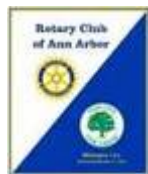


## Harpoon for the Meeting of July 22, 2009 (No meeting on July 15)

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### *July Begins the New Rotary Year on the Rotary Calendar*

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**July 22 – Luncheon Meeting: Sian Owen-Cruise, Director, Washtenaw Success by 6**, speaks on "Promoting Successful Parenting and Childcare, with Rotary's Help!"

**September 14: Golf and Tennis Outing:** Contact Claire Foley [claire@fiscalfit.com](mailto:claire@fiscalfit.com) and

#### **Notes from the Meeting of July 8**



Our club's Distinguished Service Award and Paul Harris Fellow went to another deserving Rotarian. With Al Burdi doing the introduction and Ingrid Deininger providing the background information, Elizabeth Pollard (Libby) Hines was called to the podium. Her court has provided outstanding leadership in domestic violence cases, and Her Honor was most deserving of the club's award. Congratulations, Libby! Note: The complete text of Ingrid's remarks can be found at the end of this newsletter.

President Lou reminded us of the little handout, “What’s Rotary?” and how we should get used to referring to it.

At upcoming meetings, we’ll have a brief segment informing members of ongoing service and humanitarian projects, President Lou promised. President Lou introduced The Enforcer – a not-so-subtle hint that a Speaker watch the time.

### **Program Notes from the Meeting of July 8**



Jan Barney Newman introduced Belinda Dulin, executive director of the Dispute Resolution Center, speaking on “Barking Dogs to Estate Disputes... Community-Based Mediation in Ann Arbor.” The DRC, a nonprofit in existence since 1993, serves Washtenaw and Livingston Counties. Belinda said 1,100 people received services last year, with a 25 percent increase expected for this year. The Center claims a 70 percent success rate in resolving disputes which involve professionally trained mediators. Belinda said her group works with probate court, public housing groups and youth groups in an effort to handle problems constructively. Mediation is helpful, she said, because “often people with the least

resources make the worst decisions. We make sure services are available to those most in need” while fostering communication, development of options, evaluation of those options and a spirit of inclusiveness. Mediation is private and confidential, allowing for face-saving by all parties. Mediation, Belinda said, “empowers, it teaches how to take ownership of a problem and to negotiate in good faith.” Belinda also mentioned her group’s collaboration with 14<sup>th</sup> District Court.

*Notes prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor; Photos by Fred Beutler*

**Thought for the Day:** “Let us keep our hearts strong, enthusiasm fresh, hope high. As long as we keep imbued with this spirit, Rotary can never die”. *Rotarian*, August 1926

**Meeting Statistics:** Attendance at the meeting of July 8 included 122 members. We had nine guests and two visiting Rotarians (Laurie Baumer of Lansing and Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson). Five members attended the Golf Committee meeting before lunch and six members of the Endowment Investment Committee met earlier in the day.

### **Other Notes of Interest**

**2008-2009 Community Allocation Awards** (from Heidi Grix, Committee Chair): Here are grantees from this year, along with the contact name and a synopsis of how the money will be used.

Washtenaw Children's Dental Clinic (Ms. Tammy Kraeger, Director) Provision of dental care to children whose families do not have dental care and do not qualify for Medicaid.

Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad (Ms. Linda Zummer, Director) Allowing for a potential 2000 students to participate in science Olympiad from the Ann Arbor area.

Packard Health (Ms. Kimberly Kratz, Exec. Director) Providing medical care for 40 children who are uninsured or underinsured

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra (Mary Steffek Blaske, Exec. Director) Funding concerts for twelve, thirty minute concerts for area toddlers, reaching more than 3000 children.

Leslie Science & Nature Center (Ms. Susan Hutton, Develop. Director) Providing ten to twenty children to experience camp at Leslie Science Center.

Washtenaw Camp Placement Association (Ms. Jeanette Okuley, Exec. Director) Providing opportunity for underprivileged children to attend summer camp.

The Corner Health Center (Ms. Julie Seagraves, Development Director) Providing support to new teen mothers, allowing and encouraging bonding through a number of methods.

Great Sauk Trail Council, BSA (Mr. Joseph Toro) Providing the opportunity for boys to attend camp this summer who would otherwise be unable to participate.

Family Learning Institute (Ms. Amy Rolfes, Executive Director) Providing math support to students during the summer months.

Washtenaw CASA (Ms. Donna Huntsman, Executive Director) Ensuring that children have voices in court through court appointed special advocates.

