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The Program for March 29, 2006

Speaker: Stephen Goldstein, Ph.D., Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, U-M

Topic: "New Horizons in Joint Replacement"

So...how do your knees feel today? Your hips? Come listen to a "world class" scholar and dynamic leader in bioengineering. Professor Goldstein will bring us into the fascinating new world of joint replacement therapy, including emerging research in "tissue regeneration" that stimulates bone to regenerate and heal itself. It will be a wonderful story with great take home messages about our own "bone and bones" over the life span.

Host/Introducer: Ellen Abramson

Song Leader: Henry Johnson

Accompanist: Deanna Relyea

Looking Ahead

April 5 (Wednesday) – John Hieftje, Mayor of Ann Arbor, "Update on Ann Arbor"

April 12 (Wednesday) – Carol Hollenshead, Director of the Center for the Education of Women, "Women in the Developed World: An Underdeveloped Resource?"

April 19 (Wednesday) – Robert S. Grese, Director, UM Nichols Arboretum, "Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum – Treasures In Our Midst"

April 21 (Friday) – Member Survey responses due (see article later in this newsletter)

April 26 (Wednesday in the Union Ballroom) - "Music of the Americas," a special program conducted by Richard Ingram, Music Department. Chair, Huron High School

Details on each of the programs above can be found on the Club's website at <http://annarborrotary.org/april.htm>.

For your long range planning (Watch the upcoming Harpoons for details):

Tree Planting – Two or more Saturday mornings later this spring

Spring Fling – Friday, May 19

"Rotate Your Food" – Mid-June

Ann Arbor Art Fair – July 19-22 (No Rotary luncheon meeting that Wednesday)

The "Rotary Invitational" – Monday, September 11 (All members are encouraged to attend the banquet that evening. There will be no regular luncheon meeting on Wednesday, September 13)

News from the Meeting of March 22

That travelin' man, Don Devine, supplied us with two flags from Rotary clubs in New (Live Free or Die!) Hampshire.

We've sent out 90 application packages for our community allocation program. Responses must be postmarked by March 31. That should give our allocation committee plenty to mull over.

In a unique Rotary moment, we had three members of the Kerry family – Bob, Gloria and Karen – serve as resource persons for our Junior Rotarians. A first for Rotary, to be sure. We have a group of four Junior Rotarians this time around, the better to accommodate student schedules. They are: Meg Martinez from Greenhills High School and, from Huron High, Trisha Saha, Robert Moran and Yi-en Shih, better known as “Angel.”



Assistant governor-elect Hal Flynn (in photo at left) reminded us of the district conference to be held May 5-7 at the Radisson in Kalamazoo. His colorful tie carried the Rotary theme for 2006-2007, “Lead the Way.”

President-elect Ingrid Sheldon will also be in Kalamazoo this weekend for leadership training. She will be attending Rotary’s President-Elects Training Seminar.

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The Rotary Invitational (our fourth annual golf outing) is set for Sept. 11. There will be no meeting on the 13th, so you can plan now to be at the dinner on the 11th. More information is contained in an article later



Our Legacy conversation, delivered by Buz Hoff, was on Deanna Relyea, who he accurately described as “a treasure to the community.” Deanna’s rich contralto voice may be heard on everything from cabaret tunes to oratorio and a lot in between. She is mostly identified with the Kerrytown Concert House (<http://www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com>), which she says “has enriched my life” since 1984. Bill Bolcom and Joan Morris were early subscribers to the KCH concept and this gifted duo helped to set the tone for all that followed at KCH.

Additional notes: Deanna has been a member of the club since 1989. She joined in a class with Libby Hines. Only Gloria Kerry, a member since 1988, has more “seniority” among our women members, which now total 72 out of 307. As many long-time members may recall, women were not officially allowed to join Rotary Clubs until 1989. Our club was one of those that “jumped the gun.”

The Rotary Interact committee needs members. See Dick Elwell if interested.

Notes from the Program of March 22



Our speaker, introduced by Phil Alexander, was Ellen Augustine of PEP (Productivity Enhancement Program), centered in San Francisco. She spoke on “Building Business, Building Friendship” about efforts to build entrepreneurship in Russia. In PEP, Russians are brought to this country for business training and then return to put ideas into action.

