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The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor sponsors the U-M Rotaract Club and the Interact Clubs at [Huron](#) and [Pioneer](#) High Schools  
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## The Program for January 25, 2006

**Speaker:** Susan Lackey, Executive Director, Washtenaw Land Trust

**Topic:** "The Importance of Sense of Place"

"The Importance of Sense of Place?" This topic has to do with the need for private land protection. That is--- not leaving this responsibility solely to government-funded programs. Our speaker first will describe for us why this need for land protection is so critical to our continued sense of the uniqueness of our community. Then, we will hear why this view also makes good economic development sense. Currently, we have an important "window of opportunity" to make this opportunity happen for the betterment of all in the community.

**Host/Introducer:** Flip Connell

**Song Leader:** Ingrid Sheldon

**Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

## Looking Ahead

**January 26** (Thursday) – "Wine, Women and Song IV" at the Kerrytown Concert House. The time is 7:30. Admission is \$15. Make your reservations by phone to 769-2999 or on the web at <http://www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com/>.

**February 1** (Wednesday) – John Drake, Vice President, Human Resources for CMS Energy, will speak on "The Lingap Project – Orphanage for Children in the Philippines"

**February 8** (Wednesday) – Erica Gwynn, Outbound Ambassadorial Scholar 2006-2007, will present "Links between Aquatic Ecosystems and Human Health"

**February 15** (Wednesday) – Jim Duderstadt, U-M President Emeritus, will describe "A Road Map to Michigan's Future: Meeting the Challenge of a Global Knowledge-driven Economy"

## News from the Meeting of January 18



Our Junior Rotarians from Huron High, Sarah Kause, Jung-Ho Kim and Marissa Lapedis (shown left to right in the photos), told us about themselves and their future plans.

Community Service Assessments were due on December 31. There are 40 Rotarians who are outstanding (and we mean that in a non-flattering way). You know what you need to do.

If you're interested in signing up for Washtenaw Literacy Power Tutoring Feb. 4, see Joanne Pierson.

Applications are due Feb. 17 for the new member class of March 8.

Deb Polich says there's free admission to "Native News Influences of Modern Cultures" at the Artrain on Saturday, January 28 from 10:00am.-5:00pm and Sunday, January 29 from noon-5:00pm. Is there a better bargain than "free?"



Larry Henkel delivered a nice presentation honoring our very capable song leaders and accompanists. Our song leaders are Lloyd Bastian, Russ Collins, Don Devine, Terry Foster, J. Downs Herold, Jim Irwin, Henry Johnson, David Keosaian, Shelley McMillan, Jan Barney Newman, Ingrid Sheldon and Larry Henkel. Our accompanists are Deanna Relyea, Tom Strode, John Ackenhusen, Joan Knoertzer, Maurita Holland and Bob Pratt. Our thanks to all these gifted folks. Each was presented with a special Rotary lapel pin.

## Notes from the Program of January 18



Jim Kosteva introduced Brian Steglitz, senior utilities engineer with the city of Ann Arbor, who spoke on "Toward a Sustainable Water Future for Ann Arbor." The key word, he said, is sustainable. More than 90 percent of Ann Arbor water customers are satisfied with water quality. "They have high expectations," Brian said.

So how much water do we need? "We need about 17-18 million gallons per day, but by 2050 we'll be needing 40-50 million gallons per day." Our recommended alternatives include the Huron River, source of most of our water, conservation measures and groundwater. Brian said we have many conservation measures already in place, including meter replacement, leak detection devices and watering restrictions.

He anticipated partnerships with the Huron River Watershed Council and the Greenbelt Initiative. There are no immediate changes or expansion to the water treatment facility in the works, however some components of the system are aging and in need of repair such as pipes. Brian said a \$9 million annual investment over the next six years will address aging infrastructure needs. Water main replacement is the biggest unknown out there, he said.

Cost to us? Well, the quarterly cost for a typical customer may increase from \$29 to \$40 by 2011. "We could fill 3,000 bottles for one dollar, therefore our costs compare favorably with other utilities," Brian said. What about security? Since 9/11, we've identified some vulnerable parts, he said. "We can't put a wall around our facility. But we're sensitive to security needs. There are ongoing activities, not all of which we can share with the public."

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor. Fred Beutler provided the photos.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 134 members, one Rotaractor, three Junior Rotarians and six guests. Fourteen members participated in the Board of Directors in the morning. A total of 31 members met before lunch with three committees; International Outreach, Allocations and Program.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** January 22 – Lou Callaway and Ginny Geren, January 23 – Norman Herbert, January 26 – Randy Tisch, January 27 – Jim Irwin and Geoff Larcom, January 28 – Mike Dubin.

