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The Program for November 2, 2005

Speakers: Hank Brown, Len Stenger, and Anne Glendon – Club Rotarians

Topic: "Our Club's International Committee: Current and Future Projects"

Always with an eye on "Service above Self," especially on the world scene, members of our Club's International Projects Committee have much to report on several of its numerous activities thus far this year. Hank Brown will report on the Ghana clubfoot remediation project; Len Stenger reports on the Pune, India reading machines for the blind project; and, Anne Glendon will describe the Bangalore, India vocational training materials projects.

Host/Introducer: Nishta Bhatia

Song Leader: Terry Foster

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Looking Ahead

November 5 (Saturday) – Tree planting in the morning (contact John Laird)

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 See Millie Danielson at a meeting or milleed@umich.edu

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

November 16 (Wednesday) – James N. Morgan, U-M Professor Emeritus of Economics, speaking on Social Security

News from the Meeting of October 26



Jack Walker presented us with a flag from the Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle ME. It is on the left in the photo. Likewise, Phil Alexander gave us a pennant from the Carlsbad CA. Hi-Noon Rotary Club. Its photo is on the right.

There are three opportunities for Rotarians to travel to India in January. See Phil Alexander or the article below for details.

Here's a case of double jeopardy. There are two events on Nov. 10 that command the interest of Rotarians. First is the Rotary Foundation dinner in Novi (see the "Looking Ahead" section above). Also, "Jacob Marley's Christmas" will be presented by the Performance Network on that date. See Millie Danielson for tickets.

If you're interested (and we hope you are) in participating in the Rotary tree plantings on Nov. 5 and 12, see John Laird or Ian Glassford. Rotary was thanked by Al Gallup in a recent letter to the editor of The News for its tree planting role.

Our Junior Rotarians gave us a preview of their future. David Merigian of Gabriel Richard, Kira Fleming of Greenhills and David Hamstra of Pioneer shared their vision of the future as it pertains to them.

As part of our "Know Your Non-profits" series, we heard from Joan Dawdy, executive director of the Community Action Network. CAN serves public housing sites with academic programs for youth, including tutoring.

Notes from the Program of October 26



Our speaker was Kevin Webber, general manager of vehicle regulations and compliance engineering at the Toyota Tech Center in Ann Arbor. He addressed "products development for the environment." He asked us to think of Toyota as "a global company with investments in North America." Toyota, he said, has 12 percent of the U.S. market in cars, has invested \$14 billion and employs 31,000 employees in North America.

It's Toyota's plan to think globally while planning regionally, Webber said. About 60 percent of Toyotas sold in North America are built here. And just what does the Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor do? Well, "we're responsible for North America engineering and research and development. We also perform regulation and certification engineering, as well as support production activities at all North American plants."

Camry is the No. 1 selling car, Webber said, with 426,000 in sales in 2004. Toyota has big plans for its York Township site, which is scheduled for groundbreaking next spring. The facility will be open in fall, '08.

Toyota is a leader in hybrids production, otherwise known as sustainable transportation. Toyota's Prius had 140,000 sales through Aug., '05. "The market wants an environmentally friendly vehicle," he said, but it doesn't want to give up such things as vroom and creature comforts. Toyota's goal is to sell 300,000 hybrids by the end of 2005.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber. Bill Dunifon provided the photographs.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 145 members. We were also joined by DeAndre McCall, the liaison to the U-M Rotaract Club. We had eight guests. A total of 36 members in five committees met just before lunch.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: October 30 – Tom Conlin, John Eman and Bob Foster, October 31 – Duane Renken, November 2 – Elaine Alexander and Charlie Crone, November 3 – Alice Irani, November 4 – Ed Wier and Karen Wixson, November 5 – Ed Lady and Dave Schmidt.

Make-up Cards: Elaine and Phil Alexander (Carlsbad Hi-Noon on 10/11), Pam Horiszny (Ann Arbor Briarwood on 10/14), Ray Hunter (Carleton on 10/11 and Ebsenburg PA on 10/18) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME on 10/11).

Rotarians in the News: Rob Pasick was interviewed for the Executive Profile in the 10/27-11/6 issue of the Business Review of Washtenaw/Livingston. Rob travels the world as an "executive coach" helping to make better bosses.



Nominating Committee Announces Slate: The Nominating Committee, chaired by immediate past president Paul Glendon, announces the following slate of nominees for election at the Club Assembly meeting on November 30, 2005:

For Vice President/President-Elect 2006-07 (President '07-08): Al Burdi.

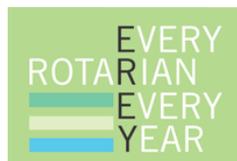
For three Director positions, term of office July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008: Barbara DeBrodt, Lou Callaway and Peter Wright.

For Club Secretary, 2006-07: Downs Herold.

For Club Treasurer, 2006-07: John Ackenhusen.

This slate also will be announced at the club meeting this Wednesday, November 2. At that time, additional nominations for any of these positions may be made from the floor. Each floor nomination must be made by two club members and have the consent of the nominee(s), as provided in the Club Bylaws. If there are nominations from the floor this Wednesday, ballots listing the Committee's slate and such additional nominees will be distributed, voted upon and tabulated, and winners announced, at the Club Assembly. If not, the nominations will be declared closed and the Committee's slate will be elected by acclamation on November 30.

Bowling against the Rotaractors has been postponed: This Rotaract-sponsored competition was scheduled for Saturday, November 5 but is being rescheduled for a later date. Details will be published in an upcoming Harpoon.



