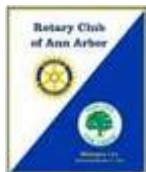


Harpoon for the Meeting of December 2, 2009

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Annual Club Assembly

The Annual Club Assembly is a time to reflect on where we've been and where we are going as a club. We will elect Officers and Directors and hear the highlights of club activities and service projects, review the club and endowment finances, and celebrate milestones achieved and anticipated.

Song Leader: Dave Keosaian

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Upcoming Events

Dec 9: Annual Holiday Concert . . . in the Ballroom, Pioneer High School Choirs

Dec. 9 Committee Meetings:

Rotate Your Food kickoff meeting for 2010 campaign, 11 am; Todd Kephart,
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International Humanitarian Projects – Len Stenger [l.stenger@sbcglobe](mailto:l.stenger@sbcglobe.com)

Rotaract at 11:15, Barb Hiltz, barb.hiltz@twc-semich.org

Dec. 16—Luncheon Meeting: Jan Hack, Personal Property Appraiser, and Ed Hoffman
Talk about “Good, Better, Best . . . Why Appraisals are Important”

Notes from the Meeting of November 25

Song leader Terry Foster provided Thanksgiving-appropriate songs.

The annual club assembly next Wednesday, Dec. 2, will feature election of officers and directors and highlights of our club's activities this past year.

President Lou shared the contents of a letter from the District Governor. We viewed a short video on the “last hurdle” – Rotary’s continuing effort to eradicate polio worldwide. This was part of November as Rotary Foundation Month.

Notes from the Program of November 25



Don Faber introduced Jack Lessenberry, journalist and WUOM commentator, on “What is the Future of Newspapers?” The short answer is, we’re not sure but when things shake out after about ten years, we’ll know a lot more. Print media are looking like dinosaurs, Jack said, stating that once there were 1,400 daily newspapers in the country. He spoke of the plight of Detroit journalism, as the *Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press* struggle to stay alive. He said the age of 55 is a dividing line; a majority of people over 65 don’t go on the Internet. But there are people on the cusp of 55 who read newspapers and are willing to read news on the Internet.

What is the economic model for newspapers? Nobody’s figured it out yet, said Jack. But with no newspapers to keep an eye on politicians and city government, the future of democracy is a little scary. For journalism students, “we know how to train them; we just can’t find them jobs.” He said *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* will probably survive, but the print wing of the fourth estate elsewhere is in deep trouble. *Notes prepared by Don Faber; photo by Fred Beutler*

Thought for the day: “An informed citizenry is the bulwark of democracy.” – Thomas Jefferson

Meeting Statistics: The regular weekly luncheon meeting on November 25 was attended by 105 members. This low turnout (compared to our average of about 140) was consistent with past meetings on the day before a holiday. Just before lunch, a total of twelve members took part in the meeting of the Retention Subcommittee of the Membership Development Committee.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Lou Callaway (Ann Arbor Sunrise on October 2) and Cheryl Elliott (Ypsilanti on October 12).

Monthly Membership Report to the District: The club started November with 307 active members. During the month, we lost Geoff Baker, Peter Fayroian, Bob Hatcher, Walt Helmreich, Bob Meader, Ed Petykiewicz, Larry Voight and Jim Zwolensky. On the other hand, we took in nine new members so we finished the month of November with 308 members (not counting our four honoraries). Average attendance for the four meetings during the month was 51%.

Lost and Found: We are up to two items; a man's beige short jacket and a (presumably) woman's diaphanous scarf. They will be available on the Rotary Shares table at upcoming meetings. Here's what Dick Emmons thought on the subject of personal items left behind:

When dining out on rainy nights.
I'm here to tell you, fella,
I never fail to leave a tip-
And also my umbrella.

Membership Retention Subcommittee has been appointed as a subcommittee of the Membership Development Committee. The members include Chair John Eman, Al Burdi, Marcia Chamberlain, Mike Marich, Dan Romanchik, Jerry Prescott, Frode Maaseidvaag, and Phil Weiss. The purpose of the committee is to review the attendance records of the membership and contact those individuals that fall below Rotary standards to encourage increased Rotary involvement. Charlie Crone and Todd Kephart co-chair the Membership Development Committee reporting to Director Karen Kerry. *(Contributed by John Eman)*

Congratulations to Bob & Mary Pratt who celebrate their 65th anniversary on December 7th.

Letter to the Editor in the December Rotarian by Steve Oldstrom regarding the article “Water and Wellness”

District Newsletter for November: This issue is now posted on www.rotary6380.org or directly accessed at this link:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/html/76873/District%206380%20News%20November%202009.pdf>. Note that our new class of members can be found in this issue.

Birthdays: Dec 3 – Dick Carlisle; Dec 4—Claire Foley; Christine Johnson; Dec 8—Hal Flynn

Ann Arbor Rotary Club Scholarship Awarded by the WCC Foundation: The scholarship we sponsor at WCC was recently awarded to Yvonne Phillips. Yvonne has been accepted into the nursing program and will have to reduce her level of paid work. The scholarship “will help her alleviate the stress of balancing work, family and school.”

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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