



Flint Rotary World

Charter No. 220 – *Rotary Club of Flint, Michigan* – Organized April 7, 1916
Rotary theme for 2018 - 19 – “Be the Inspiration”

Barry Rassin, Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, Rotary International President
Jim Schlatman of Hanover, Ontario, Governor, District 6330

Coming up: InterService Club Luncheon (Ticketed Event)
At First Presbyterian Church downtown

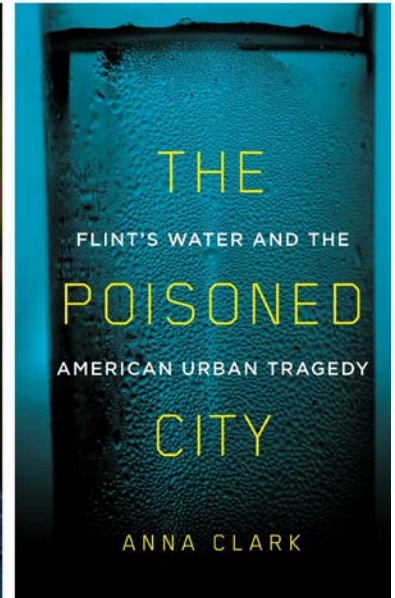
The Poisoned City: Flint's Water and the American Urban Tragedy

Anna Clark, author of *The Poisoned City: Flint's Water and the American Urban Tragedy*, spoke to the club Nov. 9 about her book and her experiences gathering information for it.

Clark, an investigative freelance reporter, said that, as in most cases, “context matters. Decisions were made over many years that contributed to the Flint Water Crisis.” That, and the aging infrastructure.

Her research went back into the 1960s when Flint experienced unprecedented growth, new housing development, industrial growth, a time when the city had a lot to be proud of including a strong middle class. At the same time it was also an exceptionally segregated city.

She explored the history of the Fair



Housing movement in Flint. As did much of the country at the time, Flint had systemic inequality strategies in place that prevented access to housing for people of color. In 1967 rioting broke out in many cities, Clark attributes Flint’s response to local rioting as the reason

VITAL STATISTICS

For the Nov. 9 meeting:

John Mott was our song leader and **Nick Godlesky** was our Greeter. The inspirational message was delivered by **Steven Low**. Registering and introducing our guests and visiting Rotarians was **Rob Bennett**. **Don Lada** provided set-up and take-down. Special thanks to **Paul Vanston** for his exemplary music.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2018-2019

- President – Mike Chaffee
- President-Elect – George Ananich
- Vice President – Jane O’Dell
- Vice President – Ray Gist
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- Director – Elizabeth Jordan
- Director – Nick Godlesky
- Past President – Gerald McCarty II
- Club Administrator – Amy van der Putte
- Treasurer – Rebecca Millsap

Keeping in Touch with Russ Sandberg

Hal Flynn reported that long time Rotarian Russ Sandberg has had to move out of state to live with his daughter. Russ, a young 101, is missing his Rotary connection. If you would like to send him a card you can reach him at:

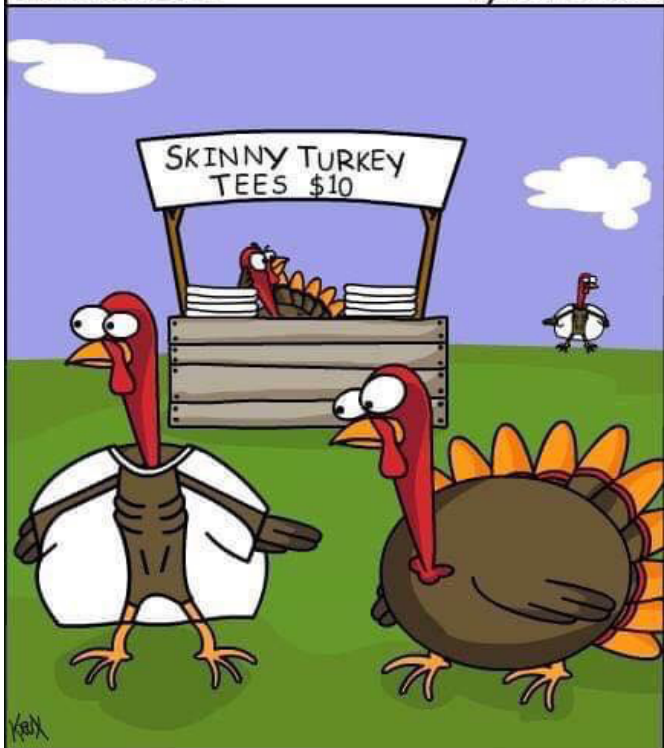
Russ Sandberg
8707 Heron Glade
Charlotte, NC 28269

Or by calling 704-947-6614 (This is his daughter's cell: 310-931-1580 – please identify yourself as a Flint Rotarian)

The slate of Board nominees for the 2019-2020 year is:

President – George Ananich
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CROOKSVILLE by Bill Crooks



Anna Clark continued:

The Flint riots ended quickly and were followed by peaceful protests such as the “sleep in” at City Hall. In 1968 Flint was the first city to pass a Fair Housing law by popular vote.

