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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 March 1, 2006

**Speaker:** Marge Wright, Director, "Common Chords" Hand Chimes Choir

**Program:** "A Special Concert to 'Ring In' the Month of March as a Prelude to Spring"

We will hear the musical talents of the "Common Chords" that has performed hand chimes concerts throughout Michigan. Always with a focus on ability and not disability, the group's mission is to provide young adults with developmental disabilities an opportunity to grow socially, spiritually and to develop self-esteem through musical performance. This choir has performed at many community celebrations, churches and service clubs. Our own club has supported this group in the past and this concert is the "Common Chords" way of saying thank you. Host/Introducer: Paul Wright

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**Song Leader:** Lloyd Bastian

**Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

### Looking Ahead

**March 8** (Wednesday) – New Member Induction. We are expecting a class of nine capable, experienced and eager persons.

**March 15** (Wednesday) – We will hear from members of the Huron and Pioneer Interact Clubs and the U-M Rotaract Club

**March 22** (Wednesday) - Ellen Augustine, Productivity Enhancement Program, San Francisco, will speak on "Building Business, Building Friendship"

**March 29** (Wednesday) –Stephen Goldstein, Ph.D., Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, U-M will present "New Horizons in Joint Replacement"

Note: In addition to reviewing the "Coming Attractions" sheet passed out at the meetings, you can also obtain a brief description of each of the above programs on the Club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/march.htm>.

### News from the Meeting of February 22

Steve Dobson opened our meeting with some trenchant quotations from the pen of George Washington, whose birthday we celebrated. Happy birthday, George!

If you noticed his bright, some might say, gaudy, tie, you may want to refer to Tom as "Hot Sauce" Strode, who also accompanied song leader Ingrid Sheldon.

Thanks to Mel Drumm and others who published the Harpoon during the absence of both John White and the Harpoon's editor. You folks did a fine job!

Check out March's speaker list. You won't want to miss a meeting.



We welcomed back Judie Lax, re-installed as a Rotarian. Her photo is at the left.

The Legacy conversation on Terry Foster (in photo at right) was delivered by Sabrina Keeley. Terry has served her church and community in so many ways that we'll just list a couple: Active in United Way, a valued member of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation staff and on the boards of NEW Center and the Ann Arbor Y. Congratulations, Terry! The highlights of Sabrina's presentation are contained in an article below.

## Notes from the Program of February 22



John Eman introduced Jim Irwin, chairman and CEO of Wolverine Technical Staffing, who spoke on "The University of Michigan's top 20 athletes of the 20th Century." Jim's criteria for greatness were that he or she played exceptionally, earned a degree at Michigan and scored for Michigan beyond their years of graduation. By those standards, the honorary top athlete of them all was Gerald R. Ford, who played football in the early 1930s, and then later distinguished himself with a long career in public service in the U.S. House of Representatives and in the presidency.

"I'm just a fan who likes to look things up," said Jim who clearly did his research in naming Michigan's foremost athletes. "There are 52 people tied for No. 21," he joked after winnowing his list to 20. The top ten, though, are the following: Don Canham, athletic director (see the Historical Oracle article at the end of this newsletter); the Wistert brothers, football players extraordinaire; Bob Ufer, "the 'ol announcer;" Willie Heston and Germany Schultz, from Yost's "point a minute" teams; Don Lund (who was in attendance and got a nice round of applause), a fine three-sport athlete; Red Berenson, two-time hockey All-American and current hockey coach; Harry Kipke, "the first U-M athlete to adorn a Wheaties box"; Ron Kramer, a superb all-around athlete whose No. 87 jersey was retired the moment he graduated; and Tom Harmon, "Harmon of Michigan," who was Michigan's first Heisman Trophy winner and probably its greatest all-around football player.

So who was No. 1 in Jim's estimation? Bennie Oosterbaan, "Coach Bennie," who was a four-time All American in a major sport and who stayed at Michigan his entire playing and coaching career. You may argue with Jim's list (he wishes you would!) and say "How could you possibly leave out (fill in a name)?" but you have to admit he jogged our memory banks and presented a stellar roll call of great athletes who wore the M of Michigan.

The Notes were prepared by Don Faber. Fred Beutler provided the photographs.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day's meeting included 132 members, three visiting Rotarians and eight guests. In addition, a total of 40 members participated in five committee meetings; Membership Development, Rotate Your Food, Community Allocations, Golf Outing and Rotaract.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** February 27 – Art Williams; March 1 – Don Robinson, Mary Steffek Blaske and Cynthia Wilbanks; March 2 – Dale Berry; March 4 – Judy McGovern

**Make-up Cards:** Charlie Crone (Frankenmuth on January 12)

**Visiting Rotarians:** We were joined by Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore – St. Joseph), Dick Rosenfeld (Jackson) and Amine Tour Ki (U-M Rotaractor).

**Attendance Report to the District:** At the end of February, we reported a total roster of 298 members, including one loss (Lisa Tedesco) and one gain (Bob Kerschbaum, Jr.). The reported attendance was 67%.

**District 6380 News:** The District website (<http://www.rotary6380.org>) includes two recent articles of interest to us. One is about a new award known as the "Ambassador of Goodwill." It will recognize those Rotarians who travel, at their own expense, to further the goals and objectives of Rotary. This award provides recognition of individual Rotarians at the club

and district level for international service activities on behalf of Rotary. This new award is not based on any financial considerations but is rather recognition for “going and doing.” Our own Phil Alexander is one of the principals behind this award. The other new article is a notice that information and registration forms for RYLA 2006 are available. On-line registration is not available this year. In addition, the district website maintains a substantial amount of other information and links to even more. It is worth an occasional visit.

