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: Kelly Caré, Applewood Horticulturist
Meet us on Zoom – the link is in the President’s weekly email.

Speaker Round-Up:

Our March 19 meeting started with a LOUD bell (rarely happens). Our speaker was District Governor Charles Sealy of District 7020, speaking on “Rotary in the Caribbean.”

He began focusing on new membership in North America and the Caribbean. Last year in their district, they lost 4,500 people, in a year that he described as, “and THAT was a GOOD year.” Their focus is not only new membership, but more-so, retention, or as he referred to it as “keep-and-get.”

One way they do this is by allowing every member an opportunity to moderate the Rotary meetings. This creates more engagement within the club. They are also focusing their relationships with outside organizations.

They have been inviting young professionals in an effort to gain membership across individuals at different stages of their career.

This also includes transforming the notion of the parent/child relationship that Rotary has with Rotaract, and transforming it into a “sibling” relationship.

He noted that there are 10 countries within their district, which created an interesting melting-pot of diversity and opportunity that is afforded to them.

Our guest last week, who also became our fill-in speaker while we were filling in time was Kelly Caré, Horticulturist from Applewood/Ruth Mott Foundation. We learned that grow lights can make your neighbors suspicious.

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 March 26, 2021
Looking back while looking forward to being together again:

Dick Schick had bladder surgery and is feeling good, but still needs time to recover.

Philippine WASH project delivers toilets, hygiene education to villages

In 1991, Mount Pinatubo erupted after 600 years of inactivity and destroyed homes and farms, displacing many indigenous Aeta living in the highlands of central Luzon, Philippines.

Since then, many have returned to their ancestral lands to rebuild and reestablish their communities. The roughly 43 families in Flora and 79 in nearby Kawayan make a living farming.

Like more than 10 million households in the Philippines, they lack sanitation facilities. The Philippines government has made progress in extending water to its 109 million inhabitants, but long-term plans to expand sanitation are running behind, especially in rural regions.

To combat these problems, the Rotary Club of Intramuros-Manila developed a water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) project that installed 25 toilets in the Aeta communities of Flora and Kawayan and three in Babo.

The project paid local teachers, hired by the government, a small stipend to lead three small workshops for clusters of two to three families, and include education on safe hygiene in their lesson plans to encourage behavior change.

To read the full story, visit https://www.rotary.org/en/philippine-wash-project-delivers-toilets-and-hygiene-education-villages
Katherine Saunders led us in song, Steven Low was our greeter. Elizabeth Cummins provided set-up and take-down. Katherine Saunders registered and introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. Providing the inspirational message was A special thanks goes out to Paul Vanston for providing musical accompaniment to our luncheon.

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

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