



Flint Rotary World

Charter No. 220 – **Rotary Club of Flint, Michigan** – Organized April 7, 1916
Rotary theme for 2021-2022 “*Serve to Change Lives*”

Shekhar Mehta, from the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, India, Rotary International President
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No regular meeting this week due to Fifth Friday – stay tuned for info about the in-person happy hour – check your email from President Kyle!

Speaker Round-Up October:

Michael J. Thorp spoke to us in October about his new book “Michiganians You Should Know.” He explained the title of his book by addressing the long-simmering debate between calling inhabitants of our state “Michiganians” or “Michiganders.” While both terms have been used, he noted that “Michigander” was intended initially as a put-down. For that reason, he went with the term “Michiganian” for his title.

Michael began by explaining how he sees names and wonders about the people’s stories. He said he would collect stories and throw them in a box. Then two years ago, he decided to start writing this book. Some of the stories of people in this book included: Mr. Lloyd Copeman, with the street named after him, was an inventor of many things including the first electric stove. He knew Edison, Ford, C.S. Mott and J.D. Dort. Linda Ronstadt is his granddaughter. Frank Murphy is a former Michigan governor, U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Detroit Mayor, U.S. Attorney General and the last Governor of the

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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. Our hybrid meetings kick off another chapter in our club’s rich history.

Please remember that if you are feeling sick, believe you may have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 or you suspect you may have symptoms of the virus, please seek medical care and do not attend the meeting in person.

Whether you are attending in person or via zoom, please be patient and understanding as we launch our new hybrid meetings. If attending in person, remember that we are getting our food first prior to sitting down. Also, we need to be mindful of the Food Bank’s safety protocols, including requiring that we wear masks when not eating or drinking.

**MEET YOU IN PERSON
OR ON ZOOM!**



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Oct. Speaker Paul Rozycki

Paul Rozycki , MCC retired Political Science professor and political prognosticator, gave us his usual spot on views of the political scene from a non-partisan perspective. Starting with a historical look on how the right to vote evolved from only white male property owners in the early 1800's to the Voting Rights Act of 1964. The Act was a dramatic change eliminating roadblocks to black voters and also made for more black candidates running for public office.

Paul detailed other milestones including the women's right to vote law passed in 1920 and then the voter age lowered to 18 in 1972. Regarding voter turnout figures Paul stated a usual national turnout percentage of 55% in a presidential election was surpassed in 2020 to almost 75%. Decisive issues on both sides led to a larger turnout. Also in Michigan the 2018 Right to Vote Act allowing same day voter registration , registration at secretary of State offices and option of providing absentee ballots to all citizens helped raise the turnout.

Commenting on absentee balloting Paul stated in may be more convenient for seniors using a paper ballot and allows the voters to be better informed as they can educate themselves on the candidates and issues before voting. It also makes the job easier for the poll workers by not working late into the night and sometimes the next morning. On a side note, other states have used absentee balloting successfully including Oregon which has used absentee balloting for 10 years.

In the past absentee voting favored the Republican party however; in 2020 that did not hold true. Some roadblocks to voting may have actually resulted in a larger turnout in 2020. The 2020 presidential election was the most contested but results were verified with only a few voting mistakes. Paul felt the real issue was the loss in confidence of voting process due mainly to all the discussion which still continues to this day.

The Michigan legislature is holding discussion now on voting rules.

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Philippines. The Frank Murphy Justice Hall of Fame is named after him.

Clara Ward was born in Detroit to wealthy parents. At a young age, she married Prince of Caraman-Chimay of Belgium and became known as Clara, Princess of Chimay. She divorced the Prince after having two children and married a Hungarian Gypsy violinist.

Lewis Cass was born in New Hampshire and came to Michigan when President Madison appointed him as Governor of the Michigan Territory as a reward for his service during the War of 1812. He later held various federal positions. The Lewis Cass state office building in Lansing was originally named after him.

Daisy Elliott was a politician and realtor, born in West Virginia but residing in Michigan. She was a member of the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Constitutional Convention. She was an active member of NAACP.

Admiral Thomas Hart from Davison is the only four star admiral from Michigan, serving from the Spanish-American War through World War II.

Dr. Arthur Tuuri was brought to Flint by Mr. Mott to work at the Mott Children's Health Center. He later worked with Mr. Mott to start the Mott Children's Hospital. He went on to help start more hospitals. A Flint school and a Hurley pediatric wing are named for Dr. Tuuri.

Annie Edson Taylor was a 63-year-old dance and elocution teacher living in Bay City who, in 1901 went to Niagara Falls in an effort to raise money for her retirement. She sent a cat over the barrel as a test run and decided to try it herself once the cat survived. She was the first person to do it and live. While the stunt did raise money for her retirement, unfortunately it was taken by her manager.

There are many more engaging stories worth reading.

A Little Levity



Another Oct. Speaker

Andy Younger of the Flint & Genesee Group spoke to us this month as well. He outlined the organization's re-organization and focus. The Flint & Genesee Group is the overarching parent organization for the following organizations:

- o Flint & Genesee Chamber – supporting the existing businesses in Flint and Genesee
- o Flint & Genesee Economic Alliance – recruiting new businesses to come to Flint and Genesee County
- o Flint & Genesee Education and Talent – focuses on developing leaders and talent for tomorrow
- o Explore Flint & Genesee – Convention and visitors bureau

Their new focus is Forward Together: A Shared Vision for Economic Prosperity.

Coming Up –

10/29/21: **NO NOON MEETING** - 5th Friday - Join us for an in-person 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?"