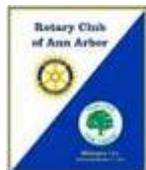


Harpoon for the Meeting of November 11, 2009

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November is Rotary Foundation Month on the Rotary Calendar

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In the Ballroom

Speakers: Proud Sponsors of another Group of New Members

Topic: Induction of Newest Ann Arbor Rotarians – the Class of November 2009

We'll celebrate Veterans' Day with appropriate recognition of Club members who are service veterans . . . and another group of new Club members will join our ranks. This class includes nine community leaders, who will be introduced by current members who are their sponsors and mentors, and we'll give them the usual rousing Rotary welcome into our fellowship and many opportunities for service above self.

Song Leader: Jim Irwin

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Upcoming Events

Nov 11 – Committee Meetings

Social Committee: Susan Smith Gray, smithsms@umich.edu

Nov 13 – Kelsey Museum Tour, 6 p.m., and Post-Dig Supper at Barbara Bryant's home Barbara says: Those who have seen Kelsey since the reopening November 1st say “Wow.”

The “post dig” supper starts after you've viewed the exhibits. Pick up directions at Rotary on November 11 or at Kelsey that evening. Fifty Rotarians and guests have already signed up, but you can still join in the education and fun by reserving with bryantb@umich.edu”

Nov 18—Noon Luncheon: Thomas Kinnear, Entrepreneurial Studies Professor, U-M Business School discusses “The Role of Entrepreneurship in Building a Regional Innovation-Based Economy”

Notes from the Meeting of November 4

We observed a moment of silence for fellow Rotarian Walter Helmreich. Note: As of Monday morning, November 9, we have not seen an obituary but have learned that a memorial service for Walt will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 120 S. State at Huron, on Sunday, November 15 at 1:30pm.

Ed Wier, in commemorating World Interact Week, introduced several Huron High Interactors in attendance. President Lou thanked the weekend's tree planters, numbering about 60 folks who planted 51 trees. Leticia Byrd was introduced as an invited guest; she is also an honorary Paul Harris Fellow.

November kicks off the EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) program. Your regular Rotary bill includes a suggested contribution to EREY, but President Lou urged all to make a contribution of some amount to this worthwhile program.

October was New Generations Month in Rotary. Joanne Pierson, on behalf of Working with Youth, outlined the club's policy in this regard by directing us to the appropriate place on the website. <http://www.annarborrotary.org/files/assets/rotaryclubpolicies090715.pdf>, page 27.

Past President Jim Cook, as chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the next slate of officers and directors. Nishta Bhatia is vice president and therefore president-elect; Downs Herold and John Ackenhusen are secretary and treasurer, respectively. And for the three director berths, we have Marsha Chamberlin, Tony Nam and Rick Reid. After presentation of the slate, a motion to close nominations was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Notes from the Program of November 4



Bob Mull introduced Christopher Grundler of the EPA Ann Arbor Laboratory on the subject "The Road to Sustainable Transportation." The mission of Chris's agency is to reconcile transportation and the environment. The approach is via cleaner vehicles, cleaner fuels and sensible transportation choices. Chris's major business area includes emission standards, testing operations, certification and compliance, climate change and advanced technological development. On the air pollution front, he said not all was doom and gloom.

He pointed to significant gains in the last five years, including cleaner cars and heavy-duty trucks and buses. "There are big public health benefits to be gained from reducing air pollution," Chris said, citing fewer lost work days, fewer hospital admissions and fewer premature deaths. "When we view transportation and the environment, we think of oil and carbon," Chris said. He continued that in order to lessen dependence on oil and reduce the carbon imprint, we've enacted new rules to make cars more fuel-efficient and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. "It takes lots of little things working together to nudge us toward that goal of a sustainable transportation system in the U.S.," he said.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: From author Elizabeth West: "When man invented the bicycle, he reached the peak of his attainment. Here was a machine of precision and balance for the convenience of man. And (unlike subsequent inventions for man's convenience) the more we used it, the fitter his body became. Here was a product of man's brain that was entirely beneficial to those who used it, and of no harm or irritation to others. Progress should have stopped when man invented the bicycle." *Notes prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor; photos by Fred Beutler*

Meeting Statistics: The regular weekly luncheon meeting on November 4 was attended by 142 members, ten Huron and Pioneer Interactors, four guests and one visiting Rotarian (Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor North who is also the proud father of two of the Interactors present). Before lunch, 19 members took part in meetings of the Ambassador of Goodwill and International Projects committees. Also reported was an off-site STRIVE meeting in which five Rotarians participated.