Food Gatherers (Ms. Kara Bloom, Development Officer) Providing food to low income students through the summer nutrition program, allowing for continuation of care through summer months, after school year programs end.

Summer Camp Scholarships, Inc. (Ms. Marilyn Ratliff, Executive Director) Will send between five and six children to camp this summer.

Washtenaw County Chap., Amer. Red Cross (Ms. Heidi Grix, Director of Financial Development) Support of chapter youth services program, teaching leadership and volunteer skills to community middle and high school students.

The Salvation Army (Major Dianna Williams, Ann Arbor Corps Officer) Providing summer camp experiences to area youth who would otherwise be unable to take part.

The Wellness Community of Southeast Michigan (Ms. Barbara Hiltz, Executive Director) Support for kids who have a parent with cancer, through education and support.

Community Action Network (Ms. Joan Doughty, Executive Director) Providing research based "Fast Math" program to more than 65 Ann Arbor students from low income families, grades 2 and up.

Child Care Network/Washtenaw regional 4C (Ms. Lori Bush, Director – Family Support) Providing emergency child care to families in crisis situations.

C.O.P.E. (Mr. Robert Coller, Executive Director) Providing comprehensive alternative / remedial education and substance abuse/violence prevention program for youth at risk, age 10 to 18.

**Rwanda Aids Van Project:** Rwanda!! The word raises the image of genocide. Africa!! The word raises the specter of AIDS. These scourges have created over 600,000 orphans in this country of a little over ten million people in central Africa. Many of these orphan children have banded together in self help organizations that replace the role of parents, and which are supported by external sponsors. In late 2006, a member of the sponsor group CHABHA (Children Affected by HIV AIDS) addressed the Ann Arbor Rotary Club to describe their hands-on work with four of the self help groups/programs in and around Kigali that support about 2800 orphans.

These four groups, supported by CHABHA - USA provide assistance in a number of areas – Health (health cards, mosquito netting, HIV testing), Education (school materials, fees and uniforms, internships, apprenticeships and teacher recruiting), Food, Micro Projects (budgeting, marketing, work ethics), and finally Emotional Support (social groups, home visits and supporting a leadership structure). Follow up with CHABHA revealed that the self help groups would benefit greatly if they had a transport vehicle to facilitate activities such as food delivery, medical emergencies, and gathering orphans for support events.

The Ann Arbor Rotary International Humanitarian Projects Committee partnered with the Rotary Club of Kigali Mont Jali to develop a Matching Grant Project to purchase a suitable vehicle. A



Matching Grant Application for the \$18,585 project (AARC contribution \$8,955) was submitted to the Rotary International

Foundation and subsequently approved in December of 2007. Furthermore, CHABHA--USA has pledged to support operating and repair expenses for the vehicle. In April of 2008, the van was purchased and donated to CHABHA--Rwanda

Local members involved with this project are Len Stenger (lead), Jim Martin and Mary Barnett.

**Missed a Meeting?** Listen to the Podcast at <http://www.annarborrotary.org/podcasts>.

**Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Maurita Holland (Manistique on July 6), Frode Maaseidvaag (Hart on June 24) and Mark Ouimet (Saline on July 2 and Chelsea on July 7). Maurita also reported that she was the speaker at the Manistique Club. Her topic was, "Michigan Matters: Virtual, Interactive Texts in the K-12 Classroom."

**Birthdays:** **July 12** – Bruce Benz; **July 14** – Fran Brennan; **July 15** – John Laird, Bob Johnson; **July 16** – Ray Detter, Dan Romanchik; **July 17** – Joanne Pierson; **July 18** – Loren Rullman

**Distinguished Service Award to Libby Hines:** Here is the complete text of Ingrid Deininger's remark in the presentation of the award.

I am indeed honored and feel privileged to tell you about one of our very special Rotarians. Her daughter shared with me her favorite song she sang to her as a child. It goes like this:

They roamed the lanes together, the sky was studded with stars  
They reached the barnyard gate together, He lifted for her the bar,  
The raised her brown eyes to him, There's nothing between them  
Now, For he was just a hired hand. And she is a Jersey cow.

It is our Elizabeth Pollard Hines who received a BA with honor from the U of M and a JD from the U of M Law School in 1977. Before being elected to the bench, Judge Hines was an assistant prosecutor for Washtenaw County – she handled many cases including crimes against children and child protection. From 1991 until 2004 she served on the Governors Task Force on Children's Justice.

