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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 February 22, 2006

**Speaker:** James R. Irwin, Chairman and CEO, Wolverine Technical Staffing, Ann Arbor

**Topic:** "The University of Michigan's Top 20 Athletes of the 20th Century"

Who will be among UM's top 20 athletes of the 20th century? Perhaps Wolverine legends as.....

UrbancheckDiemerSnowHestonShultzRickeySislerFriedmanBarrowmanMorrowOosterbaanKipkeUferKramer  
WistertBrothersBarrCanhamBenedictBuntinPorterDolanAmayaDufekFamilyHubbardWoodsonHowardFosterZahn  
HarbaughAbbottAllardFordMcKayBarrHirschZatkoffWymerMcGregorHarrisCrosbySchroederLundSeegartDolan  
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NamesnikWoodsonRussellTomjanovichRiceLeachMcKayWashingtonDierdorffMcGuireHenryLundGriffin  
ThollHestonRickeyBenedictNeerRobinsonBayKingTrostCanham...others?

And, now Mr. Irwin...the envelope ...Paleeze!

**Host/Introducer:** John Eman

**Song Leader:** Lloyd Bastian

**Accompanist:** Tom Strode

## Looking Ahead

**February 23** (Thursday) – Rotary's 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration sponsored by District 6380. For details, see the article on the district website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>.

**March 1** (Wednesday) – Marge Wright, Director of the "Common Chords" Hand Chimes Choir will present, "A Special Concert to "ring in" the Month of March as a prelude to spring.

**March 8** (Wednesday) – New Member Induction

## News from the Meeting of February 15

Mike Marich was awarded the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor's Distinguished Service Award.



Mike, a member since 1991, is a former director, a Paul Harris Fellow and is active on a number of committees. Mike is most admired and appreciated for devoting his time, unswerving efforts and leadership talents to the program committee. Mike has welcomed hundreds of the club's speakers with his great enthusiasm and warm personality. Congratulations Mike – the Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor. The full text of his award is included in this issue of the Harpoon.



As Al Storey promised last week, we welcomed Junior Rotarians Vincent Alessi, Keon Min Park and Julia Hawley as presenters in our meeting this week. Julia Hawley is from Greenhills School and Vincent Alessi is from Community High School. Keon Min Park, not pictured, is from Gabriel Richard High School.

John Rasmussen has returned from his volunteer work in Brazil with a banner for our club from the Rotary Club of Santarém. Santarém is the third largest city in the Brazilian Amazon and has a population of over 200,000 people.

Santarém, located in a breathtaking region of natural beauty, is where the Amazon meets the clear waters of the Tapajos River between Manaus and Belém. Santarém is located in a region rich in natural resources, including timber and gold.

In the latest installment of our “Get to Know Your Local Not for Profits” series, Stephen Postema introduced Joan Chesler, Executive Director of the Corner Health Center in Ypsilanti. The Corner Health Center is Michigan's first, largest and most comprehensive teen health center. The organization works to help young people make healthy choices that improve their lives now and in the future. The Center offers these low-income, young people ages 12-21 and their children a broad range of medical care, health education and support services. More information is available from their website at <http://www.cornerhealth.org/>.

## Notes from the Program of February 15



Our speaker was James J. Duderstadt, U-M President Emeritus and currently the Director of the Millenium Project at the University of Michigan. Here is a synopsis of his comments.

The State of Michigan is in trouble. We are leading the nation in unemployment. We seem to be having great difficulty making the change from a manufacturing to a knowledge-based economy. The out-migration of young people in search of better jobs is the fourth most severe among the states. Our educational system is under achieving with one quarter of our adults without a high school diploma and only one third of the graduates college ready.

Michigan must stop shifting public and private funds away from education, research and innovation to fund short term priorities such as prisons and tax cuts. In 2000-01, state appropriations per student at Michigan's public universities was \$6840. In 2004-05, it was \$5721. This has put quality and capacity at great risk.

In the near term we must focus on changing policies for investing in higher education and providing our institutions with the capacity to become more agile and market smart.

More information on The Millenium Project is available from its website at <http://milproj.dc.umich.edu>.

The Notes were prepared by Henry Amble. Bill Dunifon provided the photographs.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day's meeting included 140 members, three visiting Rotarians and ten guests. In addition, a total of 50 members participated in four meetings; the Board of Directors, International Outreach Committee, Interact Committee and the Program Committee.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** February 21 - Walt Hancock, February 22 – Brandt Coultas, February 24 – Bob Dascola and February 25 – Steve Dobson

**Make-up Cards:** Brad Bowersox (Saline on Feb. 2) and Steve Oldstrom (Greenville-East SC on Jan. 30 and Greenville-Breakfast SC on Feb. 10).

