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## The Program for November 30, 2005

**Special Event:** "Our Annual Club Assembly"

**Presiding:** Norman G. Herbert, President, 2005-2006, Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

This is an especially important meeting for the Club. We will formally elect a new President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Directors. The past year has been full with a number of successful projects and the launching of some very exciting service initiatives. Many of these will be highlighted at the assembly. This annual club assembly is yet another opportunity for members to stay informed and to take part in positioning our Club for continuing successes throughout the 2006 year and beyond! It's our future...be there!

**Song Leader:** Ingrid Sheldon

**Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

Note: this meeting would be a good one for any visitors interested in the work of the Club and would be particularly useful as an orientation to potential members.

## Looking Ahead

**December 7** (Wednesday) – We will be entertained by the Pioneer High School Choir under the direction of Ken Westerman. This meeting is a holiday tradition and is an excellent opportunity to bring your spouse or a guest. We will be in the Union Ballroom that day.

**December 14** (Wednesday) - Mary Sue Coleman, U-M President, will present, "The State of the University"

**December 21 and 28** – No meetings. Our regular weekly luncheons will resume on Wednesday, January 4.

### President's Corner:

This feature of our newsletter will allow Norman to highlight a note of interest to the members.

This week, he reminds us that our club's total commitment to The Rotary Foundation for the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" campaign is \$30,000. This sum is equal to an average of \$100 per member.

## News from the Meeting of November 23



Paul Glendon introduced new Rotarian Mark Foster (in photo at left), an investment officer at Ann Arbor Commerce Bank. As part of Paul's introduction of Mark, he reported that Bob Foster, Mark's father, was returning to Michigan to continue his recovery from the heart attack he suffered several weeks ago.

The Rotary Foundation status report has our club at about \$16,000. With nearly 300 members, our expected giving is about \$100 each. Be sure to support the Foundation in its efforts.

As part of our "Get to know your local not-for-profits" series, Howard Deardorff introduced Tammy Kraeger of the Washtenaw Children's Dental Clinic. She said the clinic treated 126 children from Washtenaw County last year who weren't covered by dental insurance.

On December 8, the Farmington Rotary Club will host a program on China at 6:30 p.m. If interested in attending, contact John White or President Norman. Details are contained in the past two Harpoons.

The annual report is out, and with that our thanks go to Paul Glendon. Copies were available on the tables at the meeting but there has since been the discovery of a two omissions. One was Anne Glendon's name and her position as a member and secretary of the Endowment Trustees. The other is the following article:

### **Rotate Your Food** -Chris McMullen

We partnered with our local food rescue/food bank program, Food Gatherers, to collect much-needed food for non-profit programs throughout Washtenaw County that fight hunger every day. Thirty-five businesses and organizations were part of our Club's first local food drive, held June 19-25. Picking up food collection bins, delivering food to the Ann Arbor District Library, hauling bins back to Food Gatherers, donating food themselves, and sorting and packing donated food for distribution, more than fifty Rotarians participated. Over two tons of food was collected, which translates into 2,859 meals; a \$6,433 value!

If you took a one of the reports, please add Anne's name to the list on the third page and print out the above article to include in your copy. The entire revised report as a .pdf file will soon be available from the home page on the Club website at <http://www.annarborrotary.org>.

### **Notes from the Program of November 23**



Our speaker was David R. Williams, U-M professor of sociology, who gave a stimulating talk on "Health Disparities: Racial and Socioeconomic Factors." He said there were ten key facts to remember on racial differences in health.

1. Racial/ethnic differences are large. African-Americans and Native Americans have death rates higher than whites. There is a cradle-to-grave disparity.
2. Over the last 50 years, "we have not made a lot of progress" in reducing the gap in racial differences in health. Williams noted "little progress in reducing elevated death rates of blacks relative to whites."
3. Racial differences in health are not primarily caused by genetic factors.
4. Socioeconomic status (SES) is a central but incomplete explanation of racial differences in health. The life expectancy at age 25 of U.S. men? For whites, it's another 50.1 years, for blacks it's 45.7.
5. Racism affects health. "Discrimination is a hellhound," Martin Luther King once said.
6. Income affords the resources, wealth provides the cushion.
7. Place makes an added contribution to health. Consider the social context of homicides. Solution? Eliminate residential segregation.
8. There are racial/ethnic differences in access to health care.
9. Minorities are under-represented among health professionals.
10. African-Americans have much better mental health than expected because of religious attendance. Williams said "we need to improve conditions for all Americans. We must improve quality of life and living standards and access to health care."

