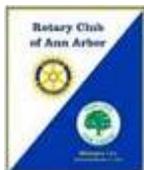
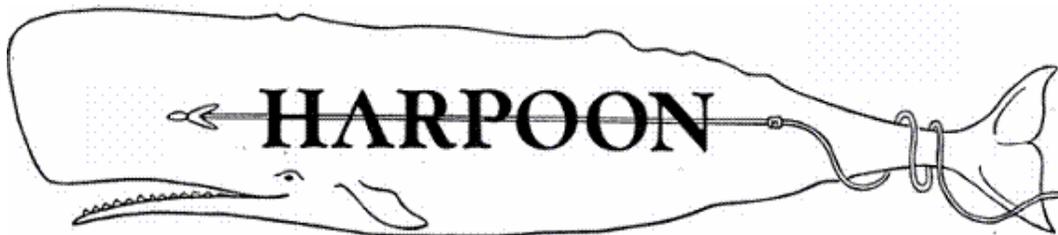


Harpoon for the Meeting of September 2, 2009

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September is New Generations Month on the Rotary Calendar

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Program for September 2, 2009

Speaker: Ingrid Ault, Executive Director, Think Local First

Topic: Think Local First . . . and Watch Out for "Local Washing"

Think Local First was formed in 2004 to advocate for small, independently owned businesses about their importance in keeping our community a unique, vibrant, interesting place to live and visit. Ingrid Ault will discuss its mission, goals and strategies, with a focus on combating large companies' marketing efforts to co-opt the term "local."

Introducer: Bob Dascola

Song Leader: Steve Pierce

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

September 9 - Luncheon Meeting: Arie Lipsky, Music Director, Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra speaks about "Orchestrating Leadership in the World of Music"

Committee Meetings: International Humanitarian Projects – Len Stenger, l.stenger@sbcglobal.net

September 14: Golf and Tennis Outing: Don't miss your opportunity to join fellow Rotarians and their guests for a fabulous day of golf and tennis at Travis Pointe Country Club. The games will be followed by a social hour and dinner. There will be a silent auction with many wonderful items -- it's a great chance to find a bargain! To top it off, we'll all enjoy our featured speaker - Art Holst. This year's event offers something for everyone - won't you join us? See your Golf/Tennis committee member for more information. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for the event, contact Claire Foley at claire@fiscalfit.net.

September 16: No Meeting

Notes from the Meeting of August 26

Omari Rush's Invocation recited Robert Frost's *The Road Not Taken...* "and I, I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference."

September 14 is our Golf and Tennis Outing, a great chance to join fellow Rotarians and guests for a fabulous day of golf and tennis at Travis Pointe Country Club. Golf and Tennis will be followed by a social hour and dinner with a silent auction. A high point will be our featured speaker, Art Holst. Regardless of whether you golf or play tennis, this year's event offers something for everyone. See any Golf and Tennis Outing committee member for more information. Claire Foley at claire@fiscalfit.net needs more volunteers to make the day a success. This event is our Club's major fund-raising project. Please support it.

Starting at our Sept 2nd meeting, meal prices at the Union will increase \$0.50 for each option. Bring quarters.

Parking will be difficult for the September 2nd meeting because of Move-In Week at the University.

Susan Smith-Gray gave us a brief preview of social events being planned.

*Our Family Picnic is August 30; please contact Susan for details.

*The Kelsey Museum opening will be celebrated with a special tour followed by a gathering at Barbara Bryant's home, Friday, Nov 13th.

*"Wine, Women, and Song" will again be performed on January 23, 2010.

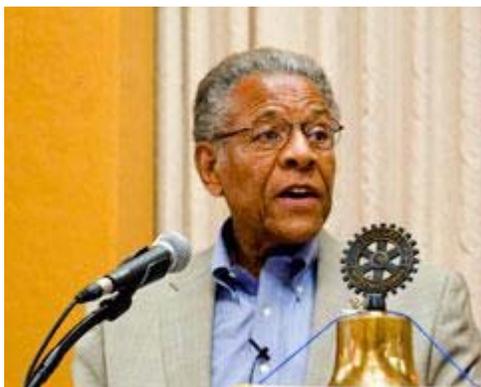
*The Spring Fling will be held at the newly opened Museum of Art.

Program Notes from the Meeting of August 26

Past President Al Burdi introduced our speaker, President Lou, who spoke on "How I Became Rotarized," reporting on the International Convention and Large Club Conference.

The 100th International Conference in Birmingham, England included 19,000 Rotarians from 200 countries. Lou took us on a tour of the Conference with photos taken by his wife, Janet and thanks to Fred Beutler for the PowerPoint graphics.

President Lou pointed to several highlights of the meeting including the Ceremony of the Flags where a flag from each country represented at the Convention was placed at the front of the auditorium. The UN Secretary General applauded Rotary International's eradication of polio; worldwide, clubs have thus far contributed \$90M toward the \$250M match by the Bill Gates Foundation.



