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## **The Program for September 21, 2005**

**Speaker:** Edward M. Gramlich, Retired Governor of the Federal Reserve Board

**Topic:** "Life at the Fed!"

We welcome back to campus Ned Gramlich, Professor of Public Policy and recently-named interim U-M Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, who will candidly describe "life at the Fed," and how the open market committee works and how the Fed fulfills its responsibilities that go beyond monetary policy. He will then turn to longer term strategies of monetary policy --- how the Fed tries to accomplish its macro goals; and, how this contrasts with the way other central banks operate. The key strategic goal is, of course, price stability. Our speaker will conclude with a mental thought experiment on how well the Fed has done here.

**Host/Introducer:** Larry Hastie

**Song Leader:** Lloyd Bastian

**Accompanist:** Tom Strode

Also, we will hear from our first three Junior Rotarians of the 2005-2006 Rotary year.

## **Looking Ahead**

**September 28** (Wednesday) - Phil Alexander, Tour Leader, "Our Friendship Exchange Trip to Our Centennial Twin Clubs in India"

**October 2** (Sunday) – Reception for Ambassadorial Scholars (see article below for details)

**October 5** (Wednesday) – Lynn Rivers, former Congresswoman, "What it's Really Like in Congress"

**October 7** (Friday) – last day to nominate individuals for the new member class of November 9

**October 12** (Wednesday) – Official visit of District Governor Bob Baker and (later that day) chartering of the Interact Club at Pioneer High.

## **News from the Meeting of September 14**

Ann Arbor's top cop, as in Chief of Police, Dan Oates was recognized for his leadership to the community.

President Norman reported that at that morning's board meeting, the resignations of three members (Ann Black, Dan Centurione and Robert Lowry) were accepted. In addition, it was thought that among the many options available to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina, a member should choose the option that best fits him or her.

Directory update alert! If you're dissatisfied with your present photo or simply want to present a fresh new face, plan to have your picture taken Sept. 21 or Sept. 28 following the meeting. Dave Felbeck will be armed with a camera, so look for him.

As usual, the weather held nicely for the golf outing. About 140 participants enjoyed another fine day. President Norman said we would exceed the goal of \$40,000 and thanked all “who provided support from a planning perspective.”

Al Storey introduced our three Junior Rotarians from Pioneer High: Caroline Cattier, Pavel Godfrey and Jesse Broman. We’ll hear from these young people at the next meeting. Speaking of Pioneer High, Rotary will charter a new Interact Club there on Oct. 12.



We honored four fine men from the Ann Arbor Fire Department with Certificates of Outstanding Achievement for their work in fighting a fire at Brookhaven Manor in June. They are Lt. James Baldwin, driver/operator Kirk Hedding, firefighter Brad Tanner and firefighter Rob Porter. Assistant Fire Chief Chris Brenner did the honors. Our congratulations to these men for making our community safer.

## Notes from the Program of September 14



Cathi Duchon introduced Carol Hutchins, head coach of the U-M women’s softball team which is coming off a national championship season. We were shown a brief video of the dramatic triumph in Oklahoma City.

“Our kids had quite a season,” coach Hutch said, mentioning they had just come back from a visit with Gov. Granholm. Hutchins came to Michigan in 1982 when Title IX was still in its infancy. She said that with opportunity, more women have become participants in athletics.

“How you overcome adversity defines you as a mature athlete,” she said, citing pitcher Jenny Ritter as an example. As for last year, “our kids stayed healthy, the pitchers got better and a lot of things went our way.” The highlights included the game-winning hit against Tennessee which got U-M into the World Series, and the game-winning hit which got the Lady Wolverines into the championship game. One player said “putting on that jersey every day is the highlight of my life.”

The women softballers went to the White House on July 12 and got a brief chat from President Bush. “I reminded him that we beat Texas,” Carol said. Another highlight for the team was being introduced before 110,000 people at the Stadium on the Saturday of the Notre Dame game.

The full schedule for next season will be announced in February; in the meantime, the women play fall ball. There’s a rematch with UCLA slated for March on ESPN, Carol promised.