Note: The photo above was obtained from the website of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Research Network on Socioeconomic Status and Health. More information on our speaker is available from that organization at <http://www.macses.ucsf.edu/Network/david.htm>.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor.

**Meeting Statistics:** No doubt due to the upcoming holiday, our reported attendance at this day's meeting was a little low at 103 members. We did have three visiting Rotarians and were joined by seven guests, mostly relatives of Rotarians in town for Thanksgiving. Seven members participated in a meeting of the Community Allocations Committee before lunch.

### **Other Notes of Interest**

**Condolences to Lois Jelneck:** Bill Jelneck, Lois' husband of 37 years, passed away on Sunday, November 20. He is also

survived by five children, eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Details are contained in the full obituary which appeared in the Ann Arbor News on November 22 or on-line at

<http://www.legacy.com/annarbor/LegacySubPage2.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonID=15739551>

Note: This article was reprinted from the Harpoon "Extra" edition of last Wednesday which was only sent out electronically.

**Birthdays:** November 27 – Rick Reid, November 28 – Rob Pasick, November 29 – Cynthia Sorensen, December 1 – Frank Cambria, December 3 – Dick Carlisle and Jerry Hodge.

**Make-up Cards:** Sue Beutler (Pune India - Central on January 22)

**Visiting Rotarians:** We had three visiting Rotarians; Hugh J. Morgan, Jr. (father of our new member Hugh Morgan) and Betsy and John Hammond of the Lakeshore club in St. Joseph.

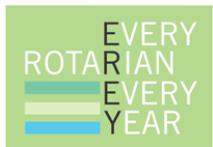
**Rotarians in the News:** Randy Tisch will deliver the keynote address at Cleary University's 2005 winter commencement on December 10. He will also receive an honorary degree of doctor of science from Tom Sullivan, Cleary President and fellow Rotarian. Congratulations to Dr. Tisch!

**New Matching Grant Awarded:** Jim Martin reports that The Rotary Foundation has recently awarded Matching Grant #58446. This is a joint project between the Denizli Rotary Club of Denizli, Turkey and the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor. The purpose of the project is to start a school library in the village of Imamlar, Turkey, which is 56 miles from Denizli. Imamlar has a population of 600. The school has 160 students between the ages of 6-14. In addition to Jim, the committee members are Gae Miller, Elaine Alexander and Didem Ekici. Didem is a graduate student from Turkey and a member of Rotaract.

The current school has almost no books. This project will provide approximately 1,600 new books, as well as a computer with software and printer. Also included are shelving, tables and chairs. In addition to providing children's books for the students, books pertaining to agriculture will be made available to the villagers. There will be no charge for using the books. The total cost of the project is expected to be \$13,150 of which the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor will contribute \$3,000.

**New Printed Directories Available:** You can expect the opportunity to get a new printed member directory at this Wednesday's meeting. Copies will be mailed to members without internet access. Each committee chairs, directors, officers and new members will receive a complimentary copy. Other members may purchase a copy for \$5.00. A table will be set up by the badge board for sales. Electronic versions are also available. Contact John White about the electronic version at [a2rotary@comcast.net](mailto:a2rotary@comcast.net).

**Community Service Assessment Bills are Coming:** Also on Wednesday, you can expect to receive an envelope with your bill for \$170. Envelopes not picked up will be mailed out. Your payment is due by the end of December.



**"Every Rotarian, Every Year" Campaign at the Halfway Point:** Thanks to the 100+ members who have already sent in their donations. Over \$16,000 has been donated so far. Based on our giving to date, we will be awarding at least ten Paul Harris Fellowships. Background information on the campaign is available from the RI website at

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

**District 6380 has a New Domain Name:** For those of you who have a collection of Rotary bookmarks in your internet browser, please change the address of our district website to <http://www.rotary6380.org>. Their old address ended with ".com" and will continue to work for some time but please make the change soon just to be sure.



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