



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

**Coming up: Erica Thrash-Sall, Exec. Dir. of McFarlan Villages-start time 11:45 AM
Please join us on Zoom – the link is in President Ray’s Weekly email**

Speaker Round-Up – Annual Economic Forum

President Gist introduced the Dean of the School of Management at UM Flint, Dr. Scott Johnson. After a brief introducing, Dr. Johnson turned the meeting over to fellow Rotarian Jack Helmuth, who coordinated today’s event and introduced the guest speakers.

University of Michigan Flint’s School of Management and the Flint Rotary Club welcomed the community to the 13th Annual Economic Forum. Guest speakers were:
Christopher Douglas, Ph.D, Associate Professor and the Development Chair at UM-Flint’s Department of Economics;
Yener Kandogan, Ph.D Associate Dean and Professor of International Business at UM-Flint’s School of Management; and,
Thomas O’Rourke, CFA, Director and Senior Portfolio Manager for BlackRock Private Investors.

All presenters shared the same message that this was not the 2020 we could have ever imagined! Key points from the Forum were:

- 1] In a two week time-period, the US went from record high employment and a 50-year low in unemployment to the worst recession since the Great Depression
 - COVID wipe out 10 Million jobs
 - 7 Million people applied for unemployment
 - The shutdowns caused massive, widespread economic damage
 - The good economy would have continued, absent COVID
- 2] A second large-scale shutdown would be catastrophic for the economy
- 3] Absent shutdowns, the economy will muddle-through until there is a vaccine
 - Expect the recovery plateau below pre-COVID levels as there are some industries that cannot fully recover without full mitigation
- 4] Life WILL return to normal after a vaccine is deployed, though there are likely to be permanent changes (like recessions before it)
 - Will people fly less, conduct business via Zoom?
 - Fewer bricks and mortar stores, as consumers shop online?
 - Will consumers prefer to stream movies at home rather than visit theaters?

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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 – Economic Forum:

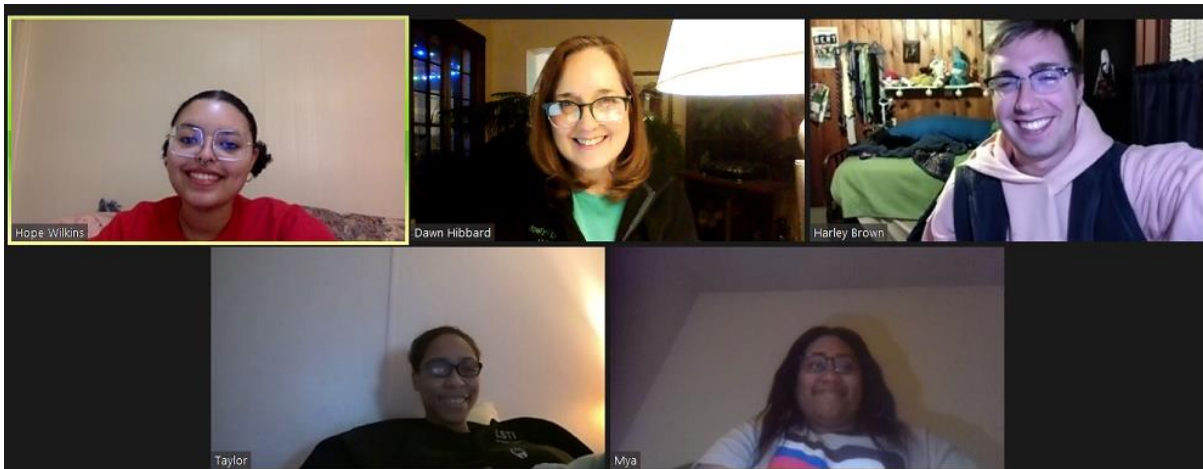
5] Key thoughts

- Healthcare and IT are 2 best sectors in economy now
- Interest rates will not rise much, but inflation will
- People need to be willing to take risks to grow economy
- Globalization emerged as an essential

The panel hosted a Q & A session following their presentations. This presentation is recorded and can be found on YouTube by searching Flint Rotary-Economic Forum 12/11/2020.

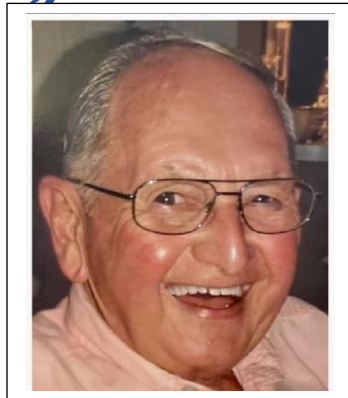
Rotaractors are going strong

The Rotaract Club of Flint has been meeting, doing online service and even managing to have a little fun. Our partner club members have engaged in online service projects individually through a variety of opportunities, including fact checking for Wikimedia, combing through archival materials to verify information for data bases, reviewing photos to help identify animal species in specific geographic locations, and working to improve subtitles on videos to improve content for the deaf. For their Holiday mixer they participated in a Kahoots trivia game and played an online video game together over Zoom.



Remembering Larry Melancon

We bid farewell to another long-time Flint Rotarian in Dec. Larry Melancon, aged 93, died at home Dec. 21, 2020. He is survived by his bride of 75 years, Christine, his five children, 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.



Born in Flint in 1927, Larry grew up during the Depression and developed a strong work ethic. SO strong, in fact, he worked until 5 p.m. on his wedding day!

For many years he worked for Wethered-Rice Jewelry Store, where he was hired as an apprentice. He was such a diligent and devoted employee that they eventually made him a partner. In 1965, he left Wethered Rice to pursue his own business. Larry bought the A&W on the corner of Clio and Pierson Roads. In 1970, he opened the A&W in Flushing.

An active Rotarian, Larry was honored by his family with the Paul Harris Fellow Recognition. Larry took pride in being the longest serving member of the Flint Rotary Club.

He will be missed by all those that knew him.

Rotary Foundation receives highest rating from Charity Navigator for 13th consecutive year

For the 13th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from [Charity Navigator](#), an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only one percent of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 13 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

Coming up:

01/15/21: Kearsley Street Week annual stock market review

01/22/21: Dr. Jan Furman & Dr. Thom Bell, UM-Flint Urban Institute for Racial, Economic & Environmental Justice

01/29/21: **NO MEETING** - 5th Friday - **Join us for a Zoom Happy Hour @ 4 pm!**

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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

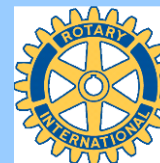
Corunna Community Center

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?"**