connectivity to all of the State. This call resulted in approximately \$2 billion pre-applications for “shovel-ready” projects. This high level of interest and innovative ideas led Governor Granholm to establish the Michigan Broadband Consortium to provide direction and oversight to the broadband initiative.

The Consortium has four broad goals. As laid out by John, they are:

1. Expand and upgrade broadband service to un-served and under-served populations in Michigan.
2. Transform Michigan’s economic competitiveness by making broadband cost effective and available to Michigan-based business.
3. Insure better, more efficient government for the 21st Century through increased use of technology in day-to-day operations.
4. Strengthen Michigan’s ability to provide public safety and security.

To understand where the State is headed with this initiative, John provided several important Consortium developed definitions. First, “broadband” is defined as two-way transmission at 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream. Second, he introduced the terms “last mile” and “middle mile”. He

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VITAL STATISTICS

Many thanks to those who helped make the September 25 meeting a success:

Roxanne Caine	Song Leader
Reg Lancaster	Inspirational Message
Joe Fioroni	50/50
Don Barrow	Set-up/Take-Down
Kim Egerer	Greeter
Bob Wright	Guests and Visitors
Roxanne Caine	September Birthdays

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

Upcoming Programs

October 9 – Tanya F. Wolff, District Governor

October 16 – To Be Announced

October 23 – Andy Suski, The Hundred Club

Officers and Directors

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Other Rotary News:

New Member Introduction: Ghassan Saab introduced Rotary's newest Rotary, **Dr. Srinivas "Bobby" Makumula**. An *Auto laryngologist* (eye, ear, nose, and throat), Bobby is married with twin boys. He is a member of the prestigious Council of Science on Public Health and shows a keen interest in the redevelopment of Flint. Please make sure you personally welcome Robby to our Club fellowship.

Steve Jadwin gave a great report on last week's Flint Rotary Red Cup Invitational Golf Tournament held September 22 at Brookwood Golf Course. The event raised between \$2,000 and \$3,000 that went to the Club's Foundation. Steve attributed a large part of the success (aside from no rain) to local businesses/Rotarians who donated \$100 each for hole sponsorship signs. A complete list of sponsors is located on the last page of this bulletin. Be sure to review the list and add a personal "thank you" to the sponsors as you see them at the upcoming meeting. And Kudos to Steve for his work in organizing and conducting the tournament. It's not easy to pull a tournament off without hiccups and we appreciate all he did to make it a success.

Reg Lancaster, Sgt.-At-Arms expounded on the Flint Rotary Institute for Effective Cussing, an off-shoot of this year's golf outing. Damn, that guy is creative!!

Roxanne Caine recognized September birthdays. She noted that there isn't a large number in the Club born in September, but that what they lack in numbers they more than make up in enthusiasm and good looks!

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
Redwood Lodge

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

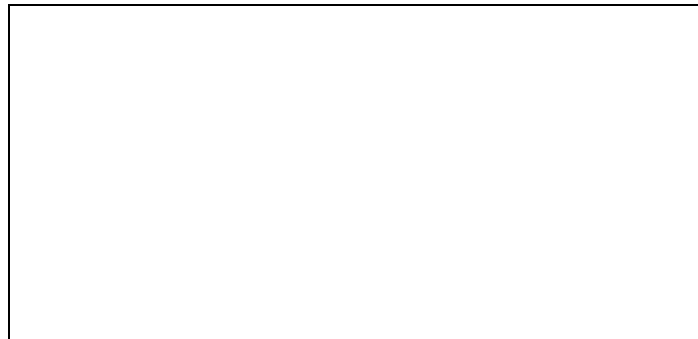
Flushing 7 a.m.
Sorrento's Restaurant

Burton 12:10 p.m.
Brookwood Golf Club

Frankenmuth 12:10 p.m.
Zehnder's Restaurant

Corunna Noon
United Methodist Church

Make-ups:



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defined *last mile* as services that reach the consumer level and *middle mile* as facilities that connect points of connectivity (infrastructure.) Third, “strategic institutions” are the agencies of government (state and local) and education that operate as community anchors establishing the broadband network. Fourth and finally, the Consortium defines the “un-served” population as one or more census tracts where 90% or more of the residents lack terrestrial-based broadband Internet service. The “under-served” population is defined as the residents of one or more census tracts where up to 50% lack such service.

The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act provides \$7 billion for state and local level technology enhancement. There are three funding windows, one of which was in 2009 (now closed.) Two remain in 2010. Two Federal agencies are designated to receive funding applications and determine how the funds will be awarded. The US Dept. of Agriculture’s Rural Utility Service (RUS) will handle distribution of funds where 75% of the area is under- and/or un-served. The US Dept. of Commerce’s National Telecom and Information Administration (NTIA) will focus on broadband infrastructure, public computer centers, and sustainable broadband adoption to stimulate broadband and Internet usage. Grants require a 20% match. The next round of awards will be in December. Interested parties may contact Ron Mellon of USDA-RUS by phone at 989.567.2400 or email at ron.mellon@wdc.usda.gov. Officials of the NTIA can be contacted by phone at 202.482.2048 or email at btop@ntia.doc.gov.

Our thanks to John Foster, Convergent Technologies, for a fact-packed, informative presentation!

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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?"**