

## Flint Rotary World

Charter No. 220 – Rotary Club of Flint, Michigan – Organized April 7, 1916 Rotary theme for 2022-2023 "Imagine Rotary"

Jennifer Jones, Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario Canada, Rotary International President Mike Chaffee, Rotary Club of Flint, Flint, Michigan, Governor, District 6330

## Coming up: US Representative Dan Kildee

Join us in-person or on Zoom!

## Speaker Round-Up

Our speaker February 10 was Michigan Senator John Cherry. He began by reporting that "in a world of firsts" Michigan currently has an African American Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and the first woman majority leader of the Michigan Senate.

For the first time in four years, Democrats have taken over a majority of the House and Chambers. The last time Democrats controlled the Senate was in 1983.

This year, 6 bills introduced by Democrats in either house of the legislature. These bills shed light on what the priorities of the Democratic majority are. The first two bills were to repeal the retirement tax, the expansion of the working families' tax credit. Expansion of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, to protect people's sexual orientation and gender identity. A repeal of the right to work law.

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Senator John Cherry has been very active on trying to reform and strengthen the Consumer Protections for Mobile Home Residents. This hasn't been a priority for 30 years. This is one of his top priorities.

Senator Cherry shared that Governor Whitmer's budget is heavily geared toward investing in education in the State of Michigan. Also to give extra dollars for efforts of special education funding as well.



Senator John Cherry

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## MEET YOU IN PERSON OR



### **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2022-23**

President – Elizabeth Jordan

President-Elect – Ann Marie Van Duyne
Vice President – Patrick Naswell
Vice President – Ellen Echols
Director – Joe Martin
Director – Nick Godlesky
Director – Marissa Pierce
Director – Ed Fletcher
Past President – Kyle McCree

Club Administrator – Amy van der Putte
Treasurer – Rebecca Millsap

### **Speaker Round Up Continued**

Senator Cherry responded to a question about the opioid epidemic. He believes the conversation is shifting on this topic. There have been a lot of conversations about behavioral health and fiscal health. How to make sure these two pieces are working in tandem.

Support for Municipalities. The Governor's executive recommended budget for a 10 percent increase in revenue sharing. In the last year 850 million dollars was given to try to bring every municipality in the state up to 60% percent funded on their pension liability.

In November 2022 the people of Michigan voted on a constitutional amendment that requires executive officers in the legislature to provide financial transparency. This will go into effect by April 1, 2024.



## Join the Jack Hamady Fellows



The Jack Hamady Fellows are named in honor of "Mr. Rotary" himself, Jack Hamady, who introduced approximately 100 members to the club during his lifetime.

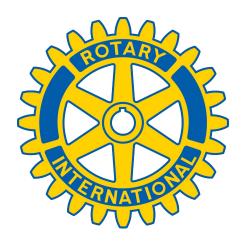
Members of the Jack Hamady Fellows have made a \$1000 contribution to the Flint Rotary Club Endowment Fund. Contact Amy van der Putte to find out how you can become a JHF.

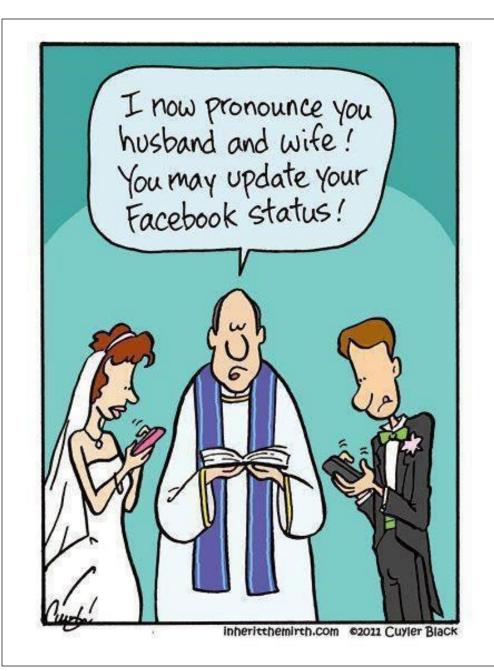
## Sending Relief to Turkey & Syria

The Rotary Foundation Trustees have made available more than \$125,000 to Rotary districts affected by the earthquake through Disaster Response Grants.

Do you want to help Turkey and Syria and make sure your donations get where they are needed? Rotary International has two avenues to help:

- Give to Turkey/Syria Disaster
  Response Fund. Donations help
  clubs and districts provide aid and
  support rebuilding efforts where the
  need is greatest. The funds are
  distributed to affected communities
  through disaster response grants. The
  Disaster Response Fund can accept
  cash contributions and District
  Designated Funds (DDF).
- Support local initiatives. As we learn about local response efforts that are being led by clubs and districts, Rotary raises awareness about how to support them. People can then support these projects by working directly with Rotary members in the region. If you want us to publicize information about local response efforts, write to relief@rotary.org.





## **NEW Hybrid Meeting format**

We are now offering meetings in a hybrid format. We hope see many of you in person at the Food Bank, while others will be joining via zoom.

### Coming Up -

2/24/23: Ellen Ellenburg, Chairperson - Genesee County Board of Commissioners.

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## Where to make up:

### Monday

Saginaw Valley NOON
Horizons Conference Center
Grand Blanc (1st & 3rd Monday)

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 HAP Conference Room

Owosso 12:15 PM

Owosso Memorial Hosp. Annex

Saginaw NOON

Saginaw Club

#### **Thursday**

Davisburg (1st & 3rd Thursday) 7:00 <sup>A</sup>M

4H Fair Grounds Community Room

Burton 12:15 PM

Sharky's Sports Bar 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,

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