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The Program for August 31, 2005

Speakers: William Miller and David Rutledge, Washtenaw Project Great Start Commission

Topic: "Childhood Development Programs Integral to Community Economic Growth"

Great moves are underway to advance early childhood development as an economic development strategy. Noted for their visionary approaches and community leadership track records, William Miller and David Rutledge will candidly highlight the recommendations that are scheduled to be implemented through a public-private partnership of Washtenaw United Way, Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, Washtenaw Human Services Collaborative Council and Washtenaw Intermediate School District. The vision of this effort is that all children will start school ready to succeed.

Host/Introducer: Sandy Rupp

Song Leader: Shelley MacMillan or Jim Irwin

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Note: The students will be returning to campus this week. Please plan ahead to get to the meeting on time. Consider alternatives such as carpooling, public transportation, dropoff/pickup or parking in the Maynard Street structure.

Looking Ahead

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!"

Also, Chief Dan Oates will join us to present awards to a number of Ann Arbor fire fighters.

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

News from the Meeting of August 24

Jeff Lichty, 2004-2005 District Governor, was our guest today. He congratulated our club for our projects and generosity. "Consider going on a Rotary trip" for a better realization of what your money goes for," he said. He invited all to the Rotary Foundation gala on Nov. 10 at the Sheraton Novi.

Sabrina Keeley, president of the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce, was applauded for her recent selection as one of the area's most influential women in business.

Ahem, ah, 33 Rotarians are dues-delinquent. You know who you are. Please take care of business.

The golf and tennis outing, set for Sept. 8, was enriched, at least as far as its auction goes, by a signed basketball from U-M

women's basketball coach (and today's speaker), Cheryl Burnett. "We now have an item from every sport at the U-M," said Markey Butler, event organizer. She said we have 49 sponsors and that the dollars we earn go toward scholarships and tree replacement in town.

Another group of Ambassadorial Scholars is arriving. See John Rasmussen if you're able to be of assistance.

Forewarned is forearmed: Next week is student move-in week. Allow extra time to park and get to Rotary on Wednesday.

A total of 24 Paul Harris Fellows were created in 04-05. Jeff Lichty praised all for their contribution to Rotary. For details, see the article later in this newsletter.

Notes from the Program of August 24



Al Storey introduced Cheryl Burnett, women's basketball coach who is now in her third year at U-M. Her team this year will be on the youthful side – no seniors, one junior, five sophomores and five first-year students. "We'll be the youngest team in America," she promised.

"We've been on the short side," Cheryl said, "so we recruited tall. But we still need a 6'6" or 6'7" person to contend for a national championship." And to be a premier program, she reminded us, "We need you in Crisler Arena."

The schedule? "We'll explode this year," she promised. "We want to scramble our opponent till they melt down. We want to be in better shape than anybody." The women Wolverines go to Notre Dame early, entertain Nebraska and then enter Big Ten competition knowing they're in one of the toughest conferences in the country.

In her Q&A, Cheryl quipped about successful MSU ("get that drool out of my mouth!") and predicted Ohio State would be the favorite this year.

On another matter, she said Michigan had 15 full-ride scholarships. A practice facility? "Bill Martin said, when we get the money, the shovel is in the ground!"

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber. Fred Beutler provided the photographs.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this meeting was 139 members. In addition, a total of 21 members participated in three committee meetings (Golf Outing, Directory and Rotaract) before lunchtime.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: August 28 – Al Burdi and Sam Offen, August 29 – Mike Nold, August 30 – Margie McKinley, September 1 – Doug Crary, September 2 – Tony Nam, September 3 – Robbie O'Brien

Make-up Cards: Neil Bidwell (Petoskey – eight times), Brad Bowersox (Ann Arbor North), Markey Butler (Snowmass CO), Sang Nam (Ann Arbor Briarwood), Nels Olson (Frankfort-twice), Rick Reid (Lansing), Sandy Rupp (Ypsilanti – twice), Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle – three times)



Golf Outing and Family Fun Day: Registration for this event is continuing. Members attending the meeting of August 31 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. Attached to this newsletter is the draft auction listing. Check it out as a preview of the great items you can win. Markey Butler is holding two of them in the photo at left.