More than 700 American Rotary Clubs have participated in PEP and more than 80 Rotary clubs have been started in Russia. “We need to build more bridges to Russia, not only in business, but for peace,” Ellen said.

She cited Sergei, who came here and then returned to do water purification in his hometown in the Urals, and Alexander who shared information on dentistry with his hometown Volgograd Association of Entrepreneurs. She said bribery and corruption are still major factors in Russian business, along with many taxes and levels of bureaucracy.

With PEP, Ellen said, “you make your own life in business, but you also craft your community. You ask, what is possible in life.”

In 2004 a symposium on corruption reduction was held in Washington, D.C., attended by 100 PEP delegates. They put their lives on the line when they returned to Russia and identified specific examples of corruption in their home towns.

The program targets Russia’s business owners whose companies are second stage businesses – not startups. The breakup of the old Soviet Union gave rise to a new economy of “situational entrepreneurs.” Now Russia is positioned to develop its own

brand of capitalism, and PEP is there to help generate jobs and increase domestic production.

The News and Notes were compiled by Don Faber. Fred Beutler provided all the photos.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 131 members. We also had three visiting Rotarians, four Junior Rotarians and three guests. Four committees (International, Jr. Rotarian, Interact and Rotaract) met before lunch with a total of 22 attendees.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: March 26 – Roger Fraser; March 28 – Howard Dubin and Doug Moffat; March 29 – Dave Gunderson; March 31 – Bill Dunifon and Jack Weidenbach

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Peter Allen (M/S Paul Gaugin in Tahiti on March 2); Neil Bidwell (Key West FL – Sunrise on March 10 and 17); Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale on March 6 and 13); and Steve Oldstrom (Greenville SC – Breakfast on February 17, February 24 and March 10, Greenville SC on March 14).

Visiting Rotarians: We were joined by Ron Maxwell of the Reno NV Central Club. Also present were Jim Brady and Lori Sprague of the Dexter club.



Annual Member Survey: All members are being asked to complete the annual survey. This year, the big push will be toward completing the questionnaire on-line using a service by Survey Monkey. Use of this internet resource will provide immediate collection and tabulation of responses contributing to a fast, accurate and efficient compilation of results. Members will soon receive an emailed invitation from Survey Monkey. If you want to get a head start, go to

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=468151840252>. In either case, please respond by April 21 so that your inputs can be analyzed and transformed into recommendations for the May Board meeting. If

you have any questions, please contact Sam Offen at sgoffen@umich.edu.

Fran Hoffman Passes Away: Fran was the wife of the Bob Hoffmann, our president in 1992-1993. She maintained her interest in the club and continued her subscription to the Harpoon. Here is a note from Jane Kimball, her daughter: "It is with sadness that I want to let you know that my mom, Fran Hoffman, passed away Monday afternoon after suffering a severe stroke. She died quickly and peacefully, and I happened to be with her at the time, so we have much to be grateful for. Thanks to all Rotarians who sent e-mails or cards to her in the last few weeks - she still knew who everyone was and was thrilled that people wanted to stay in touch with her. She was a wonderful woman and we will miss her greatly."

Fran's obituary in the Ann Arbor News is available on-line at

<http://www.legacy.com/annarbor/LegacySubPage2.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=17188150>



The "Rotary Invitational" (2006 Golf Outing): Save the Date-Monday September 11th. As President Norman announced at last week's meeting, this year's Golf Outing/Fundraiser will be held on Monday, September 11th. The Event has a new name-The Rotary Invitational- and important new features based on feedback from the members. The highlights are: 1) new location (Travis Pointe Country Club); 2) new day (Monday); 3) shortened duration (no games and children's entertainment before dinner and a shorter auction program); 4) tennis tournament (at the Travis Pointe location, if sufficient interest) and 5) two very worthy causes supported by the proceeds from the event (scholarships, Strive and our other high school scholarship programs and the Ash Tree Replacement program). So please INVITE all your friends and neighbors, and let's make this year's event the biggest and best ever! The brochure containing details on the event and the

registration form is available from the website at <http://www.annarborrotary.org/golfbrochure2006.pdf>.