**Visiting Rotarians:** We were joined by Kassee Feit (Blissfield) and John and Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore – St. Joseph).

**Congratulations to Hal Flynn:** Our own Hal Flynn, a Rotarian with over three decades of service in three clubs, has been honored with the role of Assistant District Governor beginning on July 1. His clubs include ours, Ann Arbor-North, Saline and Milan. He will succeed Neil Loney of the Ypsilanti Club who has held the position for the past several years. Neil has been a friend and supporter of our club within the district and has visited our club on many occasions. Best of luck to Hal and a big “Thank You” to Neil.

**Notes on Membership:** At the Board Meeting of February 15, the resignation of Lisa Tedesco was acknowledged. She is moving to Atlanta after accepting a position at Emory University. Bob Kerschbaum, Jr. was officially welcomed back into the club. He was a member from 1979 to 1993

**Golf Outing Set for September 11:** The Board also approved Monday, September 11 as the date for our annual golf outing. Please mark your calendars now.

**Annual Member Survey Now “Under Construction:”** Sam Offen, our resident pollster, is preparing to issue the annual member survey in late March or early April. The results of this survey will be compiled, tabulated and analyzed for presentation at the Board’s annual retreat in mid-May as it decides on the directions for the club’s 2006-2007 program year. The first step is to gather develop relevant, insightful and worthwhile questions. Committee chairs are being asked to submit their suggestions by the end of February. Individual members may submit their thoughts through the appropriate committee or send them directly to Sam at [sgoffen@umich.edu](mailto:sgoffen@umich.edu).

**Policy on Solicitations:** In response to recent inquiries, here is the official club policy on solicitations as adopted by the Board of Directors on October 17, 2001:

"No member, speaker, guest or other person, group or organization shall sell products or tickets, solicit donations, or otherwise engage in overt fundraising activities directed at members of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor at club meetings or by mail, e-mail or telephone solicitation using the membership list of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, except to raise funds for the Club itself, its Permanent Endowment or the Rotary Foundation or for events, causes or fundraising drives sponsored or officially sanctioned by the Club itself. Exceptions to this Policy may be made from time to time but only by majority action of the Club Board of Directors in response to written request from the person, group or organization seeking to engage in such activities."

**Distinguished Service Award to Mike Marich:** Here is a copy of the certificate presented to Mike as part of his award:

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor  
**Distinguished Service Award**

**Milan “Mike” Marich**  
Honorary Paul Harris Fellow

Mike Marich was born and raised in Detroit. He enrolled at the University of Michigan in 1950 and received three degrees from there, including a Ph.D. in 1970. From 1956 to 1967 he taught social studies at University High School. Students frequently voted for him as an outstanding teacher and mentor.

In 1970 Mike was appointed assistant professor in the University of Michigan’s School of Education and was promoted to associate professor in 1974. A leader in his field, he has served as a member and officer in many national and state professional organizations. The National Council for the Social Studies awarded Mike its prestigious Distinguished Service Award in 1981. He was named Michigan’s Social Studies Educator of the Year in 1988 and received the state’s Teaching Excellence Award in 1990.

Mike has served the University well in many ways. He served on the School of Education’s master’s degree certification

committees for several years and was a longstanding member of the U-M's Senate Assembly and chaired its Advisory Committee to the Vice-President for Student Affairs. In June 1997, University Regents appointed him associate professor emeritus of education.

Mike joined the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor in 1991. He is a former director and a Paul Harris Fellow. Mike continues to actively serve on a number of club committees. He's been most admired and appreciated for devoting his time, unswerving efforts and leadership talents to the program committee. Mike has welcomed hundreds of the club's speakers with his beaming smile and effervescent personality.

Mike and his wife, Zelma, have two married children—a daughter, Leslie, and a son, David—and four grandchildren. Their oldest grandson recently completed his freshman year at the U-M.

Mike continues as most enthusiastic supporter of the University of Michigan. For over fifty years, he's been in the stands at U-M football and basketball games. A participant in Club projects from spreading wood chips on paths to planting trees, his volunteer work has helped to enhance the vibrancy of Ann Arbor, a city he so dearly loves.

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor. Mike Marich is most deserving of this award and of once again being designated as a Paul Harris Fellow of The Rotary Foundation.

----- "Service Above Self" -----