



Flint Rotary World

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Rotary theme for 2020-2021 “Rotary Opens Opportunities”

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**Program: NO Noon Meeting - Independence Day Holiday
Join us for a face-to-face Happy Hour at the White Horse!**

Speaker Round-Up June 18:

The Rotary Club of Flint welcomed Costa Papista, a self-described soccer fan who previously gained experience in sports management through his work with the Flint Firebirds hockey team. The idea of hosting a soccer team sprouted after Mr. Papista visited Atwood Stadium for the first time. He approached Dr. McMahon of Kettering University (which owns Atwood Stadium) about the opportunity. The rest, they say, is history.

The Bucks' first season was a Cinderella story—in 2019 they capped off a strong season and won the national championship in front of their home team. The pandemic disrupted play in 2020, with televised exhibition games only. In 2021, the Bucks are back in action with league play. The Bucks are part of the USL, which is the top developmental league in the country and where approximately 80 percent of Major League Soccer teams draft their players. In fact, this spring Flint City Bucks had five players drafted into Major League Soccer.

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Recruiting top talent to Flint requires specific strategies. As part of an amateur league where many summer players are drawn from colleges, Flint City Bucks cannot pay players, they can cover living expenses. Flint has the draw of hosting all the players at the Riverfront Residence Hall, which is a convenient and inviting facility. In addition, the Bucks have solid relationships with coaching staff at several top colleges for soccer. This year's roster includes players originally from countries ranging from Cameroon, Ghana, Italy, and Spain.

The pandemic affected game attendance, with no spectators at the exhibition games in 2020. Now that in-person attendance has resumed, fans of the Flint City Bucks have the opportunity to cheer on their team again. Attendance is slowly building back toward pre-pandemic levels as fans get used to getting out and about. The die-hard fan group is known as the River Rats, who sit in Section 11 and drum, cheer, and chant through-out the entire game. **More Speaker Round-Up 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, June 18, 2021.



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More Speaker Round-Up June 25:

Our June 25 meeting took on a scholarly tone, as art curator and historian Sheryl Fiegel described her work on the book “Champions of Flight: Clayton Knight and William Heaslip: Artists Who Chronicled Aviation from the Great War to Victory in WWII.” Washington D.C. area-based Fiegel co-authored the 2019 publication with onetime Flint Rotarian Theodore “Ted” Hamady.

Hamady, who grew up in Flint and eventually moved to the nation’s capital, had been scheduled to give the presentation. He died last January, but Fiegel said the co-authors had worked so closely on the script for discussions of the book, as well as the book itself, that her account was the much same as Hamady’s would have been.

While Fiegel has is an art historian with master’s degrees in fine arts and arts history, she described Hamady as more of an amateur historian, especially in military history, but sufficiently accomplished as to hold his own with professionals. He held bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Michigan.

One reviewer described the book as a coffee table-worthy art piece that simultaneously provides solid narrative and research. Fiegel’s and Hamady’s book profiles artists Knight and Heaslip whose visual work in various media depicts aviation vividly from its early days through World Wars I and II as well as peaceful applications. The authors believe that the work of the two artists was so successful and commanding that their images gave American culture of its popular understanding of aviation. It is believed that their work attracted many into aviation careers.