Wanted: "Rotary Partners" for Strive Scholarship Winners: The Strive Committee has established a new "Rotary Partners" program under which club members will be paired with 2006 Strive Scholarship winners to establish and maintain a lasting connection between the student and our club. This is not a "mentorship" program in which the club member will be expected to spend regular amounts of time with or provide academic or life lessons to the student, but simply a relationship of friendship and support.

For the student, the benefits will be whatever he/she chooses to make of the partnership, but at the very least it will provide a single point of continuing contact with our club. For the Rotary Partner, the benefit will be to know and help a young person

who has begun a profound life-change by seizing a last-chance opportunity for academic achievement and positive change of attitude and habits. For the club, these partnerships will enable us to provide personal encouragement to scholarship winners to make full use of scholarship opportunities and keep track of their progress.



The Rotary Partner will be expected to attend and connect with assigned scholarship winner and his/her family at the Strive Awards Banquet at Washtenaw Community College on May 2 and the club meeting on May 31 at which the Strive winners will be introduced and honored, plus one or both of these two events: Stone School Senior Dinner at Washtenaw Intermediate School District on May 22, or Stone School graduation at WCC on June 5. The Rotary Partner also will be expected to maintain occasional personal, phone or email contact with student partner over the summer and during the 2006-7 school year and keep Strive Committee apprised of student's plans and progress.

There will be as many as nine Strive Scholarship winners this year. So far, three Strive Committee members have agreed to be Rotary Partners. Other Committee members are likely to do the same, but there will be opportunities for other club members to participate in this important form of "Service above Self" as well. If you are interested, contact either of the Strive Committee Co-chairs, Ann Schriber and Carolyn Shear, or Rotary Partner coordinator Andy Dahlmann. Their email addresses are annschrber@gmail.com, carolyn@elswest.com and adahlmn1322@aol.com, respectively.

New Leaders Named for the Junior Rotarians Program: After many years of service as co-chairs of the Junior Rotarians program, Larry Henkel and Al Storey have decided to pass the torch of leadership to a new generation of club members. Two of our newest Rotarians – Tony Nam and Mark Foster – have jointly accepted this responsibility. Tony and Mark will be working with Larry and Al through the rest of this Rotary year to learn the ropes and will take full command, working over the summer with the many other club members who regularly participate in the program. An interesting sidelight to this transition is that Tony was one of Larry's "counselees" when he was a Pioneer High School student in the 80s.

Turkish Rotary Clubs Offer Graduate Scholarships: A consortium of Rotary Clubs in Turkey offers one-year full-ride scholarships for graduate study at Turkish universities. Approved but not sponsored or administered by Rotary International,



this program has existed since 1996. Scholarship covers all in-country expenses for two semesters of graduate study: tuition, books, bed and board, and transport within Turkey. Applicants must pay for their own transportation to and from Turkey. Application and study itself can be in English, command of Turkish language not necessary. Unlike most Rotary programs, relatives of Rotarians can apply for and receive these scholarships. Age limit is 30. Applicants must have successfully completed GRE or GMAT test. Deadline for

applications for 2006-7 academic year (beginning 10/06) is May 1. To obtain an application form via email, contact Paul Glendon at pglendon@yahoo.com.

International High School Student Art Contest: The Rotary Club of Otorohanga, New Zealand is running an International High School Student Art Contest. Entries can be submitted as digital images. See their web site at <http://www.oto-rotary.org> for information. Prizes include a three week, fully funded trip to New Zealand. Entries are open now and close May 1.

Need Help Opening .pdf Documents?: Adobe Systems has created a file format that has become the de facto standard for documents to be exchanged between computer users (even between Macs and PCs) without the need for the recipient to have the software that originally created the document. The program that creates these documents is known as Acrobat and the names of the files it creates end in .pdf (which stands for Portable Document Format). Adobe sells the Acrobat program which distills (creates) the files but gives away the program that can read them. It is called Acrobat Reader, You can obtain this program by going to <http://adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>. Follow the instructions for downloading and installation. Contact John White at jtwhite@umich.edu if you have any questions or need any help.