



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
John Schlatman of Hanover, Ontario, Governor, District 6330

Coming up: Ruba Mafouz- UN Day: Understanding Islam as a World Religion
At the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan Hunger Solutions Center

5th Congressional District Candidate Forum



President Mike, Dan Kildee, Travis Wines, and Michael J. Thorp

The Rotary Club of Flint continued its tradition of inviting the major party candidates for Michigan’s 5th Congressional District to a forum on October 19. The two candidates present were Democrat and incumbent Dan Kildee and challenger Republican Travis Wines. The forum was moderated by Michael J. Thorp and organized by Rob Jewell.

Both candidates used their opening statements to advocate for a more respectful political climate, where people have honest policy disagreements but avoid demonizing “the other.” This respectful tone continued throughout the forum.

In fact, there were a significant number of questions where the candidates mostly agreed with one another. These areas of agreement included supporting the passage of Proposal 2, which would institute an independent redistricting body; maintaining funding for the Great Lakes environmental cleanup; keeping protections for pre-existing conditions; the legal potential for a president to obstruct justice; public debt; and abolishing so-called “dark money” from elections.

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VITAL STATISTICS

For the October 19 meeting:

Amy Krug was our song leader. **Don Lada** greeted us as we entered. The inspirational message was delivered by **Kyle McCree**. Registering and introducing our guests and visiting Rotarians was **Ellen Brothers**. **Don Lada** also provided set-up and take-down. Special thanks to **Paul Vanston** for his exemplary music.

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Where the candidates differed was in the details. Mr. Wines advocated the passage of Proposal 1, which would legalize recreational marijuana in the state. Mr. Kildee did not take a position on the ballot measure itself but pointed to challenges with Veterans Administration doctors not being able to prescribe medical marijuana due to the substance's status as a federal schedule 1 drug. He also identified the potential benefit of taking recreational marijuana out of the hands of illicit traffickers.

On college affordability, the candidates offered different strategies. Mr. Kildee identified state-level reductions in funding for public colleges as a key cause of the problem. He also pointed to the reduction in Pell grants and other forms of federal support as compounding the problem. Mr. Kildee views having an educated public as a benefit for society at large and advocated for more state funding and Pell grants to put college in reach of more people. Mr. Wines shared that he is currently going to college through the GI Bill, but that it still presents a headache and college is too costly overall.

The largest difference of opinion was regarding whether a candidate for president ought to be required to release their tax returns. Mr. Kildee favored such a law, pointing out that Congressional candidates were required to file financial disclosures that shared sources of income as well as debts, and a candidate for President should be held to at least as high a standard. Mr. Wines believed that tax information was personal and should not be made public.

Regarding global warming, Mr. Wines acknowledged that "anyone can see something is happening," yet added caveats. He stated that 100 years ago, people could find news articles talking about ice caps melting and that climate change is not happening at the scale of disaster that some would proclaim. Mr. Kildee, on the other hand, stated unequivocally that climate change was happening, that humans were affecting it, and it is a problem that we need to address. He added, "It would be morally bankrupt to say that we would only take action on what affects us in our own lifetime."

The candidates closed with each expressing their thanks to the other.

Health and Welfare

Hank Fracalossi has been undergoing a health treatment and is doing well. Please keep him in your thoughts.

World Polio Day

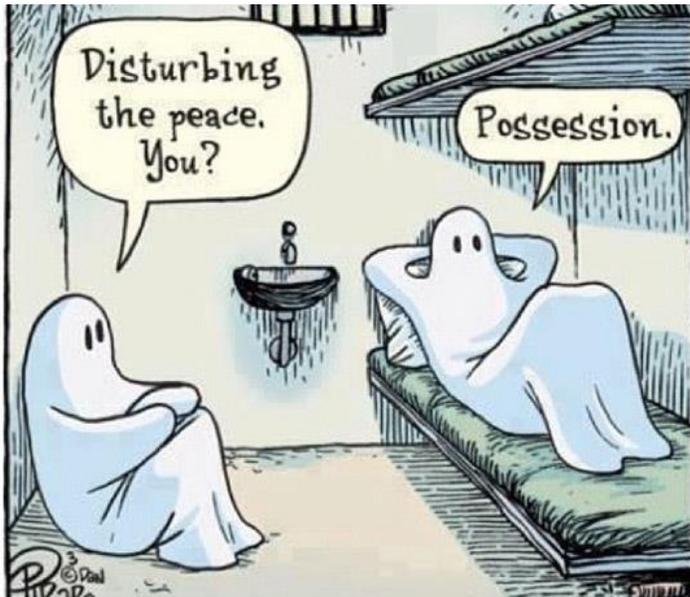
October 24 was World Polio Day. Please consider a gift to the Rotary International Foundation to help end polio in our lifetimes.



Although his Spartan cheer was not enough to bring victory to his team on Saturday, we were glad to have Doug Speck back with us.

ABCs TO INCREASING MEMBERSHIP

- A. Ask potential members to a Rotary meeting.
- B. Brief potential members on the club and its service to the community, explain expectations on attendance, involvement and finances.
- C. Contact Amy van der Putte for a member proposal form or download it from the website. "One does not join Rotary, one becomes a Rotarian."



Where to make up:

Monday	
Saginaw Valley	7:15 AM
<i>Saginaw Valley Heritage Center</i>	
Tuesday	
Clio	7:30 AM
<i>Roger's Lodge</i>	
Columbiaville	6:30 PM
<i>Rotary Building</i>	
Durand	11:30 AM
<i>Durand City Hall Basement</i>	
Fenton	7:15 AM
<i>Spring Meadows Country Club</i>	
Genesee Valley (Flint)	12:00 PM
<i>Redwood Lodge, Hill Rd.</i>	
Grand Blanc	12:00 PM
<i>Little Joe's</i>	
Lapeer	12:10 PM
<i>Lapeer County Center Building</i>	
Wednesday	
Davisburg (1 st & 3 rd Thursday) 7:00 PM	
<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	12:00 PM
<i>Saginaw Club</i>	
Thursday	
Burton	12:10 PM
<i>IMA Brookwood Golf Club</i>	
Corunna	12:00 PM
<i>Pleasant Valley</i>	
Flushing	7:00 AM
<i>Sorrento's Restaurant</i>	
Frankenmuth	12:10 PM
<i>Zehnder's Restaurant</i>	



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?"**

Future Programs

11/2/18- The Poisoned City: Flint's Water and the American Urban Tragedy- Anna Clark, Journalist and Author

11/16/18- **NO ROTARY MEETING**- Inter-Service Club Luncheon- Tickets Required

11/23/18- **NO ROTARY MEETING**- Thanksgiving holiday. Alternate location at the White Horse

11/30/18- **NO ROTARY MEETING**- 5th Friday. Alternate location at the White Horse

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