



Flint Rotary World

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Rotary theme for 2022-2023 “Imagine Rotary”

Jennifer Jones, Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario Canada, Rotary International President

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Coming up: David Smith, on his new book Hope This Finds You
Join us in-person or on Zoom!

Speaker Round-Up

Our speaker March 3 was our own Dr. Bobby, Bobby Mukkamala, entertaining his fellow Flint Rotarians with stories of his vaunted car. We learned that some of his 83-and-counting collector vehicles are tied to milestones in his life.

Bobby grew up in Flint in the shadow of Hurley Medical Center with cars on his mind. He might have been prodded along by his physician parents who, having immigrated from India, had known bicycles and rickshaws as the common modes of transportation. When Bobby was a high school junior lobbying for a Eurail tour of Europe with his older cousins who wanted to shadow the Irish band U2, his wary parents told him that if would spend the summer in studies at Cornell instead, they would give him a car. Thus a humble Chevy Blazer became the first of his fleet.

Then his parents offered a second “bribe:” If he would either make a 1500 SAT score or
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Get admitted into a highly competitive University of Michigan medical school program that one enters straight from high school, he would have the car of his choice. He fell a hairline short of the first challenge, but succeeded with the second, believing he was thus entitled to a Porsch 911. But sadly for Bobby, it was 1987 and his father’s aggressive investments got wiped out in a flash, even though it would be a while before Bobby would learn the true story. Soon after, the parents tried to appease their bitter son with much lower-priced used Jaguar.



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Speaker Round Up Continued

His car fascination got a further boost when his grandma, visiting from India, got him a Mitsubishi during his UM studies. As he traded that for another make, which to his surprise used Mitsubishi parts, he began to learn the international nature of car-manufacture.

Soon, Bobby was married to Nita, and eventually serving a medical residency in Alaska, where ear infections were common and physicians rare. That was when Bobby got a frantic summons from his mother back in Flint, suffering severe abdominal bleeding and facing serious surgery. With the Internet in crude infancy, Bobby did some research that led him to believe that his mother's treadmill habit, coupled with a medication she took for migraines, were constricting the flow of blood to her colon and causing a sort of internal colitis. Her attending surgeon physician thought Bobby was on target and took her off her medications, including morphine. In 48 hours she was healed and instead of surgery, would thank Bobby with the gift of a Ferrari Testarossa, the kind actor Don Johnson drove in the TV show Miami Vice.

As Bobby and Nita settled in Flint with their twin sons, Bobby kept collecting. Their first home, which featured a three-car garage, soon saw three more units added on. Then they needed seven. Bobby finally turned to rental storage until he finally acquired The Car Building on James P. Cole Boulevard, his current garage.

As a collector Bobby does not chase high end expensive cars but rather keeps on the lookout for models that have passed their popularity phase and are selling relatively cheaply. Over time, some of these models gain in value as they are elevated to prized collectibles. Thus, they become investments as well as a hobby.

Still more

Among his treasures are a diesel-operated Mercedes that he converted to run on cooking oil, which he picked up used from Genesys food service and filtered. Another is a Bentley that he got through Ebay, bidding a paltry \$6,500 late one night, only to be awakened by early morning phone alerts informing him he had won.

If he had to sell all his cars but one, the last to go would be his 1959 Corvette whose architecture he feels exceeds the beauty and style of all his others and perhaps all others ever made.

Bobby sometimes puts his collection to use for fund-raising for favorite causes. Those who want to see all the cars can check them out while enjoying food and libations at a fund-raiser he holds each autumn to benefit the FIM and Sloan Museum. You will find Bobby diligently on hand to conduct a tour and answer your questions.



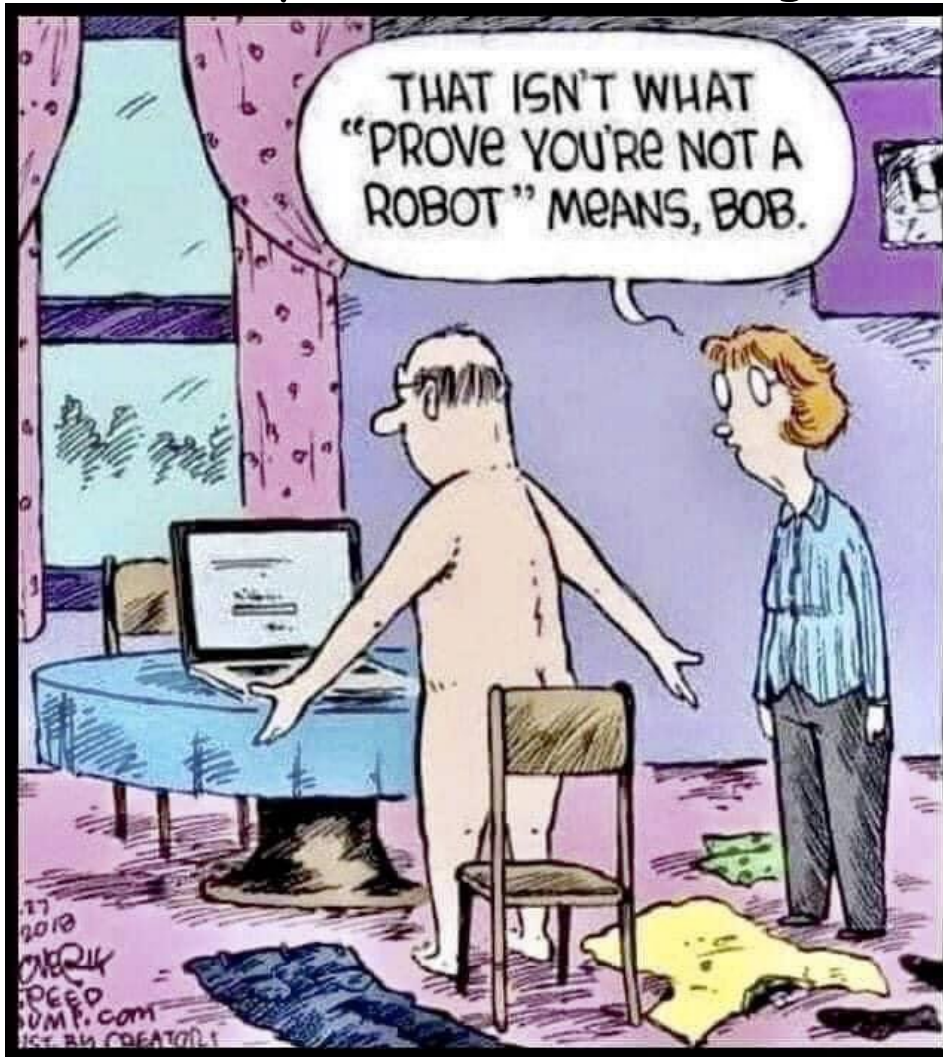
New Member SECOND READING

The following people have been proposed for membership in our club:

Robert Widigan, classification Government – City of Flint CFO, proposed by Elizabeth Jordan.

Robert Stith, classification Retail Sales, proposed by Elizabeth Jordan

In case you were wondering . . .



Where to make up:

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.

Coming Up –

03/17/23: TBA

03/24/23: TBA

03/31/23: NO NOON MEETING - 5th Friday

04/07/23: NO NOON MEETING - Good Friday Holiday



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?"

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