



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 Elliot from the London, Ontario Rotary Club, Ontario, Governor, District 6330

Coming up: Dec. 11 Annual Economic Forum
Please join us on Zoom – the link is in President Ray’s Weekly email

Speaker Round-Up – Nov. 13 meeting:

Our own, Bobby Mukkamala, MD presented to the club on the current state of COVID-19 pandemic. According to Dr. Bobby, COVID-19 is a novel virus with a higher propensity to infect. The virus binds to cells, entering the body through our airways. It then spreads through the body. About 50% of those infected will likely have no symptoms while the other 50% will have from mild to severe symptoms, which as we know may result in people being placed on a ventilator or even death. Our case numbers are going in the wrong direction and are growing rapidly.

There are 3 types of testing: Molecular which is the Gold Star of testing and is accomplished through a swab that is put into the nasal passage. Done properly the Molecular test shouldn't be painful. Dr. Bobby has help to train those giving the test, after hearing that some people may have been giving it incorrectly. There is an Antigen test. Both of these tests indicate if someone has the virus.

There is also an Antibody test, which indicates that there has been the presence of the virus in the body, meaning that the person has had the virus. The main object of the Antibody test is to determine the spread of the virus within a community, rather than to see if anyone individual has had it.

Dr. Bobby talked about us testing more and that you would find more positives by the testing, but you would also have a higher rate of a systematic people. This is not what is happening currently. With the numbers on the rise, some hospitals are moving to shut down elective surgeries that require overnight hospitalization. This is because there is such a high need for beds for those with the disease that require care, although they may not require a ventilator.

Testing is available for anyone in Michigan that want one. You can check out the website to find a location, near you.

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>. Dr. Bobby offered that if anyone in the club was having difficulty finding a location for a test, that he was willing to come and give them one.

As far as the vaccines go and their long term effectiveness, Dr. Bobby expects that it is unlikely that it will be like the Small Pox vaccine, but more like Tetanus, which requires booster shots every 10 years or so, Dr. Bobby doesn't expect a complete shut-down of the country, but more like the closing of specific areas that have extremely large outbreaks.

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MEET YOU ON ZOOM!

While we are dealing with the Corona Virus, the Rotary Club of Flint will continue meeting via Zoom. Look for President Ray's weekly email with the Zoom link.



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More Speaker Round-Up – Nov. 20 meeting:

He went on to answer lots of questions from members, including suggesting that if travel was required, that only the person who needed to travel should. Leaving their family at home, rather than them taking the risk, too. Another question about the length of time one should use a mask before washing it. The recommendation is that cloth masks should be washed at least weekly.

One Rotarian wondered if there was anything one could do to reduce the severity of their symptoms if they tested positive. Unfortunately, the answer to that was there wasn't much beyond, keeping hydrated and other good health measures that would impact the way that would lessen the symptoms.

On a related note: Anyone who attended John Mott's funeral, may want to have a COVID test, as several of those in attendance have tested positive.

Speaker Round-Up from Dec. 4:

Kady Yellow, the Director of the **What's Up Downtown Placemaking Project** was the guest presenter. Placemaking is the pairing of people, places and programming. The field had its roots in the 1970s and focused at how to enliven streets in city centers. The pandemic has prompted many communities to take steps such as expanding outdoor eateries onto sidewalks. Kady sees her role as being two-fold. First, she focuses on planning in Downtown with citizens and resource development to implement those plans. Second, she concentrates on making Downtown Flint more inclusive with better connections to neighborhoods.

She shared some of the past work she has done to revitalize downtown spaces in other communities, starting with her home town of Binghamton, New York. The small city had experienced multiple vacancies in its downtown. Kady helped spur reinvestment there by opening an arts center and hosting events. She then helped the community of Homer, Alaska re-imagine their downtown area in a community-involved process. Public art projects were part of that effort. The third project she highlighted was in Galway, Ireland and involved using the city center for mixed-use summertime projects that brought together in creative and temporary spaces.

