



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: Kearsley \$treet Week in Review-start time 11:45 AM
Please join us on Zoom – the link is in President Ray’s Weekly email

Speaker Round-Up – McFarlan Home & Villages

Erica Thrash-Sall, Executive Director and Louise McAra, Board Chair for McFarlan Home & Villages were our speakers last week.

The presentation included a History of McFarlan, including its establishment in 1926 as a home for “old ladies.” New building construction in 1972 and the purchase of Court Street Village senior apartment in 2011 has expanded the enterprise, and McFarlan entered into a management agreement and partnership with Presbyterian Villages of Michigan (PVM) in 2016.

The types of Senior Housing and Services they offer include, Independent Living, Assisted Living (Adult Foster Care), Nursing Home/Skilled Nursing, Home and Community Based Services. It’s programs include 254 units of affordable senior independent housing with wellness activities, community health worker, and transportation.

Several partnerships have been established with Hamilton-McFarlan Senior Health Center, Valley Area Agency on Aging, Genesys PACE, in addition to higher ed

Research and internship collaboratives. These institutions include the University of Michigan-Flint and Ann Arbor, Mott Community College and Wayne State University.

Future plans were shared, and they include:

- 1) renovation of 230 units of affordable senior housing
- 2) conversion of 24 units into affordable assisted living,
- 3) renovation of 29 units of assisted living,
- 4) development of 24 independent living cottage units
- 5) development of vacant land

McFarlan needs volunteers, funding to support benevolence and wellness initiatives, advocacy, in-kind donations, and volunteer opportunities.

It was emphasized that building a level of engagement with staff and residents is a priority.

To date, there have been no COVID19 fatalities. N95 masks are used and residents are slated to be immunized soon.

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.



OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2020-2021

- President – Ray Gist
- President-Elect – Kyle McCree
- Vice President – Fred Hinz
- Vice President – Elizabeth Jordan
- Director – Ann Marie Van Duyne
- Director – Patrick Naswell
- Director – Ellen Brothers
- Director –
- Past President – George Ananich
- Club Administrator – Amy van der Putte
- Treasurer – Stu Kelly

To learn more about Aging in Flint, register [HERE](#) to attend “Aging in Flint – Defining Current Concerns, a virtual symposium Jan 14 from 2-5 p.m. sponsored by the UM-Flint Center on Aging. The symposium is free and will feature a panel discussion, followed by break out rooms and a poster session.



RI COVID-19 REPORT: Rotarians promote use of bubble helmets to help patients avoid mechanical ventilators

by Arnold R. Grahl

Rotarians in Lithuania and Chicago, Illinois, USA, are using their influence to promote the use of “bubble helmets” and potentially lessen the need for mechanical ventilators for COVID-19 patients who struggle to breathe on their own.

The Rotary Club of Vilnius Lituania International, Lithuania, participated in Hack the Crisis, an online event in March that brought together innovators in science and technology to “hack,” or develop solutions to, issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the Lithuanian club, along with members of the Rotary Clubs of Chicago and Chicagoland Lithuanians (Westmont), joined a team to brainstorm ways to help COVID-19 patients breathe without using mechanical ventilators.

“Traditional ventilators used with intubation are a painful intervention into the body and require trained medical staff,” says Viktorija Trimbel, a member of the Vilnius Lituania club, who was a mentor during Hack the Crisis. “There’s also a shortage of the drugs used for sedation. But you don’t have to be sedated with helmets.”

Bubble helmets are noninvasive and supply oxygen without the need for intubation, a procedure where a tube is inserted down a patient’s throat. A helmet fits over a patient’s head with a rubber collar that can be adjusted around the neck. The collar has ports that can deliver oxygen and air.

For the complete story, visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/hacking-solution-covid-19-pandemic>



SORRY, SON...THERE'S NO APP FOR THAT

Health & Welfare

Congratulations to Christina Church and her husband – the couple recently welcomed twin girls!

Our condolences go out to former Flint Rotarian, Jonathan Hohn whose mother, Nancy Hohn, passed away on Jan. 6.

Coming up:

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?"**