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The Program for November 16, 2005

Speakers: James N. Morgan, Professor Emeritus of Economics, U-M

Topic: "Social Security"

If you are only a wee bit interested in our social security system---then you will not want to miss this talk. Professor Morgan shares his view that your/our social security system is not going broke and then balance that view with other views on the subject. But, there are many questions being asked by citizens and law makers. As examples, some ponder the question: Do I have a chance of getting my contributions back with interest and inflation adjustment? Others even debate the merits of a fully private retirement system. Compulsory Social Security systems? Should/will the aggregate receipts of a social security system equal the aggregate benefit payouts?

Hosts/Introducer: Bernie Galler **Song Leader:** Jim Irwin **Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

Also, Mel Drumm will present Sandy Hilton of the Perry Nursery School for the latest edition of our "Meet Your Local Not-for-Profits" series.

Looking Ahead

November 16 (Wednesday) – Note to Board members: the Board of Directors will meet at 7:30am at Washtenaw United Way offices.

November 23 (Wednesday) - David R. Williams, U-M Collegiate Professor of Sociology, speaking on "Health Disparities: Racial & Socioeconomic Factors"

Also, the Washtenaw Dental Clinic will be highlighted in our "Meet Your Local Not-for-Profits" series.

November 30 (Wednesday) – "Our Annual Club Assembly" Note: this meeting will include elements of interest to prospective members. If you know of a possible candidate, please consider inviting him or her to accompany you.

News from the Meeting of November 9

We heard from Jr. Rotarians Ami Li and Stephanie Laing from Pioneer High. Our third Jr. Rotarian, Christopher Jennings, was not able to attend today.

Bob Foster has suffered a major heart attack while traveling in Las Vegas. We signed a card for Bob and wish him a speedy recovery while keeping him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

We had 45 volunteers who planted 76 trees at Vets Park on Nov. 5; we completed our tree plantings on Nov. 12 at Ellsworth

Park. Way to put your backs into a project, Rotarians!



On Nov. 10 a charter was issued to the Pioneer High Interact Club. Congratulations all around. See article below.



Paul Glendon introduced Carolyn Jones, recently elected to the board of trustees of The Rotary Foundation. Carolyn is from Anchorage, Alaska, and she represents the largest (in area) Rotary district in the world, spanning 11 time zones. She spoke briefly on life in the former Soviet Union and "the human connection" between Rotary and Russia. She congratulated us on our club's Paul Harris Fellows and what we do to make our community a better place. A photo of the flag she presented to us is near the end of this newsletter.

Notes from the Program of November 2

Our program for the meeting was the induction of thirteen new members.



Nicole
Appleberry



Barbara
Bach



Erik
Bakker



Bob
Dascola



Peter
Fayroian



Karen
Kerry



Jeff
Levin



Hugh
Morgan



Vic
Rosenberg



Prue
Rosenthal



Carol
Senneff



Gerry
Stair

John Eman introduced the new members and their sponsors. Here is a summary of our new class:

Nicole Appleberry is an attorney with Ferguson & Widmayer, P.C.. Her sponsors are Alice Irani and Norman Herbert.

Barbara Bach is Chair of Performance Network and is sponsored by Millie Danielson and Ann Schriber.

Erik Bakker is a Senior VP and Marketing Manager for the Ann Arbor Region of Bank One. His sponsors are Brandt Coultas, Marsha Chamberlin, Mel Drumm and Susan McClanahan.

Bob Dascola is the Owner of Dascola Barbers. His sponsors are Bill Dunifon and Mike Marich.

Peter Fayroian is Head of School at Greenhills. He is sponsored by Mike Dubin, Ken Fischer and Dave McDowell.

Mark Foster (not pictured) is an Investment Officer at the Ann Arbor Commerce Bank. His sponsors are Paul Glendon and Jerry Prescott. He is the son of Rotarians Bob and Terry Foster. Note: See below for an update on Bob's condition.

Karen Kerry is a dentist and daughter of Rotarians Gloria and Bob Kerry. She is sponsored by Robert Buchanan and Ingrid Sheldon.

Jeff Levin is Executive Director of the Jewish Federation in Ann Arbor. His sponsors are Bernie Galler and Bob Green.

Hugh Morgan is President and Owner of Black Mountain Construction. He is sponsored by Lou Callaway, Dave McDowell and Doug Freeth.

Vic Rosenberg is an Associate Professor in the U-M School of Information. His sponsors are Beth Fitzsimmons and Maurita Holland.

Prue Rosenthal is the retired Chairman of the University Musical Society. She is sponsored by Bernie Galler and Ken Fischer.

Carol Senneff is the Executive Director of University Audits for U-M. her sponsors are Ken Fischer, Penny Fischer and Sandy Rupp.

Gerry Stair is a physician with Mercy Primary Care and is sponsored by Bob Green and Jerry Prescott.

After the meeting, the new members formed a receiving line and were welcomed by current members.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 146 members. We had five visiting Rotarians and three guests, including two Jr. Rotarians. A total of 12 members in two committees met before the meeting, 37 attended at the New Member Introduction Breakfast and 45 Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors planted 76 trees at Veterans' Park on the morning of Saturday, November 2.

