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## The Program for April 12, 2006

**Speaker:** Carol Hollenshead, Director, U-M Center for the Education of Women

**Topic:** "Women in the Developed World: An Underdeveloped Resource"

In the four decades since the university's Center for the Education of Women was founded, as we will learn from our speaker, women have made great strides in educational and career achievements. Nevertheless, U.S. data demonstrates that women have yet to reach economic equality. Professor Hollenshead will share her views on what still needs to be done.

**Host/Introducer:** Ann Schriber

**Song Leader:** Don Devine

**Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

Rotary-related background notes: In addition to our club's 72 women members, two other very notable women in Rotary are Donna Shalala, former Secretary of Health and Human Services (RC of Madison WI and RC of Coral Gables FL) and Margaret Thatcher, former British Prime Minister (RC of Westminster East, Greater London). Worldwide, women were first officially admitted to membership in 1989 and now amount to 12% of Rotary membership. Our club "jumped the gun" by admitting women in 1988.

## Looking Ahead

**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. Reminder: We will be meeting in the Union Ballroom that day and enjoying a somewhat more elaborate (and slightly more expensive) buffet lunch.

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

### For your long range planning (watch your upcoming Harpoons for details):

Tree Planting Sessions – April 29, May 6 and May 13. Sign up with John Laird.

Strive Banquet – Tuesday, May 2 at WCC. See news article below.

District 6380 Conference – May 5-7 in Kalamazoo. See <http://www.rotary6380.org> for details and registration info.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) – May 12-14. Wayne Colquitt is the Chair of our RYLA committee.

Spring Fling – Friday, May 19 at Barton Hills Country Club

"Rotate Your Food" – June 5-17. See the article later in this newsletter.

## News from the Meeting of April 5

Member Bob Hughes is quite ill in Florida. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Recent update: He is “out of the woods” from his bout with pneumonia and may be cleared to return to MI in a month or so.

The Community Allocation Program is well under way. See Chuck Olson for more information on the process of who gets funded and why.

Just a reminder, the district conference is May 5-7 in Kalamazoo. Sign up, it’s a lot of fun and there’s plenty to learn about other Rotary clubs.



The annual survey is out and posted on the website. We’ve had more than 100 responses thus far. Fill it out and provide our club with useful information. The URL for the survey is <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=468151840252>. 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](mailto:sgoffen@umich.edu).

Speaking for Strive, Carolyn Shear said “we’ve had a busy, interesting year.” Andy Dahlmann spoke on a partnership program of how to get kids motivated to attend college. Ann Schriber said the Strive Banquet would be Tuesday, May 2 at Washtenaw Community College, 6:30 p.m., \$20 per person. If you’re interested in the partnership, contact Andy at 761-7600, x231 or [adahlm1322@aol.com](mailto:adahlm1322@aol.com).

The Economic Club of Washtenaw County will have Cal Ripken, Jr., holder of baseball’s longest consecutive games played record, for its speaker on April 24 at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest. For tickets, call 734 480-1636 or send an email to [econclubwc@aol.com](mailto:econclubwc@aol.com).



We met two Junior Rotarians, Mary Wagner from Gabriel Richard High School and Maggie Dethloff (in photo at left) from Community High. Maggie, active in theater, wants to go into creative writing at a small liberal arts college.

Particular thanks go to Mel Drumm for putting out the past week’s electronic Harpoon, and to Fred Beutler for his skill in sizing the pictures we use.

John Laird passed a signup sheet for our tree planting schedule: April 29, May 6 and May 13. He’ll provide cookies, donuts and coffee, you provide the back and muscle. We’ll have more info soon on times and venues.



We gave special thanks to many Rotarians for their commitment and service to the Junior Rotarian program. They include Chris Conlin, Lloyd Bastian, David Anderson, Nishta Bhatia, Bob Foster, Libby Hines, Ginny Geren, Terry Linden, Carolyn Shear, Gloria Kerry, Jan Barney Newman, Cynthia Wilbanks, Mike Marich, Burt Voss, Bill Stegath and Downs Herold. And of course, leadership kudos go to Larry Henkel and Al Storey (in photo at left) for year in, year out dependability.

## Notes from the Program of April 5



City Administrator Roger Fraser introduced our honorable mayor, John Hieftje, who spoke on “What are they thinking about over at City Hall?”

The mayor lauded Rotary and John Laird for the tree plantings program, saying “I can’t think of a finer gift to the city.” The city, he said, has a balanced budget, a healthy reserve and a good bond rating. Looking ahead, all of the major union contracts are up this year.

Energy costs are up, but, the mayor said, we’ll be using B-50 fuel, which is half vegetable oil, in some city vehicles. “And we’re working to buy green energy, especially wind power which is a solid source of energy.” Wind is stable, less expensive than coal after 4-5 years from startup and it generates a job potential of 8,000. “I’ve studied the environmental impact statement of wind,” John said, and concluded it was a good energy source.

