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## The Program for October 26, 2005

**Speaker:** Kevin Webber, General Manager-Engineering, Toyota Technical Center, USA.

**Topic:** "Products Development for the Environment"

Guided by its Global Earth Charter, Toyota Motor Corp. continues with its new and advancing vehicular technologies strategically-designed to meet the both needs of its customers and the environment. Our speaker will describe numerous research paths taken, including further development of hybrid gasoline-electric vehicles and other innovative initiatives that are friendly to society and the earth.

**Host/Introducer:** Dave Gunderson

**Song Leader:** Lloyd Bastian

**Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

## Looking Ahead

**November 1** – Start of the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" campaign by The Rotary Foundation

**November 2** (Wednesday) – Nishta Bhatia, chair of our International Committee, will introduce Hank Brown, Len Stenger and Anne Glendon as they report on various projects

**November 5** (Saturday) – Tree planting in the morning (contact John Laird) followed by a Rotary/Rotaract Bowling Outing from 1:00pm to 3:00pm (details in an article below).

**November 9** (Wednesday) – Induction of New Members

**November 10** (Thursday) – The Rotary Foundation Gala, Novi Sheraton Hotel. Carolyn Jones, Foundation Trustee, is the featured speaker. To sign up, go to <http://www.rotaryofwaterford.com/Gala2005.html>

**November 10** (Thursday) – An evening at Performance Network. Contact Millie Danielson.

**November 12** (Saturday) – A second Saturday morning of planting trees. Contact John Laird.

## News from the Meeting of October 19



Gary Bell

As part of our series on learning to know our local non-profits, Ann Neuenschwander introduced Gary Bell, Executive Director of SOS Community Services. He thanked us on behalf of a twelve-year-old girl who had no bed and who was lost in a turmoil of despair. Detailed information about the organization is on their website at <http://www.soscs.org/>.

Our scheduled tree plantings are set for Nov. 5 and Nov. 12. We'll plant 120 trees and we need up to 60 diggers and planters. John Laird reports 48 members have signed up – way to go, Rotarians! We'll know next week, says John, what parks will be the planting venues.

Don't forget the annual Ann Arbor Rotary theater party. That's Nov. 10, 8 p.m., at Performance Network. To see "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol," get your \$10 tickets from Millie Danielson.

We welcomed our newest group of Junior Rotarians, David Hamstra from Community High, David Merigian from Gabriel Richard and Kira Fleming from Greenhills High School.

Four club resignations were accepted with thanks by the board. They include Mike James, Rich Roselle, Jason Eyster and Jody Tull. Update as of 10/20: Bill Kotila has also resigned from the Club.

## Notes from the Program of October 19



Dr. Robert Kelch

Al Burdi introduced Dr. Robert Kelch, Executive Vice President for medical affairs at the U-M, who spoke on "The U-M Health System Now and in the Future." Our mission, he said, is to improve the health of patients and communities through excellence in education and research.

He mentioned seven strategic principles, among them growth and investment, collaboration and teamwork and integrity and trust. Our successes include being named one of the best hospitals and medical schools in the U.S. by "U.S. News and World Report." "We have revenues of \$1.31 billion, a 5.4 percent operating margin, and we're among the top recipients of NIH grants."

As to the future, "we've committed \$1 billion to life sciences in people, facilities and curricula. A threat, however, is the state's hostile climate to stem cell research." He said "you can help in changing that hostile climate. Education is the key."

Dr. Kelch outlined \$2.2 billion in capital projects in expanded patient care and research space. The Wall Street District is the focal point of this expansion. For example, the Kellogg Eye Center expansion project will break ground soon. The Cardiovascular Center, on the site of Old Main, will open in spring, 2007, and the biomedical research building, with the "Pringle" potato chip building out front, is slated for opening in February, 2006.

"I hope you get a sense of the pride and momentum we have going on," Dr. Kelch said, before introducing a short video of "The Michigan Difference."

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

Note: A question was asked a question about stem cell research. Dr. Kelch responded at the time but promised a more complete answer. Here is the link to an interview with him on the subject: <http://www.medicineatmichigan.org/magazine/go.asp?i=338>. The article is entitled, "In Support of Medical Research with Human Embryonic Stem Cells."

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 132 members. We had three visiting Rotarians, Scott Olson of Ann Arbor North, Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson and Betsy Hammond of Lakeshore. Mandy-Kim Leis, a Rotaractor from Germany, also joined us. We had seven guests. Twelve members of the Board met early in the day and 18 members of the Program Committee met just before lunch.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** October 23 (our biggest single day for birthdays!) – Jim Anderson, Sue Beutler, Leo Carrigan, Penny Fisher and Susan Katz Froning, October 24 – Sue McCormick, October 25 – Doug Brouwer, October 26 – George Cress, October 29 – Chuck Cares.

