



# Flint Rotary World

Charter No. 220 – **Rotary Club of Flint, Michigan** – Organized April 7, 1916  
Rotary theme for 2021-2022 “*Serve to Change Lives*”

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**Program: Marissa Pierce, Flint Institute of Arts**  
**Join us on Zoom!**

## Speaker Round-Up July 16:

Todd Slisher, Executive Director of Sloan Museum and the Flint Institute of Science and History – aka Sloan Museum of Discovery, updated the group on the progress of the Sloan Museum renovation.

The Sloan Museum renovation and construction is well under way. It was inspired and designed based on a community conversation, and although the Museum will still have a focus on the history of Flint, but in more inclusive and have a more hands-on approach.

The improvements are designed to create a greater presence on the Cultural Center Campus, to provide a better visitor experience, to improve the capacity and educational opportunities, to have a more community focused presence, and to bring staff together for better communication.

For the renovation, the building was completely gutted, the only thing remaining was the floors and walls.

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The courtyard has been filled in and has increased square footage significantly. There is now two big beautiful entries and a café space that can accommodate up to 180 people for events. The Coffee Beanery will be on-site and you can access independent of the Museum, so stop in for lunch or coffee.

They have a new office suite and the team actually moved into the building in May. There are three new learning spaces, plus a large area for prep for hands-on programming, field trips, and other educational activities.

During the pandemic, they were preparing over 1,000 kits/week for virtual programs and these areas were hugely helpful. As a result they are doing virtual programs all across the country including Oregon, Washington, New Jersey, and more.

New loading docks make it easy to move exhibits and vehicles in and out of the Museum and all exhibit spaces are being improved, including: ***Continued on page 2***

## MEET YOU ON ZOOM!

While we are dealing with the Corona Virus, the Rotary Club of Flint will continue meeting via Zoom. There is another meeting scheduled for this Friday, July 23, 2021.



## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2021-2022

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### ***Sloan Update Continued from page 1***

- Temporary exhibit gallery - Ceiling height is now 23' feet and can fit dinosaurs and other large exhibit pieces. It's approximately 6,000 square feet and will be able to host most exhibits that travel the country.
- History gallery – approximately 11,000 square feet, and is being co-programmed by various community organizations. The first group is Hurley Hospital which will be focused on health care in Genesee County, and they are working with other partners on future exhibits.
- Automotive Gallery – approximately 11,000 square feet and is where 25 – 30 vehicles will be on display at a time, both old and new. They have 105 vehicles in the collection and a partnership with GM and will enable them to have concept cars on display.
- Early Childhood Gallery –for children ages 0 – 6. It includes a multi-purpose room for programs and birthday parties. It's laid out like a little village with a post office, grocery store, and health plaza. It includes an outdoor park area with a treehouse climber and pretend river with bridges.
- Science Gallery –focused on physical and earth science and includes a space ship earth climber with many hands-on elements and a water table area that includes falling rain, ice-melt, and other interactive elements. The water crisis will be addressed mostly in the history area.
- Making and Tinkering Gallery – families and school groups tinker with things like wiring challenges and engineering challenges. There are various tools that enable families to paint, cut, and assemble their projects.
- Exhibit workshop – used for repairs and for design and fabrication of exhibits.
- Collection and Storage Space –over 400,000 artifacts in the collection and have increased their storage space for these items.

They are still at their temporary location in Courtland Center Mall, but are scheduled to start installation of the exhibits this fall and are looking forward to a grand opening and welcoming the community back in the spring of 2022!



### **Speaking of pledge cards . . .**

A BIG thank you to the several dozen members of our Club who have already returned your pledge cards! If you have not yet done so, please get yours in as soon as possible! (You do NOT want to be on the bad side of Amy vdP – trust me). If you need another copy of the Pledge Card just let Amy know.



### *Fifth Friday Festivities*

Next Friday, July 30th is a 5th Friday, so we will not have a virtual meeting. Instead, an in-person happy hour is scheduled, starting at 4pm, downtown at Market Tap on the second floor of the Flint Farmers Market. You can access Market Tap from the First Street door (around the corner from the main entrance) and head upstairs.



# Vacation Humor



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**“Tom, this is Kate from the office. Boy, you’re a hard person to reach when you’re on vacation!”**

## Remembering Hal Flynn

Hal Flynn's memorial service has been scheduled at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, August 31 at 2:00 pm. It will be held in the chapel.



### Coming Up –

07/30/21: No noon meeting – join us or an in-person Happy Hour.

08/06/21: Brianna Carpenter, Valley Area Agency on Aging

08/13/21: Lori Hawk, President of ELGA Credit Union Foundation for Impact

08/20/12: Trooper Steve Kramer, Michigan State Police

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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?"**