Rotarians in the News: Speaking of golf, our own Chris Mile won the Ann Arbor Senior Golf Tournament on August 21. Congratulations to him. The full story in the Ann Arbor News of August 22 is available at <http://www.mlive.com/search/index.ssf?base/sports-0/1124719803246960.xml?aanews?SPG&coll=2>. Another story of interest was in the Ann Arbor News of August 28. It featured the Ann Arbor North Club and covered that club's recent donation and assembly of a play structure. Fellow Rotarian Geoff Larcom was a co-author of the article. Read it all at

<http://www.mlive.com/search/index.ssf?base/news-0/1125137436146900.xml?aanews?NECL&coll=2&thispage=1>. Finally, new member Sabrina Keeley was honored by Business Review of Washtenaw Livingston as one of the five most influential women in business. The article appeared in the issue of August 25-31.



Congratulations to our latest class of Paul Harris Fellows: As a result of personal donations and some matching by the Club, a total of 24 members achieved PHF status in the 2004-2005 year and were honored by Jeff Lichty at the meeting. Fifteen of the new fellows were first-timers. Overall, 182 members donated a total of over \$37,000. Seventeen of the new PHFs were willing to be publicly recognized their contributions. They are; Rob Boehnke, Al Burdi, Wayne Colquitt (3rd level), Greg Cook, Millie Danielson, Jack Dobson (2nd level), Dallas Dort (3rd level), Dick Elwell (2nd level), Chris Fischer, Joe Fitzsimmons (2nd level), Harv Grotrian, Libby Hines (2nd level), Maurita Holland, Jerry Prescott (3rd level), Ashish Sarkar, Dave Schmidt (2nd level) and Cynthia Sorensen. The next edition of this annual campaign, known as “Every Rotarian, Every Year,” begins this November.

2005-2006 Membership Dues: As of August 29, we are still short dues from 32 members. Delinquent members can expect a letter shortly and to be on the list which will be presented to the board on September 14. If you are not sure whether you have paid, see John White at a meeting, call him at 662-1734 or send an email to jtwhite@umich.edu.

The Ambassadorial Scholars are Coming! We are hosting nine Ambassadorial Scholars for 2005-2006 school year. With four new scholars and five returning ones, we need to expand the committee. Anyone interested in serving on the District 6380 Ambassadorial Scholar Committee please e-mail John Rasmussen at a2appraisal@aol.com or call him at home (734-995-8483).

New Directory on the Way: We are proceeding to update the contents and publish the printed version sometime in September. One question that came up at a recent committee meeting was, “Is there any interest in posting cell phone numbers in the directory.” Also, here’s the trivia question from last week’s Harpoon that didn’t get answered: “Who was/were the Club Treasurer(s) from 1949-1961?” If you have any inputs, please send them to Cynthia Sorensen at sorensec@att.net.

District 6380 News: The August issue of the District 6380 newsletter has been posted on their website at <http://www.rotary6380.com>. This issue contains a message from Bob Baker our new District Governor, a calendar of District events, some notes on membership and The Rotary Foundation and an advertisement for Group Study Exchange participants. Here is a direct link to the newsletter: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/NewsBulletin/320/6380AugustNews.pdf> Note that Bob will be at our club on October 12 for his annual official visit.



News from Rotary International: The current coverage of Hurricane Katrina is a reminder of the devastation caused by the tsunami that struck Indonesia at the end of December 2004. The Rotary response to the losses caused by tsunami was swift just as it is likely to be for this new natural disaster. As you will recall, our club donated over \$12,000 to the Rotary Club of Colombo Regency in Sri Lanka to help with rebuilding. A photo essay about the progress to date has been posted on the RI website at <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/essays/tsunami/index.html>. A companion article is available at <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/features/news01.html>.

Highlights from your September Rotarian: In the President’s Message, Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer reminds us that September is New Generations Month. In his message, he recounts the four flowers in the Rotary bouquet of youth programs; Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange and RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). Also in the issue is an article about Muni Mulepati and Pem Dorjee Sherpa, the Rotaractors that were married on Mount Everest and who attended our meeting on July 6. There is also complete coverage on the Centennial Convention.

----- “Service above Self” -----