

Flint Rotary World

Charter No. 220 – **Rotary Club of Flint, Michigan** – Organized April 7, 1916

Rotary theme for 2022-2023 “Imagine Rotary”

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This week at Rotary: Kearsley Street Week

Join us in person or on Zoom!

Speaker Round Up

Our first meeting of the new year was densely packed with remarks by both Flint Mayor Sheldon Neeley as he kicked off his second term, and our own Judge Duncan Beagle as he settles in to retirement from the bench. Add to that the awarding of Jim Richardson his third Paul Harris Fellowship for his financial generosity.

The mayor – an honorary Rotary member by virtue of his position – asked our members to actively work toward overcoming negative external perceptions of the city by becoming ambassadors who promote the many good things that go unnoticed.

Judge Beagle regaled us with an informative but entertaining telling highlights of his 32 years on the Genesee Circuit Court bench – years of seismic changes in society the demanded adjustments in court practices.

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Among them was a call to subdivide the court so as to form a specialized family branch. There, Duncan found his judicial home, although not without some initial resistance to the suggestion.

The dreaded difficulties of family law have intensified as divorces became more common and marriages less, which correlates to more and more children and youths winding up before the court.

Among highlights was Duncan’s appointment about three years ago as a one-man grand jury on the Flint water crisis, so requested by the state Attorney General. With his work not quite at its end, we will have to wait to learn what he has discovered.

He had high praise for the organization Mothers Against Drunk Driving for focusing public attention on the dire necessity of addressing that problem.

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OR ON ZOOM!**



OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2022-2023

President – Elizabeth Jordan
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Vice President – Ellen Brothers
Director – Joe Martin
Director – Nick Godlesky
Director – Marissa Pierce
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Other highlights:

- The victim rights' movement which persuaded the courts that the views of victims deserve a hearing in sentencing decisions.
- Sentencing guidelines that helped to even out severity of sentences imposed by different judges.
- Advances in genetic science that can ascertain quickly and beyond doubt actual parentage in contested cases. Research had shown that in 34 percent of paternity cases mothers fingered the wrong man. Chief among reasons is that the mother hoped to select a father of her choice rather than the one dictated by biology.
- The advent of drug courts that take into account the role that addictions play in criminality.

And as we know so well, Duncan's interests have always extended beyond his profession to include sports and community work. Rotarians noted that he, perhaps more than any other community activist, is responsible for resurrecting Atwood Stadium from years to nonuse and neglect to the flourishing and adequately funded asset serving Flint today.



Health and Welfare

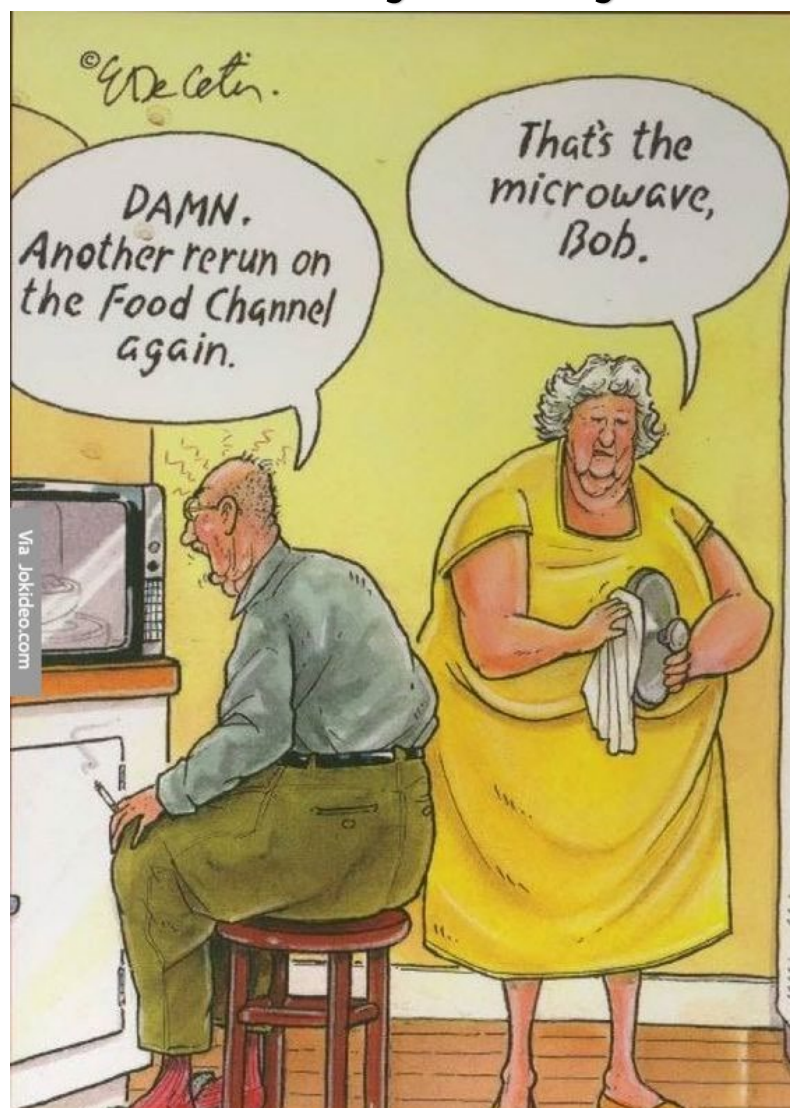
The membership elected the board slate for the 2023-24 Rotary year at last week's meeting. Ed Fletcher and Domonique Clemons were newly elected to the board, as well as Ann Marie Van Duyne, Patrick Naswell, Ellen Echols, Joe Martin, Nick Godlesky, Marissa Pierce, Becky Millsap, and Amy van der Putte.

The PH Plus Club

Jim Richardson received his PHF+3.



January Funny



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
 HAP Conference Room
 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
 Sharky's Sports Bar
 Corunna NOON
 Corunna Community Center
 Flushing 7:00 AM
 Sorrento's Restaurant
 Frankenmuth 12:10 PM
 Zehnder's Restaurant

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. If attending in person, remember that we are getting our food first prior to sitting down.

Coming Up –

01/20/22: Todd Slisher, Executive Director of Sloan*Longway - Astronomy

01/27/22: Rafael Turner, Community Affairs Manager, Consumers Energy - Clean Energy Plan

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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?"