**Make-up Cards:** David Keosaian (Pelham NY on 10/5), Jim Kosteva (Clarkson on 10/17)

**Rotarians in the News:** In the Business Notes section of the Ann Arbor News on October 19, it was reported that Frank Cambria, Deputy Administrator of Washtenaw County, was honored with a Michigan Excellence in Technology Award. He

received the 2005 Visionary Award for his vision, leadership and passion for serving the public. Congratulations, Frank!

**STRIVE Committee Hard at Work:** On October 10th the first Stone School Challenge day was held at Cobblestone Farm. All 80 of the Stone School Seniors attended the one-day workshop. Another 40 adults, including administrators, teachers, counselors and volunteers shared the day with the kids. According to the principal of the school, the exercise was very worthwhile and will have lasting effects. Our contribution of \$1500 toward this project will go a long way in changing the lives of these students. Learn more about Stone School at their website, <http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/stone.home>. Also, November 11th marks the beginning our "STRIVE at Work project." Zingerman's is the corporate sponsor for this collaboration. This is our attempt to align our STRIVE students with real life work scenarios and teach them life/work skills to balance with their academics. Also in November our Strive students come to Rotary to be recognized for their achievement.



Valerie Wang &  
President Norman

**Bowling against the Rotaractors:** This Rotaract-sponsored competition is scheduled for Saturday, November 5 from 1:00pm and 3:00pm (after a morning of planting trees). It will be held at the Ypsi-Arbor Lanes, 2985 Washtenaw at Golfside. Valerie Wang of the U-M Rotaract Club issued the challenge in person at our meeting last week. In "throwing down the gauntlet," she noted that the U-M Rotaract Club is the only active one in District 6380 and that they are also looking for potential Rotaractors and friends of Rotary to attend. The \$15 registration fee, plus \$2 for shoes if you need them, includes two hours of bowling accompanied by snacks and drinks. To sign up, make out your check to "Michigan Rotaract." John White has the registration sheet. Contact him during a meeting at 662-1734 or [jtwhite@umich.edu](mailto:jtwhite@umich.edu).

**"The Normopolitan Opera" is coming up:** The Neutral Zone, a local teen center (<http://www.neutral-zone.org>) is holding this "melodramatic roast and toast" to honor Norman Herbert for his work "to build strong foundations for many of our community's beloved institutions." The event will be held at 6:30 on Wednesday, November 2 in the Michigan League. October 25 is the closing date for reservations. Ann Schriber is rounding up Rotarians to attend. Please see her at their week's meeting or e-mail her at [annschraber@gmail.com](mailto:annschraber@gmail.com).



**Tree Planting Events:** Thanks to the 48 of you signed up at last week's meeting. John Laird, our ace recruiter, will be outside the door again this week. Remember, on the Saturday mornings of November 5 and 12, we will be joined by Rotaractors and Interactors to plant a total of 120 trees in local parks. If you cannot make it to the meeting to sign up in person, you may contact John by phone at 971-4470 or by email to [mmllaird@comcast.net](mailto:mmllaird@comcast.net).

**Some Like it Hot (part 3):** Our first experiment with the hot entrée was conducted last week. A total of 54 members chose the full buffet which included tuna noodle casserole. Some comments were gathered on the arrangement of meal options and possible enhancements will be discussed in advance of the next "hot entrée" day planned for December 7. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please contact John White at 662-1734 or [jtwhite@umich.edu](mailto:jtwhite@umich.edu).

**FAQ from the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" Campaign:** Although the campaign doesn't officially start until November, it is never too soon to get answers to possible questions. Here is one that may be of benefit to some members:

Q. Are there some on-line resources where I can get more information on the campaign?

A. General information on the Campaign is available at

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey.html>

Information on Paul Harris Fellowships is available at

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/recognition/paulharris.html> and

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/recognition/index.html>

Also, information on your personal level of contributions to date can be obtained from Downs Herold or John White or by going on-line to the Member Access section of the RI website at <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/>. John can help you if you have not already registered.

In addition, our district has created the Paul Harris Society of District 6380. Starting with this Rotary year, each donor who annually contributes \$1000 to The Rotary Foundation will be awarded membership. Society members will receive special district-wide recognition and a distinctive gold and blue emblem which can worn with their Rotary pin. For further information, contact PDG Jeff Lichty, District 6380 Foundation Chair, at (248) 625-4244 or [jlichty11@earthlink.net](mailto:jlichty11@earthlink.net)

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