For the past 16 years she has been a district Court Judge in Ann Arbor, handling primarily criminal cases Judge Hines has been recognized locally and nationally for her leadership in the area of Problem solving Courts. In addition to her regular criminal caseload, she presides over a specialized Domestic Violence docket and a "Homeless Court".

The US Dept. of Justice, office of violence against women selected her and the other District Courts in Washtenaw County as one of three courts in the country (along with Boston and Milwaukee) to see what works best in cases of domestic violence.

She helped and created and launch the Street Outreach Court working with the homeless individuals and families. In 2007, she was appointed to the Executive Committee of the American Judges Association and serves as Chair to promote fairness in the courts. When former Pres. Bush announced the Domestic Violence Initiative he invited Libby to the White House.

It is indeed wonderful to find out what such an amazing individual has done and is – so you ask the family members: and here is part of it:

Her husband Rusty said: she is an excellent cook – makes the best butterscotch cookies, loves Michigan hockey games, He recalls the Alaska tour when she announced the sight of a sea otters and all came to see them – only to find out that these were wooden logs. She is a real trouper and not afraid to try new things.

Her twin sister Kathy writes: Unable to come today, please read the following:

Her big sister Margaret wrote: I bask in the glow of all the awards Libby has received and she recalled when she was honored by the Mississippi State University.

Libby is a fine cellist while an undergrad here at the U she was member of the U of M Symphony Orchestra – Libby and Margaret's Husband Carl form a rather professional cello section around Christmas time when they sing carols together. He has been of great support to her family.

Her Niece Kathy: wrote she is terrific aunt she is part of my life, my kids think she is totally awesome and love the way she decorates her house, especially for Halloween when they can step on the talking mat.

Margie – her daughter is in law school, At Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. – She wrote: I have a Super Mom and I am the luckiest kid in the entire world. – I only hope that I will turn out half the person she is. She recalled when she wanted to see Bob Barker and go on the Price is right. After Bob Parker announced his retirement my mom agreed to plan a trip to LA with me to see one of his last shows. Even though we had tickets, they give away more tickets than there are seats, so we had to camp out overnight. Even though I was 24 at the time my mom let me leave in the middle of the night, go back to the hotel and get some sleep, and she stayed up all night out in the cold,(yes, LA gets cold at night!) saving our spot in line. Next, when we get up in line to be interviewed by the producer he spends a lot of time questioning my mom apparently he was intrigued that she was a judge. After this we thought for sure she was going to get called to “come on down”, another one of her ideas if a terrible time. Long story short, although they didn’t call her name (thankfully for her) she still risked getting called onto a game show, all because she knew it meant a lot to me.

Here at the Rotary Club she is very active in the Rotaract Club and Ed Wier described her as always contributing with sound advice, being very helpful and participating as much as she can – such in picnics and other events. She is much appreciated by all. And a blessing indeed to many. She is so special that her secretary, Patti, has been with her for 16 years!

**Links of Interest:** Below is a list of links to various websites that will be of interest to Rotarians.



**Rotary International:** <http://rotary.org/>. The RI home page has links to About Rotary, The Rotary Foundation, Club Locator and Member Access.

**Zone 28:** <http://www.zones27-28.org/> the zone level is between RI and the district. We are part of a zone with 15 districts covering the lower peninsula of Michigan, the upper parts of Indiana and Ohio and even a bit of Pennsylvania and New York.

**District 6380:** <http://rotary6380.org/>. This is the website for our district. District 6380 covers a total of 53 clubs in the counties of Washtenaw, Livingston, Oakland and Macomb in Michigan and Kent in Ontario. The district’s monthly newsletter and other individual articles of district-wide interest are posted here.

**Rotary Club of Ann Arbor:** <http://annarborrotary.org/>. This is our Club’s website with background material and current information including the current Annual Report, Strategic Plan, New Member Nomination Form, Committee Descriptions, Club and Golf Outing brochures, synopses of upcoming programs and an archive of current and past Harpoons. Find our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=57896502278&ref=ts> Also; find our meeting podcasts at <http://www.annarborrotary.org/podcasts>

Our club also sponsors the following Rotaract and Interact Clubs:

**U-M Rotaract Club:** <http://uofmrotaract.wordpress.com/>

**Huron High Interact Club:** <http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/huron.interact/home>

**Pioneer High Interact Club:** <http://www.pioneerinteract.blogspot.com/>

*“The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands”*

*p.s. Remember: No meeting on July 15. Enjoy the Art Fairs!*