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The Program for August 17, 2005

Speakers: Ronald G. Miller and James W. Tottis, Detroit Institute of Arts

Topic: "Creating the Masterpiece and a Crown Jewel in the Arts"

We welcome Ron Miller (VP, Development) and Jim Tottis (Associate Curator of American Art) who will share moving vignettes on the history and inner workings of America's sixth largest museum. They will give us a visual tour through the DIA's amazing art collections, the magnificent building on Woodward, and the many interesting people who have impacted the institution over the years.

Host/Introducer: Marsha Chamberlin **Song Leader:** Lloyd Bastian **Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

Looking Ahead

August 24 (Wednesday) – Cheryl Burnett, U-M Women's Basketball Coach, "Michigan Women's Basketball --- 2005-2006"
Also, past District Governor Jeff Lichty will be here to honor our Paul Harris Fellows from the 2004-2005 year.

August 31 (Wednesday) – William Miller and David Rutledge, Washtenaw Project Great Start Commission, "Childhood Development Programs Integral to Community Economic Growth"

September 7 (Wednesday) – Eileen Spring, Executive Director of Food Gathers, "Putting a Face in Hunger in Washtenaw County"

News from the Meeting of August 10

First, we stood in a moment of silence for Fr. Alex Miller, longtime Rotarian, who died earlier this week. To recall his Scottish heritage, we sang "My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean" and in memory of Alex's thespian talents, we gave a rousing rendition of "Give My Regards to Broadway." Fr. Alex, not your typical clergyman, was a member of the Michigan marching band while at U-M; he later served as rector at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor. "Irrepressible" is maybe the best word to describe the elfin Alex. Note: details on his passing can found later in this newsletter.



Sharon Baller

Phil and Elaine Alexander introduced new member Sharon Baller, who is CEO for the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living.

President Norman reminded us of unpaid dues. Currently, there are 64 of us who haven't paid.

Put it on your calendar: Sept. 8 is the golf and tennis outing. By the way, are there any more tennis players out there?

If you can go as a leader on the upcoming GSE Peru trip, see President Norman or John White.

Nov. 9 is the induction date for the next class of new members. Oct. 7 is the deadline for nominations.

Chuck Olson visited the Rotary Club of Albuquerque NM and returned with a flag. Note: the flag will be photographed for inclusion in an upcoming edition of the Harpoon.

Notes from the Program of August 10



Tami Jacobs



Arthur Bott

Tami Jacobs, whose life was saved by the gift of a new heart, related her touching story with a happy ending. After her new heart stopped, Tami was on life support for three days. She had to relearn how to walk and talk. But she'll go back to her teaching career soon, grateful that "someone was kind enough to give me the gift of life."

Tami met her donor family, another emotional experience. The family is from Traverse City. Her father, Arthur Bott, a Grand Rapids community leader, told us about his children and how we need to "love our kids and hug 'em." Bott was with Tami during her ECMO procedure which he describes as "the longest 36 hours of my life." Tami was briefly brain dead, but Dr. Robert Bartlett urged the family not to give up.



Jennifer Tislerics

After this experience with his daughter, Bott got familiar with Gift of Life. Jennifer Tislerics of the Gift of Life program presented a brief video of the program and answered several questions. Donors, she said, can be any age. Among tissues that can be donated are corneas, bone, skin and heart valves; organs that can be donated include hearts, livers, pancreas and kidneys.

"We need your help," she said, in educating employers and the like. For more information on the Michigan tissue and organ donation program, call (800) 482-4881 or visit the website at <http://www.giftoflifemichigan.org>. Gift of Life is at 2203 Platt Road in Ann Arbor. And our thanks to all for a very moving program.

News and notes were prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor. Fred Beutler provided the photographs.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this meeting was 98 members, one visiting Rotarian and five guests. The number of members seems a little low based on our average attendance of about 130 and the seemingly small number of empty seats. If you were there and have any doubt that your attendance was appropriately documented, please contact John White at jtwhite@umich.edu or (734) 662-1734. Remember, if you arrive at a meeting after 12:20 or so, please make sure your name gets on the orange sheet at your table. You can stop also stop by the attendance table to record your presence.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: August 14 – Ann Schriber, August 18 – Tom Dickinson and Harv Grotrian, August 19 – Mal Lowther and Tom McMullen

Make-up Cards: Don Devine (North Conway NH), Penny Fischer (Ann Arbor North – three times and Houghton), Terry Foster (Petoskey), Chuck Olson (Albuquerque NM), and Nels Olson (Frankfort)

Visiting Rotarians: We had one visiting Rotarian, Dick Rosenfeld. Dick now lives in Ann Arbor but maintains his long-time membership in the Jackson club. He drops in on us occasionally.



