



# Flint Rotary World

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

*Dong Kurn Lee, Seoul, Korea, President, Rotary International, - Carl "Kelly" Fotheringham, Mildmay, Canada Governor, District 6330*

## Coming this week at Rotary...

Bill Harris of WJRT TV 12 – His recent prostate cancer experience

### A summary of last week’s program

#### Dan Kildee, “Genesee County Land Bank & the Future of Flint”

Dan Kildee, a long time friend and frequent speaker at our club returned to talk about the Genesee County Land bank, something he with a few others initiated and has turned it into a national model which has been honored by Harvard University, *The New York Times* and other organizations. They stepped in where everyone has feared to tread and developed ways of taking over blighted and abandoned property and have turned many parcels back on to the tax rolls. More significantly they have kept ownership of these properties local. Through foreclosure they have title to 7,400 parcels or which equals 12% of the City’s land. They have saved 2,300 families from foreclosure. 241 lots have been cleared. 208 new homes have been built. 859 parcels have been transferred to next door neighbors.

They are converting the Berridge Hotel into 21 condominiums and this project is 70% complete. They have acquired ownership of the Durant Hotel and expect to make a major announcement soon regarding this property.

Dan was introduced by Tiffany Flynn who reminded us that Dan was elected to the School Board at age 18, was elected to the County Commission where he was a member for 12 years, 5 of which he served as Chairperson. He became County Treasurer. He created the Land Bank in 2003.

Although Mayor Donald Williamson has called the Land Bank the biggest slum lord in the City, Dan stated that an important part of his job his to make the Mayor the most successful mayor around.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### From the Sep. 5 meeting

Libby Maynard served as greeter. Dick Ebbott served as song leader and Reg Lancaster offered the inspirational message. Gerry Knoodle handled the raffle. Set up and take down was undertaken by Dick and Don (a.k.a. the dynamic duo). As always, thanks to pianist Paul Vanston for the wonderful music.

President Roxanne Caine thanked Bobby Pestronk for his exemplary service as Head of the County Health Department. He moves to Washington to head a national association of health executives.

## Invite Guests to Upcoming Meetings!

- Sept. 12 Bill Harris of WJRT TV 12
- Sept. 19 Linda Lesser & Julianne Princinsky-  
Flint Sister Cities Project
- Sept. 26 Rotary District Governor

### Officers and Directors

President.....	Roxanne Caine
President Elect.....	Bobby Pestronk
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

## NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Name  
**Tim Herman**

Classification  
**Assoc. Chamber of Commerce**  
*Please notify the Secretary in writing of any objections.*

Sponsor  
**Janice Karcher**

**Health and Welfare:** Suzanne Kelly is the new Chair.

**New Member:** Ken Halter introduced our newest Rotarian, **Craig Feiderline**, a local attorney. He is married to Nancy and has daughters Melanie 8, and Anna, 6. Craig won the raffle and will be selling tickets this week.

**PLAY GOLF?** Our club's outing is Sep. 24. Contact Steve Jadwin at [sjadwin@spiinnovations.com](mailto:sjadwin@spiinnovations.com)

### 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  
*Old Country Buffet, Miller 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*

### Rotary Make-ups

Aug 6 Dayne Davis Petoskey

Aug 7 Melissa Nuckles Burton

Aug 19-26 Mike Bourke Grand Blanc

Aug 15 Don Lada Grand Blanc  
Ken Halter

Aug 18 Kim Egerer Flint Sunrise

Aug 26 Rob Jewell Genesee Valley,  
Larry Cywin  
Vincent O'Keefe  
Polly Sheppard  
Hanna Goodstein  
James Kovas

Aug 27 Jim Richardson Flint Sunrise  
Carl Connor  
Mike Lindemann

***Need a make-up? Plan to attend...***

Flint Rotary Membership Committee

"after-hours make-up"

events on Sep 25 and Oct 23.

5 p.m. at Soggy Bottom Saloon,  
downtown Flint!

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