**Suggested Survey Questions Still Welcome:** Last week’s Harpoon included a notice that the annual member survey is coming up and that Sam Offen ([sgoffen@umich.edu](mailto:sgoffen@umich.edu)) is the person who is gathering up suggested questions. The listed deadline for submissions is February 28 but you may bring them along to this week’s meeting. See Sam or John White if you have anything to offer. You can expect to see the survey in both electronic and paper form in late March or early April and will be given a few weeks to fill it in and return it.

**The Historical Oracle Recalls Don Canham - One of a Kind:** Our Club seldom, if ever, had a speaker like Don Canham. Don spoke to us as U-M Athletic Director once a year, and each time was memorable. When he walked in the Anderson Room, he was so relaxed he appeared like he was entering his own kitchen. Don never sat at the speaker’s table, preferring instead to sit somewhere else in the room, usually with old friends. When introduced, Don would saunter up to the lectern and talk about the University, without notes, and without pulling punches. His Rotary programs would “pack the place” with members, guests, and visiting Rotarians. It was obvious Don Canham enjoyed his times with Ann Arbor Rotary. And we all enjoyed him immensely!

**Rotary Banners:** Here are the latest ones. From left to right, the Toledo West Club in Cebu, Philippines (our partner club on the Lingap Center project), the Santarem Club in Para, Brazil (from John Rasmussen’s trip there), the Moannickendam Club in Holland (from visiting Rotarian Wim de Ruijter) and the Frankenmuth Club (from Charlie Crone’s recent visit). Thanks to Fred Beutler for the photos.



**Legacy Conversation with Terry Foster:** Here are Sabrina Keeley’s remarks.

Terry was born outside Chicago

---Met husband, Bob, at Denison University;

---Bob then attended U-M law school but no good paying jobs in A2 upon graduation so moved to Royal Oak.

---In 1969 moved back to A2 and have been here ever since.

They have two sons, five grand kids; all live in the area. Husband Bob is Rotarian, his father is Rotarian and their son, Mark, recently joined our club so they have three generations in Rotary.

Terry has been involved with many nonprofit organizations in our community:

1. Trustee of First Congregational Church of A2, where she has also been a choir member for over 35 years; Chaired the search committee to replace the minister, who had been there for 33 years; that process was one of the most rewarding personal experiences she’s had. Terry’s mentor and teacher Wendall Lyons introduced her to fundraising; and after his death she took on his job handling the business of the church.
2. Served on PTO Boards at Thurston and Clague schools and was President of Huron PTO.
3. President of Lawyers’ Wives of Washtenaw County and its counterpart statewide organization; she raised \$\$ for “family group homes for youth,” which is now part of HelpSource; worked with fellow Rotarian Anne Glendon on that effort.

4. Terry was active in United Way: served on Wash Co. Allocation Committee and local campaign cabinet; also served on the Michigan United Way Board and Allocation Committee, and Received Big W Award for service. Terry's involvement w/United Way sparked her interest in other nonprofit work.
  5. In 1988, joined the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. Another Rotarian, Steve Dobson, was President of the Community Foundation Board when she became Executive Director. This was a part time job where she worked ONLY around 40 hours/week! Job allowed her to utilize her people and fundraising skills for the A2 community that she loved. She developed a strategic plan and applied for grant funds that would be used to form a Youth Council which is still in existence today. Terry takes pride in the fact that 2005 marked the 10th anniversary of the Council, which has given over \$1 million back to the community. Also served on the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as the Community Foundation representative. When the Community Foundation job grew to require a full time CEO, Terry's family responsibilities—including children and aging parents—didn't permit her to remain in the role. She left the organization but soon joined the Board of the Nonprofit Enterprise at Work (NEW) Center, a new organization that kept her connected to the nonprofit world.
  6. Terry joined the Board of the YMCA, and participated on the search committee that hired Rotarian Cathi Duchon, who is now a dear friend. Terry was also Vice Chair of the recent Capital Campaign to build the new YMCA building. She served the Y for 10 years.
  7. Vice Chair of the Capital Campaign for St. Joe's Women's Health Center, the first of its kind in the state.
  8. Terry served on the Washtenaw Community College Foundation Board for 6 years and was recognized by the Women's Council for community service.
  9. She is actively involved with the Republican Party and Republican Women's Club.
  10. Terry joined Rotary in 1991, and was the 15th female member when she joined! Helped start Rotary Readers program and last year received the Distinguished Service Award.
  11. Terry has traveled to Australia, China and Africa and is now starting to travel a bit more.
  12. Her most important roles have been wife and mother and the time she spent with the Community Foundation.
  13. One thing most people don't know about Terry is that she was a mute clown. She took clowning classes and would march in parades in A2. Her name was Mumford.
  14. Very important occasion for Terry and her family was breaking ground on property owned by Bob's grandparents up north on Burt Lake. Bob and Terry built a family cottage and now spend almost 6 months of the year there. BUT, don't expect her to lounge around. Terry was President of the Burt Lake Cottage Association; she volunteers at the Burt Lake hospital, and after Hurricane Katrina she was inspired to volunteer at the Washtenaw County Red Cross.
  15. Things most important to Terry are the health of her and Bob, her family, playing tennis and golf, and spending time at the cottage, which is currently in the midst of a 1,000 sq. foot expansion.
  16. Terry feels she has been in the right place at the right time and has been truly blessed in her life. She said she "loves watering seeds and watching them grow."
- I didn't know Terry Foster before I was asked to present this Legacy Conversation. But, I can honestly say I am impressed at how much she has given of herself to so many worthy causes. It has been my pleasure to get to know her.

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