



# Flint Rotary World

Charter No. 220 – *Rotary Club of Flint, Michigan* – Organized April 7, 1916

*Rotary theme for 2020-2021 “Rotary Opens Opportunities”*

Holger Knaack from the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg--Mölln, Germany, Rotary International President  
David Elliot from the London, Ontario Rotary Club, Ontario, Governor, District 6330

**Coming up: General Election / Candidates – Paul Rozycki**  
**Meet us on Zoom – the link is in the President’s weekly email.**

## Speaker Round-Up – Oct 2 meeting:

Our speakers Oct. 2 were Leon AL-Amin and our own Elizabeth Jordan, talking about the Ruth Mott Foundation and the M.A.D.E. Institute.

Elizabeth explained how the Ruth Mott Foundation has a new strategy centered on north Flint neighborhoods, to help them create and sustain opportunities to contribute and thrive.

RFM always exclusively focused on Genesee County, said Elizabeth, but since 2015 it has focused even more specifically on north Flint, an area north of Flushing Rd/Fifth Ave/Longway. RMF started by asking neighborhoods about how RMF should focus their grant dollars. The priorities they discovered include:

- Youth – child care, employment opportunities and out of school activities
- Safety – lighting, community policing, blight
- Economic Opportunity – ex offender programs, jobs training, small business development,
- Neighborhoods – housing, neighborhood engagement & support, community centers and schools
- Community Health – clean water, behavioral health
- Arts

One of the programs the RMF supports is M.A.D.E.

The M.A.D.E. Institute supports returning citizens with job training, life skills, mentoring, health care, and transitional housing. Their mantra is “Money, Attitude, Direction, and Education.”

Leon and M.A.D.E. co-founder Tim met in prison. Upon release they recognized the challenges facing returning citizens and founded M.A.D.E. to help people be successful after prison.

M.A.D.E. transitional housing offers not only a safe place to live, but also mental health counseling, vocational training, life skills, access to health care. The organization remodeled two homes for the transitional housing program. Men in the program help with the remodeling and earn six certifications in construction trades. They also do urban farming and social enterprise as part of their emphasis on giving back to community. They are using solar energy in concert with their urban farm to provide job training and social development for participants.

So far they have graduated 45 vocational trainees, served 300 returning citizens, and housed more than 100 returning citizens. They work with probation officers, Catholic Charities and use social media, other partner organizations to contact individuals to get them into the MADE Institute. More info at [www.madeinstitute.org](http://www.madeinstitute.org)

## 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, Oct. 2, 2020.



## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2020-2021

- President – Ray Gist
- President-Elect – Kyle McCree
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- Vice President – Elizabeth Jordan
- Director – Ann Marie Van Duyne
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- Director – Ellen Brothers
- Director –
- Past President – George Ananich
- Club Administrator – Amy van der Putte
- Treasurer – Stu Kelly

## More Speaker Round-Up – Oct 9 meeting:

Our speaker Oct. 9 was Michael Kelly, who presented “Local Boys: Interesting Political Figures from Genesee County.”

Michael’s presentation covered historical political figures with a connection to Flint from the Civil War era to present day. Here are some of the many interesting facts from Michael’s presentation:

The Michigan Governor race of 1864 pitted two Flint men against one another when Republican Henry Crapo defeated Democrat William M. Fenton. Fenton was a state senator and former mayor of Flint who was responsible for bringing the Michigan School for the Deaf to our city. Crapo’s grandson was William Crapo Durant of automotive fame.

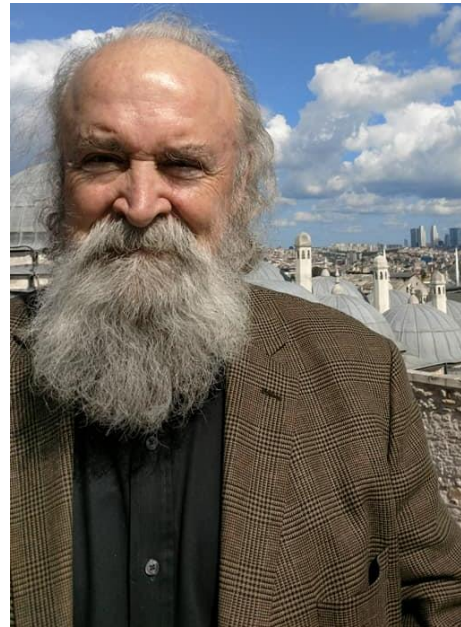
The Truman vs. Dewey presidential election of 1948 connected both candidates with Flint. Dewey is famously from nearby Owosso. Truman’s last campaign stop of the election was in Flint, where he addressed 35,000 people and gave a primetime radio address to the nation.

Four years later, the 1952 presidential election passed through Flint, leading to a Pulitzer prize winning photograph that inspired national campaign slogans. When Flint Journal photographer Bill Gallagher was covering a speech by Democrat Adlai Stevenson, Gallagher noticed a sizeable hole in the sole of Stevenson’s shoe. Gallagher’s photo of an unsuspecting Stevenson led to praise from Stevenson’s supporters as an everyman and jeers from the Eisenhower campaign.

The most important political figure to come from Genesee County was former US Senator Don Riegle. A long-term Democrat, Riegle began his political career as a Republican. Riegle had no intentions to enter politics, but an unlikely mentor, Richard Nixon, formed a connection with the young Riegle. His surprising 1966 victory over Democrat John Mackie in the Flint congressional district led to national attention.

Riegle was the most liberal voting Republican in his time in Congress, which eventually led to rifts with his party and President Nixon. When Riegle ran for the Senate in 1976, it was only natural to run as a Democrat.

Dale Kildee won the election for Riegle’s vacated seat in the US House of Representatives, leading to a political dynasty. Dale Kildee’s nephew Dan won the seat in 2012. Our club has enjoyed frequent appearances by Congressman Kildee.



**Michael Kelly**

## ODDS & ENDS

**Past president George** tried his hand at break out rooms on zoom – it appears no one was lost in the process! We declare success!

**Past President Mike Chaffee** announced the District 6330 membership webinar coming up November 8, 2020. Look out for the email to register for the event.





**YOU SHOULD BE ASKING YOURSELF, HOW CAN THIS NOT WORK? PEOPLE LOVE FREE STUFF**

I'm so happy fall is almost here, now we can stop trying to get that summer bikini body and concentrate on our fall sweater body.



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### Coming Up –

10/23/2020: Jerry Hill – a Discussion on Ethics  
 10/30/2020 5<sup>th</sup> Friday – no noon meeting – meet us for Zoom Happy Hour!

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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?"