



Flint Rotary World

Charter No. 220 – **Rotary Club of Flint, Michigan** – Organized April 7, 1916
Rotary theme for 2020-2021 “Rotary Opens Opportunities”

Holger Knaack from the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg--Mölln, Germany, Rotary International President
David Elliott from the London, Ontario Rotary Club, Ontario, Governor, District 6330

Program: Club Assembly
Meet us on Zoom – the link is in the President’s weekly email.

Speaker Round-Up:

Chris Everson joined us as a representative of Bikes on the Bricks – he serves as the Board Secretary for the organization. This year’s event will take place September 10-12th – it’s the 14th year since the founding in 2007 (last year was cancelled due to COVID).

Bikes on the Bricks began as a small event back in 2007 and has grown in both attendance and entertainment over the years, at one time hosting more than 9,000 motorcycles. The event takes place all over downtown, shutting down Saginaw Street from the Saginaw Street Bridget to Halo Burger. The entertainment tends to be a little crazy – like motorcycles flying 60 feet in the air, “The Wall of Death” and “The Globe of Death” crazy – but it’s all family friendly, aimed at getting the entire community, not just those interested in motorcycles, downtown for a few days of free fun.

The highlight of the event for many is the focus on police. Bikes on the Bricks offers a chance

for people to see and get to know police officers in a different way. The hope is to cut down barriers between the community and police. In fact, police departments come from across the country travel to Flint to take part in the event, participating in fun police show & competitions.

The police competition here is unlike many others, allowing community members to see police officers take on motorcycle skill competitions, sometimes failing and even falling from their bikes.

The main event – the Bike show – is a favorite of many. Featuring a police-escorted ride, the show includes both old and new motorcycles. Chris showed us photos of some past winners, and highlighted that all bikes are welcome with more than a dozen categories of competition. All proceeds from entry fees are donated directly to non-profits in Genesee County. Many organizations have been supported over the years, but each year the Old Newsboys is a

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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2020-2021

- President – Ray Gist
- President-Elect – Kyle McCree
- Vice President – Elizabeth Jordan
- Vice President – Ann Marie Van Duyne
- Director – Patrick Naswell
- Director – Ellen Brothers
- Director – Mia McNeil
- Director – Joe Martin
- Director - Christina Church
- Past President – George Ananich
- Club Administrator – Amy van der Putte
- Treasurer – Stu Kelly

MEET YOU ON ZOOM!

While we are dealing with the Corona Virus, the Rotary Club of Flint will continue meeting via Zoom. There is another meeting scheduled for this Friday April 23, 2021.



Haiti project update:

Currently a second project is moving forward, which includes a well. All signatures are in place with online application, the project is waiting on one signature in Haiti involving the Haiti task force. This signature adds a level of security, ensuring that money is property distributed. This project is making rapid progress in comparison to the last one!

recipient of the proceeds. To date, more than \$57,000 has been donated to local organizations.

Several years ago, mini bikes became part of the event! The bikes race on the flat lot and are a big hit with both kids and adults. Another fun event on the calendar is the Rockabilly Pinup Girl Contest (family-friendly), featuring 50s and 60s style pinup girls.

Bikes on the Bricks is run completely by volunteers. It's a 501(c) (3) organization consisting of a board of directors and 25 committee volunteers who work to promote motorcycles, the community and Downtown Flint. During the event, 100-150 volunteers help make the show happen from setup to teardown to everything in between. To ensure the event continues at no-cost, a beer tent was introduced several years ago. This tent provides a fun environment and helps to ensure the event breaks even and can continue on year-after-year.



NEW MEMBER SECOND READING

Elizabeth Wenstrom-Williams has been proposed for membership by Kyle McCree and Paul Wenstrom. Her classification would be Foundations – Hurley Foundation.

Bikes on the Bricks interesting facts:

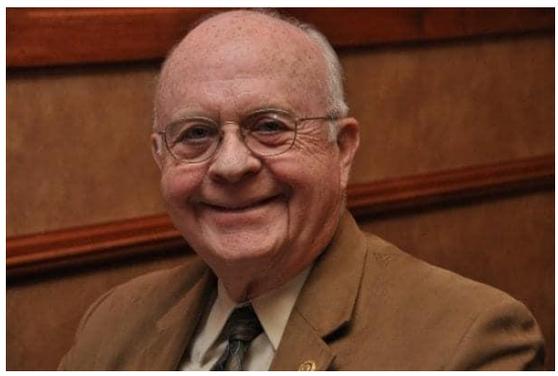
- For the 10th anniversary of Bikes on the Bricks, Erik Estrada from CHIPS came to town. He actually wanted to be a police officer before becoming an actor, and for 3 days enjoyed meeting and hanging out with police officers at the event
- Flint had motorcycle police beginning in 1914
- In the past, Bikes on the Bricks has worked with Mott Community College and their motorcycle program. While that partnership ended, it may be resurrected in the future, working to get more kids interested in motorcycles

As we enter spring and summer and more motorcyclists will be on the road, Ed Fletcher reminded everyone to keep an eye out – look twice and save a life!



In Memoriam

We lost another long-time Rotarian in April. Herman Halladay "Hal" Flynn passed away April 7 at the age of 91. In his obituary it was said of Hal that he was a man defined by his relationships:



to his family, to his church and to his community. He loved nothing better than sharing wonderful stories of his eventful life. He was born and lived for most of his life near Flint. He was a lifelong Presbyterian, at Flushing Presbyterian Church and later, at First Presbyterian Church of Flint. He graduated from Central High School, Kalamazoo College, University of Michigan and various professional institutes.

Hal was a member of Rotary for 48 years, serving as Club President in 1982-83, a Paul Harris Fellow and a Jack Hamady Fellow. He retired from Genesee Bank after 30 years as Vice President for Special Projects. After which he served as President and CEO of Flint Public Trust where he helped guide its merger with Flint Area Health Foundation, forming Community Foundation of Greater Flint.

In retirement, Hal and Carolyn lived in Fairfield Glade, Tennessee, before returning to Ann Arbor. After Carolyn passed, Hal found love again with Jean. They lived in Grand Blanc, Siesta Key, and Higgins Lake. He is survived by three children, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and many extended family and friends.

He will be missed by all who knew him, especially his Rotary friends.

Coming Up –

04/30/21 NO Noon meeting – 5th Friday – Join us at 4 p.m. for a Zoom Happy Hour!

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Where to make up: AFTER COVID QUARANTINE

Monday

Saginaw Valley NOON
Horizons Conference Center
Grand Blanc (1st & 3rd Monday) NOON
Aubree's Pizzeria and Grill

Tuesday

Clio 7:30 AM
Roger's Lodge
Durand 11:30 AM
Durand Union Station
Fenton 7:15 AM
Spring Meadows Country Club
Genesee Valley (Flint) 12:15 PM
Redwood Lodge, Hill Rd.
Lapeer 12:10 PM
Lapeer County Center Building

Wednesday

Greater Flint Sunrise 7:00 AM
Foodbank of Eastern Michigan
Owosso 12:15 PM
Owosso Memorial Hosp. Annex
Saginaw NOON
Saginaw Club

Thursday

Davisburg (1st & 3rd Thursday) 7:00 AM
4H Fair Grounds Community Room
Burton 12:15 PM
IMA Brookwood Golf Club
Corunna NOON
Corunna Community Center
Flushing 7:00 AM
Sorrento's Restaurant
Frankenmuth 12:10 PM
Zehnder's Restaurant



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?"