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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 15, 2006

Speakers: Interact Club Members at Huron and Pioneer High Schools and Members of University of Michigan Rotaract Club

Topic: "Interact with Rotaract"



Members of our Interact Clubs and our UM Rotaract Club will be sharing highlights of their many outstanding service activities of this year. Huron's Interact Club is in its third year; the Pioneer Club was chartered this past fall; and our Rotaract Club has been in existence for just over one year. Come see and hear how these spirited groups are representing Rotary and living the life of "Service above Self."

Host/Introducer: Joanne Pierson

Song Leader: Henry Johnson

Accompanist: Maurita Holland

Looking Ahead

March 22 (Wednesday) - Ellen Augustine, Productivity Enhancement Program [PEP], 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"

Brief descriptions of each of the above programs are available on the club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/march.htm>

News from the Meeting of March 8

Singing was superb today, with Don Devine as song leader. Maybe it was because we sang a song as "recent" as 1884 in origin.

No sooner does President Norm return than Rotarians experienced "the great coat rack collapse." Let's hope everybody found his own outer garment after the meeting. We may be hit up for an industrial strength coat rack some time soon,

Jim Frenza reminded us of the community allocation program whose theme again is "helping kids succeed." Jim said we're hoping to raise \$50,000 this year for deserving nonprofits. March 31 is the deadline for submissions for allocations. Prospective applicants can contact Chuck Olson at ceolson@umich.edu to request the forms.

Al Storey introduced our Junior Rotarians from Pioneer High: Jamie Obidike, Michael Thomas and Katharine Tatum. We'll hear from these fine young people next Wednesday.

Notes from the Program of March 8

John Eman introduced a new nine-member class of Rotarians. Our new members are:



Tom
Degrazia



Rob
Juergens



Steve
Kesler

Tom Degrazia, retired vice president for human relations, China, of the Ford Motor Co. Tom serves on the board of the Red Cross.

Rob Juergens is an investment specialist with J. P. Morgan, formerly Bank One. Rob knew what he wanted to be in the first grade, which was to handle other people's money!

Steve Kesler is associate chair, department of geological sciences at the U-M. Steve is active at Zion Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor.

Laura Lonergan is in technical consulting with TriMedia Consultants. Loyalty, preparation and being on time rank high with her.

Eric Pless is in commercial lending with Midwest Financial Credit Union. He enjoys camping and baseball with kids.

Pete Richards is vice president of University Bank. An avid mariner, he has sailed the Port Huron-Mackinac boat race 27 times.

Dan Romanchik does technical writing and website design. He also works in amateur radio and electronics. He's editor of AutoTestNews.com

Bryan Schindel is senior pastor at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor. A Canadian, Bryan once served as pastor for four parishes that spanned 250 miles in Dryden, Ont. He and his wife have seven children.

Lou Young is principal of Pioneer High School. He was a research biologist at Parke Davis before going into education. You might ask him about "Jaws" as part of his background or the Grammy recently awarded to Pioneer's Music Department.

Credit for the News and Notes goes to Don Faber, Harpoon Editor. Fred Beutler took the photos of our new members.

Note: As a part of this welcome, photos and contact information were assembled onto a single page and copies were placed on each table at

the meeting. Also included on the sheet were data on recently reinstated members Damian Farrell, Bob Kerschbaum, Jr., Judie Lax and John Psarouthakis. This page can be used to update the printed directory which was published in November 2005. Sheets will again be available at upcoming meetings. Club members can also get an electronic copy by emailing a request to John White at jwhite@umich.edu. If you do choose to update your directory, you may also wish to note those members who have left the club since the directory was printed; Sharon Baller, Larry Eiler, Tom McMullen, Sara Mehraban, Lois Stenger and Lisa Tedesco. Our club membership has now reached 308. We are larger than 99.8% of the Rotary clubs in the world. Only about 60 have more members.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 147 members. We also had one guest, one visiting Rotarian and three Jr. Rotarians. The Rotate Your Food and Strive Committees met before lunch. A total of 19 members participated in those two meetings.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: March 12 – Howard Deardorff; March 13 – Carolyn Shear; March 14 – Ellen Abramson; March 15 – Mel Drumm, Henry Johnson and Karen Kerry; March 18 – Tim Marshall and Doug Weber.

Make-up Cards: Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on Feb. 6 and 27), Don Devine (Gardner MA on March 2), Dave Gunderson (Norwegian Cruise Line on Feb. 23) and Walt Helmreich (Ann Arbor North on Feb. 23).

Visiting Rotarians: Assistant District Governor Neil Loney of the Ypsilanti Club joined us for the New Member Induction.



Rotarians in the News: Marsha Chamberlin, President and CEO of the Ann Arbor Art Center, authored the Guest Opinion in the March 9-15 issue of Ann Arbor Business Review. Her topic was the shift in recent years in the way that local nonprofit organizations receive funding from corporations. Nowadays, she notes, “Local nonprofit organizations have repackaged their requests for contributions as sponsorship opportunities that provide businesses with increased visibility for their gifts. Such sponsorships have largely been a win for both sides.”



Rotary Bowlers Triumphant: (a report from Paul Glendon) Shaking themselves out of a prolonged mid-season slump, members of the Bowling Team had a banner night last Thursday. Russ Reister led the way with a 211 game and a combined three-game score that was 104 pins above his average. Three other bowlers exceeded their averages on the night and the team took 34 out of 40 points against a squad known as Generation Gap. With seven weeks to go in the '05-06 season, Captain Dick Elwell and his merry band of Rotary keglers are planning (hoping?) to finish strong and end the year in their accustomed mid-standings position.

The Historical Oracle Recalls Founding Washtenaw Camp Placement: Last week’s Harpoon noted the kickoff of the Community Service Allocation process. In this article, the Historical Oracle recalls an early chapter in our club’s history of “Service above Self.”

It was the early 1960’s. Three Ann Arbor Rotarians, John Holland, Guy Larcom, and Wendell Lyons, put together the plans for our Club to establish the Washtenaw Camp Placement Association. Our mission was to make it possible for boys and girls who lived in Washtenaw County to attend summer camp, who otherwise could not attend due to family financial restraints. Members pooled their personal funds to start the program, which became an immediate success. Now, Washtenaw Camp Placement is a United Way Agency. United Way Funds aren’t enough to support the program, however, so our Club annually provides financial support. So far, Washtenaw Camp Placement is the only charitable association actually started by our Club. And we’re proud of the fine work they do!



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----- “Service above Self” -----