President Lou met with Sid Lammer, incoming president of the richest club in the U.S., the Traverse City Club, which has a \$30M endowment (because a member donated a useless tract of land in his will to the club which just happened to sit on a natural gas field). Lou described the Rotary Fellowship program, groups of Rotarians who share common interests. These groups must involve at least three countries. Amateur radio, flying, golf, and wine appreciation are a few examples of groups. At the conclusion of the conference, John King

(Scotland), the incoming RI president, announced that the 2010 convention will be in Montreal.

The Large Club Conference in Oklahoma City included presidents-elect and administrators from 67 large clubs. The largest U.S. club is Seattle's with 684 members; ours is the 49th largest in the world. Over the last 4 years, although average Club membership worldwide has declined by 3%, ours has increased by 14%.

Here are some averages from the large club survey with the numbers for our Club in parenthesis. Average age of members - 57.3 years (63), budget/member - \$925 (\$250), dues without meals - \$445 (\$245), initiation fees - \$335 (\$40), staff salaries - \$52K (\$23K, part-time), cost of communications - \$10K (\$0), club projects - \$119K (\$146K), support of RI - 36K (\$37K). These data show that we have an extremely cost effective and well-managed club.

President Lou concluded with his personal goal for this year which is that EVERY ONE of our 316 Club members become active in some part of our many, varied activities and service projects! *Notes by Bob Buchanan; Photograph by Fred Beutler*

Other Notes of Interest

Meeting Statistics: Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of August 26 included 112 members. We also had three guests and five visiting Rotarians (Steve Feinman of Dexter, John Hansen of Dexter, Byron Hestevold of Marathon FL, Sue Moore of Vicksburg (Janet Callaway's cousin) and Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson). Just before lunch, a total of ten members participated in meetings of the Golf Outing, Rotaract and RYLA Committees.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Ed Hood (Frankfort on July 28, August 5 and August 19), Mark Ouimet (Dexter on August 20), John Rasmussen (Frankfort on July 18), Agnes Reading (Colorado Springs CO on August 14) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME on August 4).

Monthly Membership Report to the District: The club started the month with 309 members. After the induction of our eight new members and the resignations of Jill Arnold and Steven Thoms, we finished the month of August with 315 members (not counting our four honoraries). Average attendance for the four meetings during the month was 43%.

2009-2010 District Directories are here: Ingrid Sheldon, our Assistant District Governor, returned from a meeting last Saturday with a supply of directories. If you are a club officer, director, committee chair or anyone else who may have a need for such a handy guide to district activities and personnel, see Downs Herold, Dave Williams or John White for a personal copy.

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

Birthdays: Aug.30—Margie McKinley; **Sept. 2—Bev Seiford, Tony Nam;** Sept. 3—Robbie O'Brien; Sept. 5—Bob Pratt, Cheryl Elliott

From the IRS: Ten Tips for Taxpayers Making Charitable Donations (submitted by Rotarian Bob Mull who is also a member of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel operated by the IRS)

Every year, millions of taxpayers itemize their deductions on their federal tax return. One of the most common itemized deductions is a donation made to a charitable organization.

Here are the top ten things the IRS wants every taxpayer to know before deducting charitable donations.

1. Charitable contributions must be made to qualified organizations to be deductible. You can ask any organization whether it is a qualified organization and most will be able to tell you. You can also check IRS Publication 78, which lists most qualified organizations. IRS Publication 78 is available at IRS.gov.
2. Charitable contributions are deductible only if you itemize deductions using Form 1040, Schedule A.

3. You generally can deduct your cash contributions and the fair market value of most property you donate to a qualified organization. Special rules apply to several types of donated property, including clothing or household items, cars and boats.
4. If your contribution entitles you to receive merchandise, goods, or services in return – such as admission to a charity banquet or sporting event – you can deduct only the amount that exceeds the fair market value of the benefit received.
5. Be sure to keep good records of any contribution you make, regardless of the amount. For any contribution made in cash, you must maintain a record of the contribution such as a bank record – including a cancelled check or a bank or credit card statement – a written record from the charity containing the date and amount of the contribution and the donor’s name, or a payroll deduction record.
6. Only contributions actually made during the tax year are deductible. For example, if you pledged \$500 in September but paid the charity only \$200 by Dec. 31, your deduction would be \$200.
7. Include credit card charges and payments by check in the year they are given to the charity, even though you may not pay the credit card bill or have your bank account debited until the next year.
8. For any contribution of \$250 or more, you must have written acknowledgment from the organization to substantiate your donation. This written proof must include the amount of cash and a description of any property you contributed, and whether the organization provided any goods or services in exchange for the gift.
9. To deduct charitable contributions of items valued at \$500 or more you must complete a Form 8283, Noncash Charitable Contributions, and attached the form to your return.
10. An appraisal generally must be obtained if you claim a deduction for a contribution of noncash property worth more than \$5,000. In that case, you must also fill out Section B of Form 8283 and attach the form to your return.

For more information see IRS Publication 526, Charitable Contributions, and for information on determining value, refer to Publication 561, Determining the Value of Donated Property. These publications are available on the IRS Web site, IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Links:

[Form 8283](#), Noncash Charitable Contributions and **[Publication 526](#), Charitable Contributions**



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 29: www.zones28-29.org. Our club is in Zone 29. The zone has 17 districts and covers portions of Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ontario.

District 6380: <http://rotary6380.org/>. This is the website for our district which includes 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/>

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