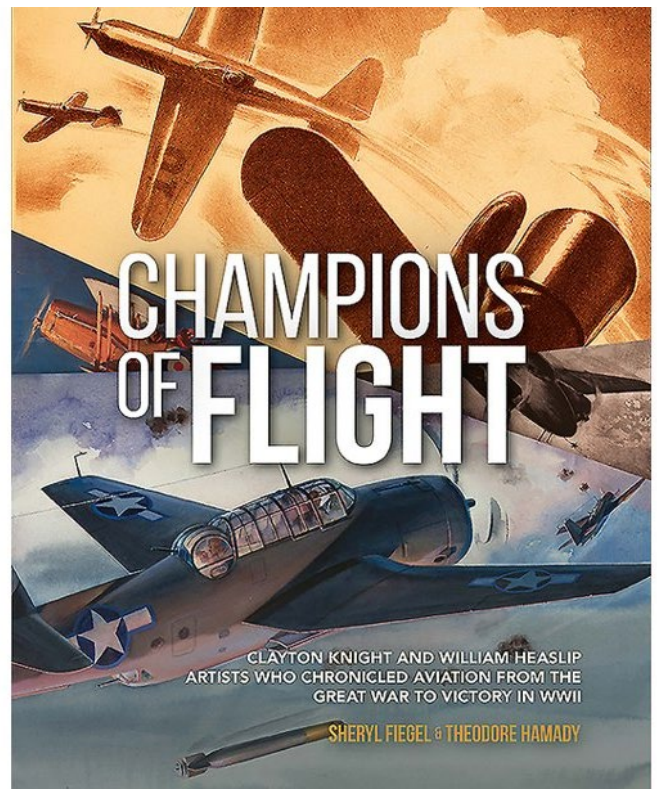
Knight (1891-1969) studied at the Art Institute of Chicago, then in 1917 shipped off to England for fighter pilot training in the Royal Air Force.

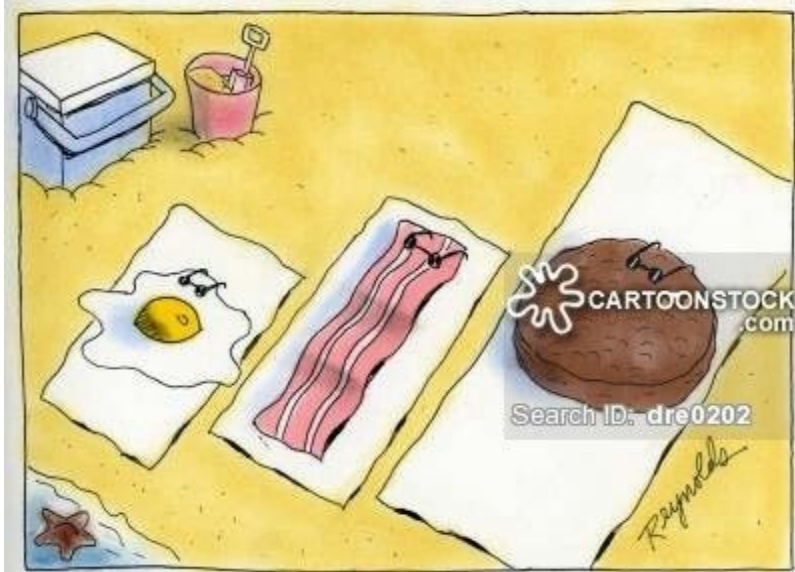
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He ended WWI as a prison of war to Germany. He co-authored and/or illustrated 17 books, and again served England in WWII. He was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for his service. In peacetime he was sometimes a competitor with Heaslip, but often a collaborator.

Heaslip (1898-1970) was Canadian born and, after serving in the Royal Flying Corp. during WWI, studied at the National Academy of Design in New York City. He was prodigiously productive in magazine and commercial work that featured aviation. Collaborating with famed flying ace hero Eddie Rickenbacker, the pair produced the cartoon strip “Ace Drummond” with Heaslip supplying the artwork.

Fiegel and Hamady concluded that as Knight and Heaslip championed their love of flight through their art, and they did so with enthusiasm, integrity, and generosity.





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

Welcome to our guests!

Special returning Rotarian Gerald McCarty- he is recently married and has a new job. Congratulations!

Coming Up –

07/09/21: Flint Rotary President, Kyle McCree - An Update from the President

07/16/21: Todd Slisher, Executive Director of Sloan Museum - An Update on Sloan Museum Development

07/23/21: Marissa Pierce, Public & Community Relations Coordinator of Flint Institute of Arts

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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?"