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The Program for August 24, 2005

Speaker: Cheryl E. Burnett, Head Coach, U-M Women's Basketball Program

Topic: "Michigan Women's Basketball - 2005-2006"

Our Club gives a rousing "Go Blue" welcome to our women's basketball coach---Cheryl Burnett. After her second year at Michigan, Coach Burnett will highlight the great strides achieved in building her program for this year and beyond. In her always highly-spirited way, she will let us know of expectations (character, talent and enthusiasm) for new and returning players; and discuss general strategies to convincingly position Michigan among the top Big Ten teams. Let's give a rousing Rotary "Go Blue" welcome to Coach Burnett!

Host/Introducer: Al Storey

Song Leader: Shelley MacMillan

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Also, past District Governor Jeff Lichty will be here to honor our Paul Harris Fellows from the 2004-2005 year.

Looking Ahead

August 31 (Wednesday) – William Miller and David Rutledge, Washtenaw Project Great Start Commission, "Childhood Development Programs Integral to Community Economic Growth" Note: This meeting will be held during "Move-in Week" for U-M residence halls. Consider carpooling, walking, taking the bus or having someone drop you off and pick you up.

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

September 14 (Wednesday) - Carol Hutchins, Head Coach, UM Softball Program, "The National Championship was Great But We Need to Focus on 2006 and Beyond!"

September 21 (Wednesday) - Edward M. Gramlich, Retired Governor of Federal Reserve Board, "Life at the Fed!"

News from the Meeting of August 17

Markey Butler announced that a registration desk for the September 8th Rotary Golf and Outing Day will be available at the meeting next week. Auction items available are superb; several vacation spots, strong support from UMS thanks to Ken Fischer. Markey still needs football tickets, more concert tickets and a chef.

Bernie Galler is seeking student players for the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra. This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to perform with a full concert orchestra.

Notes from the Program of August 17

Marsha Chamberlin introduced Ronald Miller and James Tottis from the Detroit Institute of Art. Their topic was “Creating the Masterpiece and a Crown Jewel of Art.”



Ron, on the business side, reported that the DIA has an annual budget of \$30M and is completing a \$230M capital campaign to modernize the building. This requires renovating two wings so that the museum will be about 65% rebuilt when completed in November 2007. Of the 67K piece collection, 10K are on exhibit at any one time (20 items are presently on loan to the UMMA). During renovation, concentrating the exhibits into smaller areas is more cost-effective than obtaining a secure warehouse. The exhibits are changed almost weekly with major works almost always on exhibit. The only works that require storage time are pieces such as drawings that are light-sensitive.

Each year about 500 – 800K visit the DIA, strongly influenced by special exhibits. Of these, 35K are members or friends of the Museum. Although the DIA has a \$70M endowment, this is relatively low by major museum standards, in part because Detroit is not a tourist town.



Jim, on the artist side, stated that the DIA is ranked as the 5th most important museum in the U.S. (1st is the Metropolitan in NY, 2nd is Fine Arts in Boston, 3rd is the Philadelphia Museum and 4th is the National Gallery in DC). Obtaining a major canvass is becoming increasingly expensive. Some are purchased with funds from special exhibits, others are donated. But special exhibits are expensive due to insurance, crating and shipping costs. Assembling a special exhibit is a demanding effort; finding works that are available, concerns about restoration, budget, sponsors, etc.

Jim related the story that the DIA wanted to exhibit Whistler’s Mother but the D’Orsay Museum in Paris declined to loan it. The Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto then asked to borrow one of the DIA’s works by Whistler for an exhibit that would go on to London and the D’Orsay. Jim informed the ROM that the DIA does not loan out their Whistlers but might make an exception if the D’Orsay could change their mind about Whistler’s Mother. The exchange occurred and both exhibits were a big success. The major coming exhibit is “Camille Claudel and Rodin: Fateful Encounter” from October 9, 2005 to February 5, 2006 to overlap with the Super Bowl. Note: For details on the exhibit and on the DIA in general, visit <http://www.dia.org>.

In closing, Ron reported an increase in attendance since 9/11; people wanting to see what the best of mankind can be.