**Make-up Cards:** Brad Bowersox (Saline on January 5)

**Visiting Rotarians:** Amine Tourki, the U-M Rotaract Club's liaison to our club, joined us. We also hosted three Junior Rotarians as listed above.

**Highlights from the Board of Director's Meeting:** On January 18, the Board held its regular monthly meeting. One financial item of note is that the value of our permanent endowment is now up to \$1.14 million! On the personnel side, the Board accepted resignations from Larry Eiler, Tom McMullen and Lois Stenger. Sara Mehraban's membership was terminated. The earlier reinstatements of Damian Farrell and John Psarouthakis were formally acknowledged.

**Grant to Washtenaw Literacy:** The Club's Board of Directors has authorized a grant of \$2,000 to Washtenaw Literacy to support the Power Tutoring workshops at Washtenaw Community College on February 4. We're very pleased to be able to support this initiative as one of our literacy programs in support of RI's focus on the issue of literacy. In addition to this financial support, we understand that some Rotarians and U-M Rotaractors will be participating in this workshop and lending their hand in support of English conversational group discussions. Rotarians wishing to participate can contact Joanne Pierson at [jpierson@umich.edu](mailto:jpierson@umich.edu).

**District 6380 News:** The January issue of the District 6380 newsletter has been posted on their website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>. The lead article reminds us the January is Rotary Awareness Month. Another article has a short bio on Wilfrid Wilkinson, RI President Nominee. He is from Trenton, Ontario and is scheduled to take office in July 2007.



**Rotaract Bowl-a-thon:** The event on Saturday, January 21 drew a total of 34 bowlers (half Rotarians and half Rotaractors) plus a handful of non-bowling cheerleaders and well-wishers. All present had great fun and concluded that it was the "first annual" fun event and that the January time frame is probably a good one in which to repeat. The first place team included Norma Sarkar, Wayne Colquitt (with the top score for the day at 170), Bill Stegath and three Rotaractors; Valerie Wang, Kristine Sasiela and Jennifer Jason. A more complete write up with photos is scheduled for next week's Harpoon.

**Tsunami Relief Update:** It has been almost a year since we sent a contribution of more than \$12,000 (combining some club funds from the International Humanitarian Service Projects Committee's budget and generous gifts from many club members) to the Rotary Club of Colombo (Sri Lanka) Regency to help with their tsunami relief efforts. Their plans were to build new housing for people in the nearby town of Batticaloa whose homes had been destroyed and to rebuild schools that also had been destroyed by the tsunami. In total, the Colombo Regency Club received almost \$570,000 in donations. Our gift was one of the ten largest and made up approximately two percent of the total.

As of mid-January, they have begun work on a school for 468 students: all approvals have been received, construction contracts have been signed, the site has been cleared, but all-out construction cannot begin until emergency shelters still on the site are relocated, which is expected to happen soon. Work is further along on a project called Kotthankudy Rotary Village, where two model homes have been completed, foundations have been laid for another 48 houses, and block walls up to roof level have been built for several more. The land on which the Village is being built is held in trust through cooperative arrangements with the local government, pending conveyance to recipients of the new houses upon move-in. The club also has all approvals and signed contracts for a fifteen-house project at Kalatura, on the west coast of Sri Lanka; total cost of that project will be approximately \$105,000, and they expect to lay the foundation stone and start construction by the end of January. The Colombo Regency Club also has organized Livelihood Development projects, most of them apparently focused on fishing, to assist tsunami victims in assembling the skills and material wherewithal to sustain themselves economically. All in all, remarkable work by our fellow Rotarians, and we can be proud to be part of it.



**Donation Records for Tax Purposes:** Each member will soon be receiving a letter documenting his or her donations to the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment. Included will be the contributions made in response to the Community Services Assessment and amounts designated for the Permanent Endowment, STRIVE, relief efforts for tsunami and/or hurricane victims and other donations such as Twin Club and the District 6380 Peace Scholarship. The letters will be distributed personally to members attending this Wednesday's meeting. Remaining envelopes will be mailed immediately thereafter to ensure delivery by the end of January. Some interesting tidbits are that club members contributed total amounts of \$48,000 to their Community Service Assessments, \$45,000 to the Permanent Endowment and \$26,000 to the other worthy causes as noted above.

**Harpoon Notes:** Having difficulty reading the Harpoon on-line? Prefer to print it out for reading in your easy chair? Does your email system block images or include them as attachments? Want a clean copy for your files or for sharing with a guest or prospective member? Need to refer to back issue and you have already cleaned out your email in box? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you will want to know that you can get a .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) version of current and recent Harpoons on the Club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/>. Go to the light blue box on the lower right side of the home page and click the Harpoon link. You will find ready access to all Harpoons for the last six months.

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