“Every Rotarian, Every Year” Campaign Kicks Off: November is Foundation Month for Rotary International. An important part of the Foundation's program is the “Every Rotarian, Every Year” campaign. Each Rotarian is asked to contribute \$100 or more to the Annual Programs Fund to support programs such as Ambassadorial Scholarships, Youth and Group Study Exchanges and World Community Service matching grant projects. Contributions to this campaign are counted toward Paul Harris Fellowships. Envelopes containing a donation form and brochure have been prepared for each member and will be available for pickup at the next two weekly meetings. Envelopes not picked up by the meeting of November 9 will be mailed. Checks for donations should be made out to “The Rotary Foundation” but mailed to the club address or handed to Downs Herold or John White at a weekly meeting. Details on the campaign are available from the RI website at <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey.html>.



Tree Planting Events: Thanks to everyone who signed up at the two recent meetings. The tree plantings are scheduled for the Saturday mornings of November 5 and 12. We will be joined by Rotaractors and Interactors to plant a total of 120 trees. If you still want to sign up or need directions, you can contact John Laird by phone at 971-4470 or by email to mmllaird@comcast.net.

In the Latest Rotarian Magazine: Since November is Foundation Month, the November issue contains a great deal of coverage on Foundation side of Rotary. Also in this month's edition are feature articles about membership recruitment and retention, facts about the site of next year's RI convention and a photo essay of a Youth Exchange student from Bosnia-Herzegovina now spending the school year with a Rotarian family in nearby Temperance MI.



World Interact Week: As we approach the time when we will sponsor two Interact Clubs, it is fitting to note that this week (October 31 through November 6) is World Interact Week. Interact is RI's service club for young people ages 14 to 18. Each year, clubs are to perform at least two community service projects, one of which promotes international understanding. The first Interact Club was formed in 1962 in Melbourne FL. As of June 30, 2005, there were over 10,000 clubs in 118 countries with a total of almost 240,000 members. Our club currently sponsors the Interact Club at Huron High. Another one at Pioneer High is expected to be chartered in the near future.

Weekly Meeting Schedule On-line: Regular attendees of the weekly meetings are familiar with the page of “Coming Attractions” found on each table starting on the last Wednesday of the month. For those of you who desire the electronic alternative to posting one of these sheets on your refrigerator, you can find the same information on our website under the “Events Calendar” dropdown menu. Here's the link to November: <http://annarborrotary.org/november.htm>.



Short-term Youth Exchange: This RI program is a Family to Family Summer exchange. The student (ages 15-18) spends four weeks with a family in a foreign country. Currently, exchanges are being arranged with over 20 countries. After the four weeks, the foreign exchange student flies back with the student to stay with the American student and their family for four weeks. Details are available at <http://www.ohioerie.org/cms/> or contact John White. Application paperwork must be completed by November 30.



Report to District 6380: We started October with 294 members (not counting our four Honoraries) and finished with 289. For the four meetings in October, we reported an average attendance of 66%.

Three Rotary Travel Opportunities to India: Phil Alexander advised the club on three

opportunities for Rotarians to travel to India next January.

PDG Dave Groner is taking two groups to India to participate in the NID (National Immunization Day) for polio in Uttar Pradesh Province. Dates for first timers are Jan 5 to 19. The trip includes sightseeing in northern India and a homestay with Rotarians. Cost is all inclusive at \$4000USD (from Chicago). Final registration deadline is Nov 25. Questions? Call Dave or Barbara Groner at 269-782-2129 or 269-782-2120. Phil and Elaine Alexander and Len and Lois Stenger have been on similar trips with the Groners and highly recommend them.

PDG Terry Youlton (District 6380) is planning a trip to northern India to include an involvement with the Jaipur Foot factory in Jaipur. Travel dates are Jan 7 to 21. Details on costs and travel arrangements are still being worked out but we expect the trip will be under \$3000USD (all inclusive. Trip will probably leave from Detroit. Questions? Call Terry Youlton at 519-674-2442 or e-mail Terry at tyoulton@msni.net.

Friendship Exchange opportunity with Bangalore Midtown Rotary Club. The invitation has been extended by Kiran Boal, past president of Bangalore Midtown, to all of district 6380 for dates of your own choosing but to include January 21 through 27. Bangalore Midtown hosted seven from Ann Arbor last January. We all had a great time. They are wonderful hosts. This one is do-it-yourself but Phil Alexander, the District 6380 Friendship Exchange Coordinator, will provide helpful information including contacting an excellent travel agent firm in India to work out individual travel arrangements in India including city guides. Jim and Nancy Martin have used their services and speak highly of them.

Rotarian to address the UN: Jim Bodenner of the Rockford MI Rotary Club will be addressing the United Nations on Saturday, November 5 on the impact and dynamic of the bio-sand filter as a part of the solution toward clean water in developing areas. There has been no word on whether his presentation will be televised.

Correction: In last week's Harpoon, the article on the Stone School Challenge Day should have noted that our club's contribution was \$1500, not \$2500.



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Rotary "Quick-links": Here are links you may wish to use (or bookmark for later use) for fast connections to a few key Rotary-related websites.

- Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org>
- Club Locator on the RI website: <http://www.rotary.org/support/clubs/index.html>
- Rotaract section of the RI website: <http://www.rotary.org/programs/rotaract/index.html>
- Interact section of the RI website: <http://www.rotary.org/programs/interact/index.html>
- The Rotary Foundation: <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/index.html>
- District 6380: <http://www.rotary6380.com/>
- Rotary Club of Ann Arbor: <http://www.annarborrotary.org>
- U-M Rotaract Club: <http://www.umich.edu/~rotaract>

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