Unfortunately, by 1970 White Flight had begun, creating the situation of a shrinking city that is impacting us severely today. The question of how to manage an infrastructure that is larger than demand was a major contributing factor in the Flint Water Crisis.

“Neglect and systemic inequality plays out over a long period of time,” she said. Looking at the big picture, Clark said “we have to get this right,” meaning we must steward our natural resources better, especially water resources statewide.

She also spoke of redesigning our social structure to be more equitable, leading to better decisions for the future.

Clark and her publisher kindly provided complimentary copies of her book for everyone at the meeting, and she stayed after the meeting to sign books for those wishing a signed copy.

If you have questions for Clark, or did not get a chance to speak with her at the meeting, you can reach her at annaleighclark@gmail.com

REMINDER:

The Annual Economic Forum with UMF is Friday Dec. 14 at the Northbank Center.



Rotary Make-Ups:

10/24/18	Michael Dach	Palm Harbor, FL
10/26/18	Michael Dach	Trinity, FL
11/02/18	George Ananich	Genesee Valley Rotary 5K
11/02/18	Robert Bennett	Genesee Valley Rotary 5K
11/02/18	Michael Chaffee	Genesee Valley Rotary 5K
11/02/18	Victoria Schultz	Genesee Valley Rotary 5K
11/02/18	Beverly Walker-Griffea	Genesee Valley 5K Grand
11/07/18	Michael Lindemann	Flint Sunrise

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Guest	Company or Organization	Guest of
Heidi Kelly	Flint Institute of Music	Ann Marie Van Duyne
Fran Halliday	The Crim	Christina Ferris
Renee Sanders	AAA	Preston Means
Don McAvinchey	Family Therapy Center	Pat McAvinchey
Tyler Pousseau	Huntington Bank	Greg Viener
Janice Sova	Huntington Bank	Greg Viener
Harley Brown	Mott Community College	Dawn Hibbard
Christina Church		Mike Chaffee
Sadie Hughes		Michael Dach
Dick Ramsdell		Elizabeth Jordan
Meshan Nelson	Greater Flint Sunrise Rotary	Erin Shankie
Bruce Bradley	Greater Flint Sunrise Rotary	Erin Shankie
Olivia Van Duyne		Ann Marie Van Duyne
Marissa Pierce	Flint Institute of Arts	John Henry

Where to make up:

Monday	
Saginaw Valley	NOON
<i>Horizons Conference Center</i>	
Grand Blanc (1 st & 3 rd Monday)	NOON
<i>Aubree's Pizzeria and Grill</i>	
Tuesday	
Clio	7:30 AM
<i>Roger's Lodge</i>	
Durand	11:30 AM
<i>Durand Union Station</i>	
Fenton	7:15 AM
<i>Spring Meadows Country Club</i>	
Genesee Valley (Flint)	12:15 PM
<i>Redwood Lodge, Hill Rd.</i>	
Lapeer	12:10 PM
<i>Lapeer County Center Building</i>	
Wednesday	
Davisburg (1 st & 3 rd Thursday)	7:00 AM
<i>4H Fair Grounds Community Room</i>	
Greater Flint Sunrise	7:00 AM
<i>Academic Resource Center at Baker College</i>	
Owosso	12:15 PM
<i>Owosso Memorial Hosp. Annex</i>	
Saginaw	NOON
<i>Saginaw Club</i>	
Thursday	
Burton	12:15 PM
<i>IMA Brookwood Golf Club</i>	
Corunna	NOON
<i>Corunna Community Center</i>	
Flushing	7:00 AM
<i>Sorrento's Restaurant</i>	
Frankenmuth	12:10 PM
<i>Zehnder's Restaurant</i>	



Future Programs

11/23/18: **NO MEETING** (Thanksgiving Holiday) - Join us at White Horse!
 11/30/18: **NO MEETING** (5th Friday) - Join us at White Horse!
 12/07/18: **Holiday Program** - Flint Mastersingers, Interludes and Club Elections for the 2019-20 Rotary year!
 12/14/18: **Annual Economic Forum** - Meeting held at the Northbank Center
 12/21/18: **NO MEETING** (Christmas Holiday) - Join us at White Horse!
 12/28/18: **NO MEETING** (New Year's Holiday) - Join us at White Horse!

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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?"**