Coming up: 10/04/13: Marjory Raymer, Editor - MLive

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Stephen Wisniewski, Ph.D.
Michigan’s educational technology program

Stephen Wisniewski was Friday’s guest speaker. Stephen, a Flushing native who now lives in Flint, returned to the Rotary club to provide an update on his doctoral dissertation, ““Dirty Factory Town” or “A Good City?” Image, Identity and the Cultural Politics of Rust Belt Urban Revitalization”.

Stephen received his doctorate degree in American Culture from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He has also attended MSU, MCC, and Flushing High School. Not only has he been working on his academic career, Stephen is also a musician and recording artist with a folk, folk/rock band. He has been playing music for over 20 years.

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VITAL STATISTICS

For the September 27th meeting:
Gerald McCarty was our greeter.
Jane O’Dell provided the opening inspirational message, Jerry Knooodle provided setup and take down, Jerry Preston introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Dick Ebbott led us in song. Thanks, also, to Rotarian Paul Vanston for his piano artistry that adds so much to our lunchtime fellowship.

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The thesis is over 300 pages so condensing it down to a 30 minute presentation was challenging. It was based on his analysis of Rust Belt city revitalization projects, Harborplace in Baltimore, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, and Autoworld in Flint. His study tried to understand why the “Rust Belt” carried such a negative connotation. It also considered how and why these perceptions generated.

Stephen discussed how many of these cities are trying to change the image that other parts of the country have of them. He also discussed how some things become common sense when an idea or perception becomes generally accepted, such as Autoworld failed because it was located in Flint.

Profoundly affected by his dissertation, Stephen plans to stay in an academic and public speaking role.

Future Meetings

10/11/13: Sheila Zorn, Director of Donor Relations – Flint Institute of Music – How the FIM, FSO & Youth Theater Programs are a Big Part of Our Community
10/18/13: Natalie Pruett & Kyle McCree – Group Study Exchange Trip to Korea
10/25/13: A Panel Presentation – “Are the Flint City Council Elections a Waste of Time?”
11/01/13: Amy McMillan, Director – Genesee County Parks
11/08/13: Kristina Leonardi, Strategy Director – Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency
11/15/13: Dr. Laurie K. McCauley, Dean – University of Michigan School of Dentistry
11/22/13: No Regular Meeting – Inter-Service Club Meeting
11/29/13: NO MEETING – Thanksgiving Holiday
12/13/13: Economic Forum – Meeting Held at the Northbank Center
12/27/13: NO MEETING – Christmas Holiday
2013 Inter-Club Golf Challenge

Rotary Inter-Club Golf Challenge organizer Steve Jadwin reported that the golf outing was another huge success. Steve said that the weather was beautiful and that there was a nice field of golfers. It was a terrific outing and the staff of the Atlas CC were very accommodating.

Steve wanted to give out special thanks to his Golf Committee for another fine job. Those members include Gerry McCarty, Jerry Knoodle, and Curt Collier. Thanks goes out to Lindsey Younger who helped at the registration table and Reg Lancaster who created the tri-fold flyer to advertise the event. Special thanks goes out to Dan Crannie who donated the sponsorship signs.

Steve said they raised over $4,000 and everyone had a great time. He said they are looking forward to doing it again next year.

Be sure to thank Steve and his committee for a job well done.

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Statistics

Closest to the pin
- Women: Joy Martinbianco
- Men: Jim Angle

Longest Drive
- Women: Joy Martinbianco
- Men: Mark Eneix

1st Place – Mixed Division
- Team Baker College – Score 61
  - Gerald McCarty
  - John Joseph
  - Tom Pokra
  - Joy Martinbianco

1st Place – Regular Division
- Team Fenton Rotary – Score 58
  - David Dixner
  - Chad Brennan
  - Steve Bliss
  - Tom Bertschy
The Rotary Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

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