Other Notes of Interest

Bob Foster Update (as of 11/14): Bob had bypass surgery last Friday and is recovering well. He and Terry will stay in Nevada for another week to ten days.

Birthdays: November 13 – Joh Kang, November 15 – Dave Krehbiel and James Steward, November 18 – Nicole Appleberry, November 19 – Thad Carr

Make-up Cards: Neil Bidwell (Petoskey on October 4)

Visiting Rotarians: In addition to Carolyn Jones of the Anchorage-East Club, we were joined by Neil Loney of Ypsilanti, our Assistant District Governor. Other Rotarians in attendance were Joan Bussell, immediate past president of the West Bloomfield club, Joel Bussell of the Southfield club and Elana Shelel, also of Southfield.

Rotarians in the News: The November 3-9 issue of the Business Review of Washtenaw/Livingston featured the results of their "Deals of the Year" competition. Sandy Rupp accepted the award in the Nonprofit category for the United Way's development for its 2-1-1 call center. The four runners-up in that category included organizations where Rotary is well represented. Sabrina Keeley and Michael Cole were also pictured for their roles in the deals that won in other categories.



"Every Rotarian, Every Year" Campaign Now in Full Swing: The personal envelopes left over after distribution at the meetings on November 2 and 9 were mailed out to the rest of the membership. Each contained a donation form and an EREY brochure. 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. Thanks to the 65 members who have already sent in their donations. With the club match, we will surely be welcoming a number of new Paul Harris Fellows this year. Details on the campaign are available from the RI website at <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey.html>.

Rotary Evening of Culture and Fellowship – China: District 6380 Rotarians and their friends are invited to a dinner meeting at the Lines at Pinewood in Walled Lake at 6:30 on Thursday, December 8. The event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Farmington and will feature Dr. Wolfgang Fuerniss speaking on "The Economic Transformation of China and its Impact on the World's Economy." Here's a link to the flyer on the District 6380 website: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/html/6841/Rotary-Culture%20Evening-120805V2.pdf>. Also, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar studying at U-M would like a ride to the event. If you are planning to attend and would like to help out, contact John White at jtwhite@umich.edu.

Interact Club at Pioneer High School: On November 10, the Interact Club at Pioneer High School received its charter. In the photo at left below, our President Norman is shown giving the document to their president, Jeany Zhang. In the photo at right, the Interactors gathered for the ceremony are shown with their advisor, Dave Seybold (back row, right) and our Rotary liaison Brandt Coultas (back row left). Congratulations to this energetic group.



Interact Club at Huron High: The Huron High Interactors were mentioned in a recent article by Geoff Larcom, Ann Arbor News reporter and fellow Rotarian. They were out on a Saturday morning raking leaves for seniors. Here's an excerpt: "The four River Rats, members of the school's Interact Club, a service group, had been there about an hour and were nearly done. 'It's really important to help contribute,' said Luna Alexander. Two other members of the group, Tony Hsieh and Sharon Wei, had recently moved to Ann Arbor from Taiwan and China respectively, were enjoying the chore for several reasons. They said they hadn't experienced such a colorful fall in their old homelands, nor did they often see such expansive neighborhood yards. And the group effort made the job go quickly, they agreed. "If you do this with your friends, it's so much more fun," said Ekjot Basra, the fourth member of the group. The Huron contingent was among a record 700 volunteers who participated in Fall Chore Day this year, said Tara Griffith, director of volunteers for Neighborhood Senior Services (<http://www.nssweb.org>)." Here's the link to the entire article: <http://www.mlive.com/search/index.ssf?/base/news-15/1131275450217480.xml?aanews?NEA&coll=2&thispage=1>

District 6380 News: The November issue of the District 6380 newsletter has been posted on their website at <http://www.rotary6380.com>. There is an article about the upcoming Rotary Youth Exchange application process and message from a Rotary Peace and Conflict Resolution Fellow. Our district will be funding one in 2006. Also mentioned was the Foundation Gala on November 10. Here is a direct link to the newsletter: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/html/6951/District6380November.pdf>.

How to Propose Programs: Our Program Committee, chaired by Mike Marich is the group that gathers, sorts and prioritizes all the suggestions. These suggestions can come from anyone, whether inside or outside the Club. The most effective and efficient way to suggest a program is through our website at <http://www.annarborrotary.org>. Pull down the "Contact Us" menu at the top of the home page and click on: "Club Meetings." The express route is to click on this link: http://annarborrotary.org/cntct_meet.htm.



Flag from Anchorage-East Club: TRF Trustee Carolyn exchanged flags with us during her visit to Ann Arbor. Here is a photo of the one she left with us.

New Meeting Place for the Rotary Club of Milan: They are now meeting at the Main IX Street Restaurant, 39 Main Street. They continue to meet Tuesdays at noon. Here is the link to RI's club locator: <http://www.rotary.org/support/clubs/index.html>. You can use the locator to find the day, time, location and contact number for any club in the world.



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