Golf Outing and Family Fun Day: Registration is in full swing (pun intended) for this event which includes tennis or golf along with many forms of family fun. The registration form is on the event flyer. You can print out a copy from the Club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/golf.pdf> and use it for tennis, golf or sponsorships.

Rotarians in the News: On August 13, the Local section of the Ann Arbor News contained an article on the upcoming decision by City Council whether to ask for a millage to pay for the removal of ash trees killed by the emerald ash borer.

Overall, Ann Arbor has just over 10,000 ash trees. Fellow Rotarian Rick Reid, a resident of a neighborhood heavily planted with ash trees, was interviewed. He was able to plug the work our club is doing to help replace them. Mayor John Hieftje, another fellow Rotarian, was also mentioned in the article. You can read the entire article at Mlive.com at <http://www.mlive.com/news/aanews/index.ssf?/base/news-14/112368488084360.xml&coll=2>.

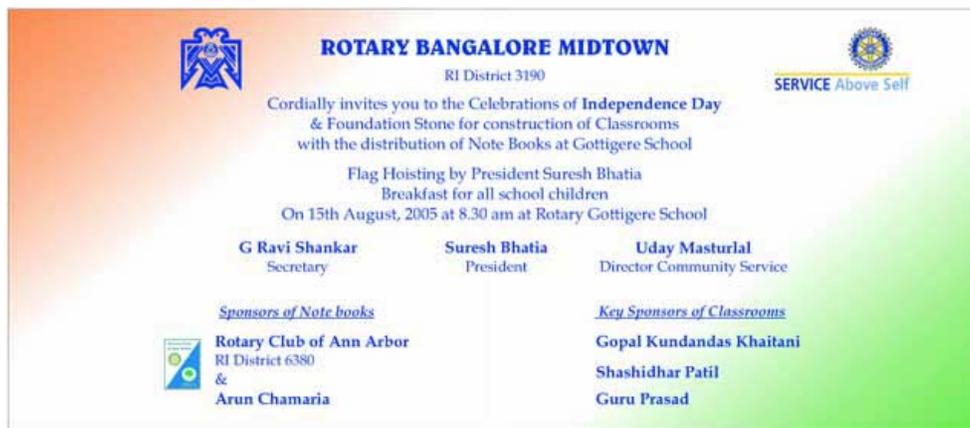


2005-2006 Membership Dues: As of August 14, we are still short dues from over fifty members. An reminder to each was sent out late last week. If you are still delinquent, please submit your payment promptly. Our first semi-annual payment to Rotary International for our club dues, liability insurance premiums and subscription fees for our Rotarian magazines amounts to over \$9,000 and will be submitted shortly.

New Directory on the Way: Hal Flynn and Cynthia Sorensen held a meeting of the Directory Committee on August 10 to discuss the new directory. Publication is planned for September. In the past, the printed directory has mirrored the website in containing basic background and information on the club as well as a photo and contact information for each member. For the new edition, a general question to be presented to the membership is, "Do you know of any additions or rearrangements that would make the directory more useful to you?" One of the specific questions that came up was to ask if members would like their cell phone numbers published in the directory. Also, we are still looking for new color photos of members. Fred Beutler will be out in the hallway before the meeting on August 17 to take yours. If you have any suggestions to offer, please contact Cynthia at sorensic@umich.edu or Hal at halflynn@sbcglobal.net

Club Brochure Now On-line: Need a copy of the club brochure? You can pick up a copy from the bottom of the badge board. You can also view and/or print one from our website. Here's the link: <http://annarborrotary.org/brochure2004.pdf>

Another Instance of our Club's Generosity: Kiran Boal of the Bangalore (India) Midtown Club has sent a copy of the invitation pasted in below. He notes that August 15th is celebrated as India's Independence Day and that his club is distributing notebooks to 1200 rural school children. Our Friendship Exchange Team's contribution of \$1300 has helped in cosponsoring this project. Note that we are recognized in the invitation to the breakfast celebration.



The Passing of Father Alex: Beloved former Rotarian George Alexander Miller passed away on Monday, August 8, 2005 at the age of 91. Reminiscences of his life and career were contained in his first-person obituary and in an article in the Ann Arbor News written by fellow Rotarian Geoff Larcom. Here are the two links if you want to read either or both.

Obituary - <http://www.legacy.com/annarbor/LegacySubPage2.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=14801741>

Article - <http://www.mlive.com/search/index.ssf?/base/news-14/112368488084360.xml?aanews?NEA&coll=2>



The Ypsi Club is Cooking!: The Ypsilanti Rotary Club will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at the Heritage Festival on Sunday, August 21st. It will be held from 8:00am to 1:30pm in Riverside Park (at the corner of Cross and Huron Streets). Prices are \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children. The proceeds will benefit Rotary Scholarships so plan to stop by more than once or just drop in a few extra bucks.

----- "Service above Self" -----