In the Q&A later, Carol said an underarm pitching motion is natural, compared to the overhand delivery in baseball. Alumni Field was nicknamed the “Little House” because of its tight fit for fans. And yes, “we’ll play night games” in 2006, and maybe try to match the 65-7 won/loss record of the previous year.

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

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day’s meeting was 136 members. We had no visiting Rotarians and six guests. In addition, a total of 19 members participated in the meetings of the Golf Outing and Sister Club Committees.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** September 18 – Sharon Baller and Jim Lester, September 19 – Don Faber, September 21 – Dick Elwell, September 22 – Buz Hoff and September 24 – Jill Arnold.

**Make-up Cards:** Nels Olsen (Frankfort), John Rasmussen (Novi), Carl Schmolt (Oro Valley AZ) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME-twice)

**Golf Outing and Family Fun Day:** A complete report on the event is still forthcoming but the preliminary results indicate that we will be close to our goal of \$50,000.

**Ambassadorial Scholar Reception:** The Ambassadorial Scholar Reception and Orientation is Sunday, Oct. 2 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. This annual fall event brings together scholars, hosts, District officers and Rotarians. John Rasmussen is looking

for a Rotarian to work with the scholars to arrange scholar club visits. If you are interested in working with Ambassadorial Scholars, call John 734-995-8483 or request more information by emailing him at [A2Appraisal@aol.com](mailto:A2Appraisal@aol.com).

**District 6380 News:** The September issue of the District 6380 newsletter has been posted on their website at <http://www.rotary6380.com>. The theme of this edition is that September is New Generations Month. Interact and Rotaract are featured and our U-M Rotaract Club is highlighted. This issue also contains a message from DG Bob Baker, a calendar of District events, some notes on celebration of The Rotary Foundation on November 10 and an article about a Friendship Exchange Opportunity in India. This exchange event offers Rotarians and spouses from District 6380 the chance to visit India in late January. This invitation from the Bangalore Midtown Club follows the visit there by seven members of our club earlier this year. That trip will be the topic of next week's meeting. Here is a direct link to the newsletter: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/html/6218/September6380withchanges.pdf>.

**Need a Printed Copy of the Harpoon?:** Reading the Harpoon on-line is convenient but sometimes you may want a printed copy for yourself or someone else, perhaps a colleague or your guest from that week's meeting. Printing out the email often loses formatting so you will probably want a printable version. Each week on Monday (usually in the afternoon or evening), a .pdf version of the current Harpoon is posted on our website at <http://www.annarborrotary.org>. A link to it is in the list of links in the blue bar at the lower right side of the home page. While there, you may want to check out the other links. If you need a copy of a past Harpoon, please contact John White at [jtwhite@umich.edu](mailto:jtwhite@umich.edu) or 734-662-1734.



**Social Committee Meeting:** On Wednesday, September 21, at 11:30am in the Anderson Room, there will be a Social Committee meeting to discuss the coming year's events. All Social committee members and any wannabes, are welcome to attend to offer their ideas. We welcome new people and suggestions. Any questions? Contact Millie Danielson at [milleed@umich.edu](mailto:milleed@umich.edu) or 663-9881.

**Compilation of Committee Memberships:** Thanks to those chairs who have submitted their lists. Please keep them coming to John White or Downs Herold at a meeting or by email to [a2rotary@comcast.net](mailto:a2rotary@comcast.net).

**A "Did you know..." Anecdote Collected by Bob Buchanan:** President Norman's dad was a professional opera singer and sang in New York before coming to U-M on the Music School faculty. One summer, his dad had an engagement at the Central City Opera House in Colorado so he took young Norman and the family with him. One of the other performers failed to appear so Norman was pressed into service as a little gypsy. His dad had to spank him on stage, something that had never happened before. The curtain came down so they both laughed at Norman's first performance on stage.

**Plaques and Flags:** Below are two photos taken by Fred Beutler. One is the flag we received recently from Chong-Youl Kim, a visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Seoul-Poshingnak in Korea. The other is the plaque from the City of Ann Arbor honoring our club for our work to replace the trees destroyed by the emerald ash borer.