Rail transit is a desirable goal. "We have 60,000 people commute to Ann Arbor daily," he said, "and that's a lot of cars and greenhouse gases." He said it would cost \$500 million to add two more lanes to US 23 which feeds into Ann Arbor. He cited an award the city received from Bicycling Magazine, and said we were number three in the country, after Boulder, Colo., and Eugene OR in promoting the use of bicycles downtown.

Another goal of the mayor is to have more people living downtown. For that, we need "six, eight, ten story buildings." And oh, by the way, "let's not have any more ugly buildings in Ann Arbor!"

The greenbelt is moving forward, but there's a shortage of matching funds from the state. He favored underground parking as opposed to surface parking because "real estate is too important to use for surface lots." Recycling? We're making money from recycling, Mayor Hieftje said, and we capture more than 50 percent of the waste stream.

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

**Meeting Statistics:** Statistics from this meeting will be posted here in next week's Harpoon.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** April 13 – John Ackenhusen; April 14 – Gloria Kerry and Bill Stegath.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Several make-up cards have arrived lately and will be listed here in next week's Harpoon.

**Visiting Rotarians:** We were joined by one regular visitor; Jamie Walsh of the U-M Rotaract Club.

**District 6380 Newsletter for April:** It is now available on-line at [http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/NewsBulletin/510/District\\_6380\\_April\\_2006.pdf](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/NewsBulletin/510/District_6380_April_2006.pdf). The lead article covers the upcoming District Conference in Kalamazoo from May 5-7. Other articles include 1) the announcement of Stan Sherman of the Royal Oak Club as our District Governor for the 2008-2009 Rotary Year; 2) the schedule for RYLA (May 12-14); and 3) Paul Glendon's article on the lack of applicants for Outgoing Ambassadorial Scholarships for 2007-2008. The final article contains a list of the district's 50 clubs and their per member contributions to the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" campaign sponsored by The Rotary Foundation. The goal for the program is \$100 per member. So far this fiscal year, our club has donated an average of \$135.70 per member and ranks fourth in the district.



**Rotary Bowlers Prevail in Service Club Showdown** [from Bowling Beat Reporter Paul Glendon]: Under the intrepid leadership of Captain Dick Elwell, your Rotary Bowling Team stepped up big-time in a true service club confrontation with their counterparts on the "Big K" squad from the Downtown Kiwanis Club. Our boys garnered twenty-eight of the available forty points on the evening with some steady if unspectacular bowling. Alas, that still left them a few points behind the Kiwanians in the Thursday Night Service Club League standings. Individual high point of the night was Greg Cook's 195 in the first game – without a single spare, a relative rarity albeit not worthy of special ABC recognition. Other Rotarians towing the line on this night of (infrequent) triumph were

Chuck Olson, Paul Glendon and Peter Wright. Only three weeks remain in the '05-'06 season, so if you want to cheer our bowlers on you need to be at Colonial Lanes one of the next three Thursday evenings between 6:30 and 9:30.



**Rotate Your Food 2006** [an article by Chris McMullen]: This year's Rotate Your Food canned food drive for Washtenaw County's food rescue/food bank program—Food Gatherers—is scheduled for June 5 – 17. Last year, our Rotary Club collected more than two tons of food for those in need in our county. We hope to exceed that goal this year. Every ton of food collected will provide enough food for 1,333 meals. If your business or organization would like to participate by setting out a collection bin for non-perishable food donations, please contact Chris McMullen at [chris@foodgatherers.org](mailto:chris@foodgatherers.org) or place your name and your business/organization's name on the sign-up sheet which will be placed at your table at this week's club meeting.

**Fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Dexter** [a note from President Lori Sprague]: I'll take this opportunity to invite you all to Dexter's Art, Food & Wine fundraiser. The event will be held on Sunday, April 23 from 5:00 to 8:00pm at Reddeman Farms Golf Club. There will be a selection of fine wines available for tasting and purchase, all the appetizers you can eat, and artworks by several local talents available for sale. There will also be a live auction of fabulous items which was very

entertaining last year. Tickets are \$50 apiece. Get them while they last by emailing your request to me at [lsprague75@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lsprague75@sbcglobal.net). Hope to see you at this fun party.

**Host Family Needed:** A new host family is needed for 17 year old female student from Tunisia. She has been here for eight months and returns home on June 11. Her current hosts are no longer able to continue because of illness in the family. She is attending Whitmore Lake High School so the new host family should live in that district or be willing to drive her to school. Jim Kosteva ([jkosteva@umich.edu](mailto:jkosteva@umich.edu)) has more information.

**Reminder to Committee Chairs:** Each of you recently received a list of your committee's membership along with a request for your update. Thanks to the many of you who have responded. For the rest, please review the materials and reply to John White at [jtwhite@umich.edu](mailto:jtwhite@umich.edu). Contact him by email or by phone at 662-1734 if you have any questions.

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