Shifting to Flint, Kady is getting to know our local creative talent in order to design pairings for a collection of pop-up activities. Flint has a long track record in placemaking and has worked with the Project for Public Spaces, which is one of the pioneering groups leading the field nationally. Examples of that past work includes the Flint Farmer's Market. In addition, local talent such as Megan Heyza of the Porch Project, Brandon Corder of Beats X Beers, and Joe Schipani from the Flint Public Art Project have been doing placemaking work that is putting Flint on the map globally. Other local assets include the work that has already been done to renovate pocket parks such as the "FLINT" sign across from the Capitol Theatre, the lights strung in Buckham Alley, and the murals from the Flint Public Art Project.

The aim of the What's Up Downtown project is to transform Downtown Flint into an inclusive, equitable space by diversifying the types of experiences being offered. The project will include a series of pop-ups year-round. Brush Alley has been improved to more easily support concerts and festivals. During COVID, the placemaking focus has included socially-distanced porch concerts and an interactive poetry-on-demand program. To overcome the perception that Downtown is not everyone, Kady has partnered with groups such as Curvy Girl Fitness to understand the barriers to inclusion and design programs for together to meet the needs and priorities of people who have felt excluded. In this case, it resulted in a sold-out fitness class in Brush Park with people who ordinarily would not have felt they had a reason to come downtown.

Coming Up –

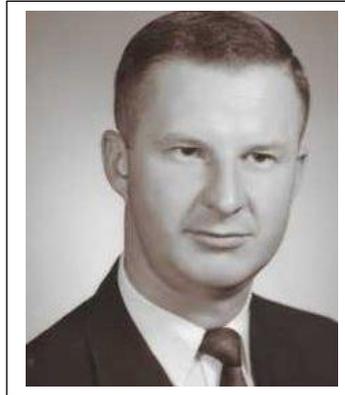
12/18/20: TBA

12/25/20: NO MEETING – Have a happy holiday season – however you celebrate!



Remembering Don Barrow

We bid farewell to another long-time Flint Rotarian recently. Don passed away on Friday, November 27 at the age of 90 after a three year battle with cancer. Many of us remember Don and Dick Cordell at the check in table every week during our 26-year tenure at the Sarvis Center.

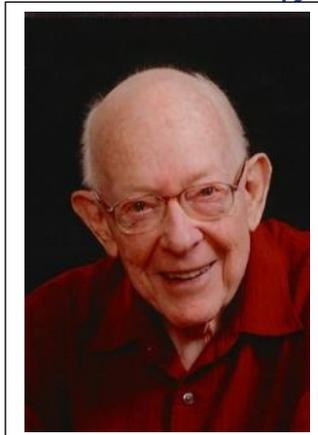


Don was a member of the Rotary Club of Flint for 49 years, joining in 1971. He was a Paul Harris Fellow, having earned the honor in 1996.

Born in Detroit, Don started his career in travel after graduating from the University of Western Ontario. Through his involvement in the Wayne State University Alumni Singles, he met and married Patricia Poff, his wife of 55 years and together they had two children, Kim and Doug. Don was a dog lover, who knew all the neighbors in Indian Hills by the names of their dogs.

Remembering Pat McAvinchey

And yet another of our number has left us. Pat McAvinchey passed away at his home on Dec 4 at the age of 95. Pat was a member of the Rotary Club of Flint for nearly 49 years, joining in Jan 1972. He served the club as President for the 1979-80 Rotary year and also served District 6330 as Governor for the 1990-91 Rotary year. Pat was a Paul Harris Fellow as well as a Jack Hamady Fellow, having earned the honors in 1990 and 2008 respectively.



Born in Oelwein, Iowa, Pat married Jane Ann Jacobs who preceded him in death, and Anna Belle (Callis) Davis who also preceded him in death. All together he had 10 children. Pat served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1947, and co-owned and operated Gould Engineering for 20 years.

In addition to the Rotary Club he served on many different boards for the county and city. He was an Interim County Road Commissioner at one point and on the Davison School Board. He was a long-time member of the Moon Growlers on Drummond Island.

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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?"