President Norman’s “Thought for the Day” was from Cicero, “Art is born from observation and investigation of nature.”

The News and Notes were prepared by Bob Buchanan. Fred Beutler provided the photographs.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this meeting was 124 members, no visiting Rotarians and three guests. In addition, a total of 31 members participated in three committee meetings before lunchtime. The Board of Directors meeting earlier in the day was attended by seven members.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: August 24 – Ann Black and Robb Woulfe, August 25 – John Atwater, Doug Freeth, Tom Strode and Jody Tull, August 27 – Chris Fischer

Make-up Cards: Don Devine (Bethel ME) and Bill Stegath (Escanaba – three times)

Visiting Rotarians: None this week.

News from the Board: The Board of Directors met on the morning of August 17. The resignations of Jon Cosovich, Jack Harnish and Patrick Naswell were accepted. Dick Elwell and Dean Millard were granted Active-Exempt status. The “Rotate Your Food” project was approved for another year. Meeting attendance for the month as reported to the District was 59%. Our Permanent Endowment Fund is still over \$1,000,000. The first of two installments (\$9552) for our club’s dues to RI were paid. President Norman reaffirmed his goal to get a complete list of all committees and members within the next month. The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14 rather than the normal third Wednesday date.

Golf Outing and Family Fun Day: Registration for this event is continuing. Members attending the meeting of August 24 will have a chance to sign up in person at a registration table set up in the hallway by the badge board. The registration form

is also on the event flyer which can be printed out from the Club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/golf.pdf>. You can use it for tennis, golf, dinner or various level of sponsorship. Here are a few photos from last year's event:



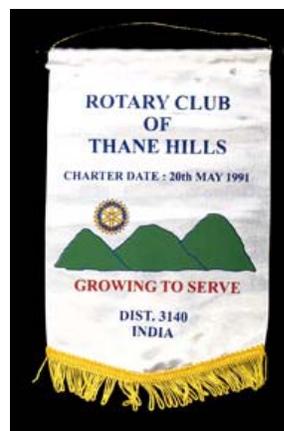
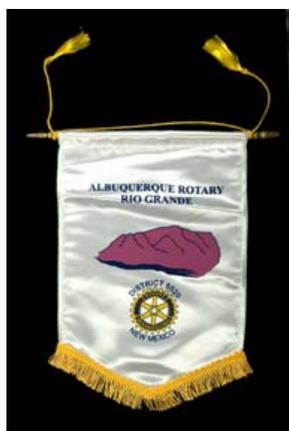
Rotarians in the News: On August 15, the front page of the Ann Arbor News contained an article on a new Ann Arbor residential housing project called North Sky that will take a potshot at the cookie-cutter subdivisions that dot the local and national landscape. Fellow Rotarian Geoff Baker is a partner in the enterprise and was quoted. You can read the entire article at <http://www.mlive.com/search/index.ssf?base/news-14/1124115020204840.xml?aanews?NEA&coll=2>.

2005-2006 Membership Dues: As of August 21, we are still short dues from 34 members. Thanks to all those who sent in their payment. Be sure to see Downs Herold or John White if you have not already received your new club lapel pin. Those who haven't paid yet need to act promptly lest their names be turned over to our Sergeant-at-Arms. If you are not sure if you have paid yet, see John White at a meeting, call him at 662-1734 or send an email to jtwhite@umich.edu.

New Directory on the Way: Thanks to those two dozen members who added their smiling faces to our database in anticipation of our new directory. Fred Beutler will be out in the hallway before the meeting on August 24 to take more. Note: Cynthia Sorenson's email was incorrect in last week's Harpoon. The correct one is sorensic@att.net if you want to contact her with any comments about the directory. Also, here's a trivia question: Who was/were the Club Treasurer(s) from 1949-1961? There is a gap in our records.

Flags: Thanks to Fred Beutler, here are photos of the three most recent flags we have received. From left to right:

- Chuck Olson brought this one back from Albuquerque NM;
- Roger Fraser and John Hieftje received this flag when traveling to Tuebingen Germany, Ann Arbor's Sister City, and
- this one was presented to us by V. Chandrasekharan during his visit here from Maharashtra, India.



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