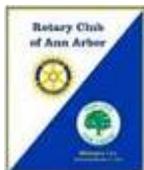


Harpoon for the Meeting of December 16, 2009

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December is Family Month on the Rotary Calendar

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Program for December 16, 2009

Speaker: Jan Hack, Personal Property Appraiser, and Ed Hoffman

Topic: Good, Better, Best . . . Why Appraisals are Important

As we approach the New Year and the annual making (and breaking) of resolutions, here's something important to add to your to-do (or have-done) list. Inventory your possessions and have them appraised. Our speaker will explain what-all is involved in this process and why it is so important . . . not only for insurance, tax and estate planning purposes, but also for your own (and your family's) peace of mind.

Introducer: Heidi Vitso **Song Leader:** Dave Keosaian **Accompanist:** Tom Strode

Upcoming Events

Dec 16 Committee Meetings

Board Meeting: 7:30 a.m., United Way Building (Lou Callaway; lcallaway@comcast.net)

Program Committee: Bill Dunifon, wdunifon@gmail.com

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Dec 23 and 30 – No Meetings – enjoy the Holidays!!!

Notes from the Meeting of December 9

We welcomed back several of our STRIVE students, as introduced by Lois Jelneck. The four students are all enrolled at Washtenaw Community College, thanks to the scholarships awarded by our Club.

Words of remembrance on the death of fellow Rotarian Bob Pratt, a former club president, Paul Harris Fellow, and emeritus member, were delivered by Scott Westerman, who described Bob as “an extraordinary influence.” Always during the holidays, we benefit from Bob’s influence when we hear from the Huron and Pioneer High School choirs, so ably directed by former students Rick Ingram and Ken Westerman.



A salute to Art Holst from Dwight Wainwright, president of the Birch Run Rotary Club, was read by President Lou. Art volunteers at various Rotary functions and delivers a stirring speech on “Rotary and its Value to the Community.” Dwight recounted several speeches Art made to other Birch Run audiences that were prompted by his Rotary speech, especially the speech on the opening of the school year to the public school faculty and staff.

Notes from the Program of December 9: Pioneer Choirs



Todd Roberts, Superintendent of Schools in Ann Arbor, introduced the choirs of Pioneer High School under Ken Westerman. Selections included “Sleigh Ride” and four movements from the Mozart Requiem, in honor of Bob Pratt. The choirs sang with their usual enthusiasm and artistry and were rewarded with a standing ovation.

Thought for the Day: “Music is truly the universal language when it is excellently expressed how deeply it moves our souls.” – David O. McKay, president, LDS Church.

Notes prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor; photos by Fred Beutler

Other Notes of Interest

Meeting Statistics: Our holiday luncheon meeting on December 9 was attended by 139 members. We also had 23 guests but no visiting Rotarians. Just before lunch, a total of 43 members took part in five meetings; four committees and one with the Union staff. The committees were Community Allocations, Membership Development (Retention subcommittee), Rotate Your Food and STRIVE.

Reminder about Community Services Assessment: Thanks to the 130 members who have already paid their Community Service Assessment (#3 on your 1-2-3-4 bill) for the coming year. For the other 180 or so, please take this article as a reminder that your \$170 is due by the end of this calendar year. Your timely submittal will confirm your reputation as a responsible Rotarian and will likely qualify for a tax deduction as a charitable contribution for the 2009 tax year. You can bring a check to the meeting on December 16 or mail it to the Club at P.O. Box 131217, Ann Arbor 48113-1217. Thanks.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Dale Berry (Lyon Area on November 19) and Bob Mull (Bloomfield Hills on December 3).

Birthdays: Dec 13 – David Herzig; Dec 14 – Joel Berger; Dec 15 – Joe Marr; Dec 18 – Robben Flemming; Dec 20 – Lee Danielson, Paul Wright; Dec 23 – Verna McDaniel; Dec 25 – Brooks Sitterly; Dec 26 – Bob Holmes; Dec 27 – Wendy Correll; Dec 28 – Ken Fischer; Dec 29 – Paul McCracken; Dec 30 – Bob Ause; Dec 31 – Chris Conlin; Jan 2 – Herb Amster

Dick Emmons Comments on Birthdays:

The day that I turned thirty
Was enough to make me quake,
Then fifty passed and birthdays now
Are just a piece of cake.

Chuck Olson, a senior image analyst at the Michigan Tech Research Institute, was named an Honorary Member of American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS). The lifetime award is given to recognize individuals who have rendered distinguished service to ASPRS or who have attained distinction in advancing the science and use of geospatial information. Chuck taught and did research at universities for more than four decades, first at the University of Illinois and then at the University of Michigan, while also serving in the US Naval Reserve. You can read more about Chuck's distinguished career and this prestigious award at <http://www.mtu.edu/news/stories/2009/december/story20530.html>.

International Humanitarian Project: Lingap Community Learning Center

Toledo City in the Philippines is a city of 160,000 with a poverty rate of 42% and an unemployment rate of 75%. The quality of education is very poor; only 61% of children complete elementary school, and there are thousands of street children who are victimized without opportunities of any nature. The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor has partnered with other clubs to significantly improve the education and quality of life for all children and families in this challenged community.



An earlier Rotary project furnished and equipped the Lingap Center, an orphanage built by local people under the guidance of Rotarian John Drake. With a capacity of one hundred children, it is transforming the lives of

that number of orphans. Recently, tutors from the orphanage began reaching out to street children who live and scavenge in the local parks. While the Lingap children are in school, the tutors teach basic literacy, math and hygiene in the parks and supply the street children with a full meal. As the Lingap Center wards “graduate” at age 18, their spot is taken by one or more of the street children and others in desperate need.

The current West Bay Learning Center Project expands educational facilities into the entire community by furnishing and equipping a community library at a local school. Although the library is targeted to the children of the nearby Lingap Center, it is available to and used by an estimated 2,500 children. Teachers from surrounding schools are also able to utilize the facilities, as are adults in the community. In short, the library is a community resource center.

The West Bay Learning Center Project was jointly sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Ann Arbor and Toledo City West. Its total budget was \$25,000 of which \$9,750 was provided by the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor; additional contributions were received from other Rotary clubs as well as Rotary International. The Project was administered by Anne Glendon, with assistance from Jim Cook and Prue Rosenthal. A PowerPoint presentation on the projects is available for programming at local Rotary Club meetings. (Article courtesy of Fred Beutler)

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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