As a follow-up to Chris Grundler's presentation on EPA's work with motor vehicles, here is an additional "Thought for the Day" from the pen of Dick Emmons:

They're making "smarter" cars these days.
Thanks to Detroit's connivers,
But let me say cars long have been
Much smarter than their drivers.

Other Notes of Interest



Herb Ellis, Rotarian Emeritus: A heart-warming event took place at the Chelsea Retirement Center this past Wednesday afternoon following our Rotary meeting. Herb Ellis, age 93, was presented with our Rotary Emeritus Award with Lou Callaway presiding and Mark Ouimet making the presentation including a citation from the County Board of Commissioners. Mark also cited many other accomplishments, such as being the first African American to teach in the Ann Arbor Public Schools, the first to be elected to the Board of Commissioners, a leader in the founding of Community High School, and the first African American to be inducted into the Ann Arbor Rotary Club. Lois Jelneck presented Herb with the Rotary windbreaker. Others in attendance were Scott Westerman, Henry Johnson, Ingrid Sheldon, Karen Kerry, Letitia Byrd, Jeff Ellis, Herb's son and his wife Bonnie, and John Thorhauer, CEO of Chelsea Retirement Center. A reception followed with delicious cookies, hot out of the oven. *(Submitted by Lois Jelneck)*

Dick Emmons' thoughts on the World Series, which recently extended into November:

The way the seasons overlap,
A smile I would not crack
If I should see a knuckleball
Thrown to a nickel back.

We will be Meeting in the Ballroom on November 11: But if you happen to drop by the Anderson Room after you greet our new members, you will be welcome to participate in the 28th Annual U-M vs. OSU Blood Battle. For more info on how to donate, go to Washtenaw Red Cross website at http://www.wc-redcross.org/index.php?pr=2009_Blood_Battle.

New Schedule for Invoker, Greeters and Attendance Takers now Available: Ingrid Deininger and Lois Jelneck have published the latest roster. It is posted on the club website at <http://www.annarborrotary.org/membership/meeting-assignments> . If your last name begins with A

through M, you are probably on the list which starts on November 25. Please check it out and mark your calendar.

RI Convention in Montreal: District 6380 has reserved a block of rooms near the convention center and is seeking local Rotarians to fill them. If you are planning to attend the convention and are prepared to book a room by November 15, please contact John White for details.

On Sunday, November 15th, Walled Lake Northern's INTERACT Club will be hosting a Benefit Concert to raise money for Polio Eradication. The concert begins at 2:00 pm and is being held in the auditorium at Walled Lake Northern. Tickets are \$3 at the door; donations are accepted. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors, and come out to support this worthwhile cause while experiencing the delightful musical talent of WLN's high school students. Concessions will be available for purchase during our "afterglow" event in the Commons.

Access to Club's Website, or Where's the Membership Directory?

The Ann Arbor Rotary Club's website is up and gaining new features every day. Please remember that some content is available only to members. To locate the MEMBER DIRECTORY, you must Login.

1. Click on "Login" (upper left corner of screen)
2. Use the traditional, generic Rotary Club (same as the old site—"a2rotary"...etc. Do NOT put in your personal name)
3. Now move to Membership on the blue bar. The Directory and the Nominate a Member form will now be visible and accessible.

Come back often—we're adding new features and content every week. Check out the Club's policies and history under the "About Us" button, find our Rotary awardees and committees under "Leadership," and see the Rotarians in the News and our Social Events along with backfiles of Harpoons under "News & Events." Podcasts are under construction.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Mark Ouimet (Dexter on October 22)

Birthdays: Nov 9 – Nick Lacy; Nov 10 – Joe Fitzsimmons; Nov 14– Joh Kang, Omari Rush; Nov 15 – Dave Krehbiel

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



Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org> . The RI home page has links to About Rotary, The Rotary Foundation, Club Locator and Member Access.
Zone 29: <http://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://www.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://www.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/news-events/podcasts>

Our club also sponsors the following Rotaract and Interact Clubs:

U-M Rotaract Club: <http://www.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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