



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: Joe Serra, CEO Serra Automotive
Meet us on Zoom – the link is in the President’s weekly email.

Speaker Round-Up:

CLUB ASSEMBLY REPORT

Rotary Club of Flint Moving Forward

Thirty Eight Flint Rotarians joined the virtual meeting on April 23 to hear President Ray along with other board members outline our activities, goals and expectations.

This was our club’s 106th Club Assembly and the first held virtually. President Ray reviewed the various board assignments along with the committee chairs. This Rotary year has certainly been challenging to say the least. There has been overall satisfaction for the virtual meetings and President Ray gave thanks to the speakers committee for the great range of speakers we have enjoyed. Future meetings may include a “hybrid “ version once we are able to meet in person.

Moving forward President Ray stated we will adapt and maintain interest and vitality of our club. Additionally, we will find new ways to communicate and stay active in the Community.

Club treasurer, Stu Kelly reported on the

financial health of the club funds and found the prognosis to be good.

The board did a good job preserving funds for future setbacks, notwithstanding a pandemic. A \$4500 net loss is projected for our Rotary year due mainly to no golf outing income of \$3000 and \$1500 without in person meetings as well as a decrease in membership. End of year net assets are projected to be \$55,000.

Past President Mike Chaffee updated us on the Flint Rotary Charitable Foundation Endowment Fund which was established in 1993. Mike also outlined our Rotary International Foundation performance. There were 42 gifts to the Flint Rotary Charitable fund last year and the present balance is at \$483,179. One of the board goals will be to grow that fund to \$1 million in future years.

Based on our Rotary International giving we may soon be asking Rotary International to help us fund another Haiti Water Well project.

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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, May 14, 2021.



Mike urged all members to contribute to the R.I.F. When we fill out our dues pledge. Next President Elect Kyle McCree gave us a look at the coming Rotary year 2021-2022 District 6333 will have a lot of familiar names leading us. Erin Shankie from Greater Flint Sunrise club will be our new District Governor, Allen Tucker also of Greater Flint Sunrise will be Assistant Governor Area 7, and our own Flint Rotarian, Mike Chaffee will be the new District Governor Elect.

Rotary International President will be Shekhar Mehta of Calcutta West Bengal India and Rotary motto is "Serve to Change Lives"

Kyle enlightened us on how our own club goals will mesh with R.I. Goals to include R.I.F. giving, service projects, young leaders and membership growth and engagement. Our club has a new committee developing 3 priorities; service and stewardship, Rotary engagement and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. These three priorities will be applied to all action plans in our club meetings and operations. Watch your calendar for District Conference, R.I, Conference and Dues Deadline!

Vice President Elizabeth Jordan informed us on how to be more informed about our Rotary club and more. Staying connected and informing others about Rotary. Using many tools to help us learn more about our Club and R.I. include Club Runner App. Rotary Club of Flint Website www.flintrotary.org , Rotary Club of Flint on Facebook, and www.rotary.org for Rotary International. You can also donate back to Rotary Club of Flint by signing on to Amazon Smiles and Kroger Community Rewards.

Finally, details on how to do all this AND all the information given in our club assembly can be learned by using "You Tube" and searching for Rotary Club of Flint. This meeting and all our club meetings can be found on YouTube, just in case you were unable to attend.

MORE Speaker Round-Up (April 16)

Rotarians enjoyed an informative presentation by Jack Hund, Plant Operations Manager at GM's Orion Assembly Plant. He provided details about the efforts underway at GM to launch dozens of electric vehicles and reduce the company's carbon footprint. Jack shared that he served in the Army National Guard before joining GM. He has ties to Flint earning a Master's degree in Engineering from Kettering University.

Jack said that it's an exciting time in GM. Al Roker visited his plant last week! The electric vehicle is gaining a lot of momentum, developing even faster than many people may be aware of. He said the automotive industry is quickly moving towards electric vehicles and the technology will make things easier and safer for people.

Jack's presentation showed the Bolt Vision = Zero. Zero. Zero. Zero Crashes, Zero Emissions, Zero Congestion. He said GM is ready to lead, inspire and ignite a vision because more must be done to have a sustainable future. He shared a detailed presentation including three videos. GM just launched the new Bolt EV's (Electric Vehicles). The Bolt EUV (Electric Utility Vehicle) is expected to launch soon. This marks a new Chapter for GM. The company made a \$300 million investment to build a new body shop to make the vehicles. Model year 22 Bolt EV recently came off the line. Jack and his team recently went to Seoul, South Korea to learn how to build the vehicle. GM will soon will launch Bolt EUV. GM is also in the process of building a completely autonomous (self-driving) vehicle.

Jack said GM has committed \$27 billion and expects to launch several new vehicles in the next five years. The company is making significant investment into electric vehicles and is targeting to eventually be an all-electric company!

Health & Welfare

James Kennedy was in the hospital recently. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Condolences to Patrick Naswell and his family. Patrick lost both of his parents recently.

Congratulations to new grandpa Steven Low on the birth on his granddaughter Amelia.



What's up downtown Project update

from Bobby Mukkamala. There is a lot planned for downtown Flint by the What's Up Downtown Project this summer. Check out the full calendar at <https://linktr.ee/WhatsUpDT>

It is recommended that for all activities participants dress according to the weather, mask up, and be mindful of social distancing. We are emerging out of a very difficult time but as vaccination rates increase and cases continue to decrease in Genesee County the best place to be healthy and together is proven to be outdoors, apart.

Coming Up –

5/28/21 NO NOON MEETING due to the Memorial Day Holiday - Join us for a Zoom Happy Hour!

6/5/21 Presidential Roast for outgoing president Ray Gist

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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?"