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The Program for June 21, 2006

Speaker: Laura Rubin, Director, Huron River Watershed Council

Topic: The State of the Huron; What We Can Do

The Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) is the state's oldest regional watershed council, started in 1965. It protects the Huron River by conducting scientific research, advising citizens and public officials, and helping ordinary people help the river. Much of the HRWC's work has changed over the past 40 years to reflect the changing threats to the watershed. Come learn about the threats to the Huron, what is being done to protect the watershed, and how some local projects are tackling some of the most pressing challenges.

Host/Introducer: John Hieftje

Song Leader: Terry Foster

Accompanist: Deanna Relyea

Looking Ahead

June 21 (Wednesday) - Laura Rubin, Director, Huron River Watershed Council will present, "The State of The Huron; What We Can Do."

June 28 (Wednesday) – At this meeting, we will make the leadership changes that will carry us into the 2006-2007 Rotary year. The Program Committee is planning the program, "A Musical Frenzy and More!" On this date, you can also expect to receive your dues bill for the coming year. Payment will be due in July.

June 29 (Thursday) – Cap off the 2006 "Rotate your Food" drive with a Rotarian Work Night (5:00-8:00pm) at the Food Gatherers' warehouse off Dhu Varren Road. Rotarians from the Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Dexter Clubs are invited to take a tour of the facility and do a little work such as sorting donations or packing food boxes. Tree-planting Rotarians may also want to stop by nearby Olson Park to see how last year's plantings are doing. Contact Chris McMullen (761-2176 x205 or chris@foodgatherers.org) to sign up or for more information.

Copies of the complete listing of programs for June will be available as a handout on the attendance table at Wednesday's meeting and is also on-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/june.htm>.

July programs – There will be only three regular Wednesday luncheon meetings in July. They will be July 5, July 12 and July 26. We will not meet on July 19 due to the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

News from the Meeting of June 14

President Norman read a nice letter from Richard Ingram, director of choirs at Huron High, thanking Rotary for “the gracious honor” of an honorary Paul Harris Fellow that Rick received from us recently. Rick said “international travel provides unforgettable experiences for young people.”

Chris McMullen said June 29 is the scheduled work night at Food Gatherers. For more information, see the “Looking Ahead” section above.



Milo White introduced four more of our scholarship winners. They are (from left to right in the photos at left): Kennyn Joplin, Pioneer High, Jacob Wilkinson, Community High, Yi-En (Angel) Shih of Huron High and Jung-Ho Kim, also of Huron. The latter two were Junior Rotarians.

Cheryl Elliott introduced Anne Glendon, who received the club’s highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. Cheryl described Anne as “positive, relentless and one who is known for her creativity, entrepreneurship and helping others.” Anne’s career touched the NEW Center, ISR and Glendon Associates, as well as the UMS Advisory, Washtenaw Council for the Arts and many other community causes. Anne was given a prolonged standing ovation. The full text of the award certificate can be found at the end of this newsletter.

John Rasmussen said an Ambassadorial Scholar arrived quite unexpectedly and “we need a host.” Several hands shot up in response to the call for help. John also put in a bid for hosts for next fall’s scholars.

Notes from the Program of June 14



Cynthia Sorenson introduced Stephanie Kadel Taras, owner, Time Pieces Personal Biographies, (www.timepiecesbios.com) who spoke on “Saving Lives: How to Capture Your Family Stories for all Time.” She said the act of relating stories is what makes us human. “It’s the stories that help us to understand where we came from,” Stephanie said. “Stories are the legacy we leave behind. If we leave behind money and property, why not also wisdom?”

Ways to save family history include compiling a genealogy and saving (and preserving) photographs. Stephanie asked each of us at table to tell us how we got our first name. (Your correspondent confesses that after three older brothers, he was “supposed” to be a girl and that by all rights you should be referring to him as Donna).

More is being done to capture the past. The Library of Congress has seen the value of preserving veterans’ stories. Reflecting on and reminiscing about career accomplishments has health benefits in that it lowers blood pressure and enhances the immune system, Stephanie said.

How does one retain personal history? Well, one way is to write your own story. Stephanie provided some good sample questions with which to begin. “Tell one story at a time,” she said, “and keep it informal. It doesn’t all have to be in chronological order” and the skeletons don’t have to be front and center. She said there are classes given locally to encourage you to write your own story, citing the Turner Writing Clinic as one such class.

Other things to do include re-thinking the gift-giving you do to include stories from your own experiences, videotaping everything in your house that’s special and talking about each item, and getting a recorder to do some personal reminiscing. Siblings remember events differently, so beware! Still, there are opportunities here for some multi-generational sharing. One may also save family history by giving stories about possessions you’re passing along, e.g., where did the item come from? A family cookbook is also a good idea – pass along recipes and the stories that likely go with them. At a family gathering, one could invite each person to submit a recipe and a story to go with it.

When’s the best time to get started on capturing your family stories for all time? NOW! Rotarians, you have your marching

orders.

The News and Notes this week were compiled by Harpoon Editor Don Faber. Fred Beutler provided the photos.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 137 members. We had one visiting Rotarian and eleven guests (including the four scholarship attendees mentioned above). The Golf Outing and Membership Development Committees met just before lunch. A total of 28 members participated.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: June 18 – Bob Kerry and Sandy Rupp; June 22 – Chuck Allmand and Jim Cook; June 23 – Bob Debrodt and Paul Yhouse; June 24 – Amy Goodman and Prue Rosenthal.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Neil Bidwell (Petoskey on May 31); Rob Juergens (Chelsea on April 25) and Fritz Seyferth (Southfield on April 13).

Visiting Rotarians: We were visited by Bob Ransom (Addis Adaba West, Ethiopia). It turns out that Bob was a boyhood neighbor of our own Scott Westerman. Scott introduced Bob with a good deal of excitement and enthusiasm. What a small world!

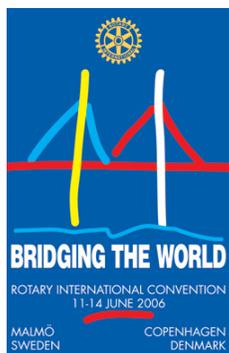
Interact Club Party Article Oversight: The credit for the group photo in last week's Harpoon goes to Peter Wright.



Rotarians in the News: Russ Reister and Dave Felbeck collaborated to write the "Other Voices" essay on the Editorial Page in the Ann Arbor News of June 14. Their title was, "Dove ban is Humane Society's first shot at eliminating all hunting." Also in the Ann Arbor News on Saturday, June 17 was a half page thank-you note from the Ann Arbor Public Schools acknowledging their individual volunteers and community partnerships. Our Rotary Club was included. About fifty individual names were listed, apparently for their participation in Rotary Tutors. Names of at least two Rotarians also turned up in other sections. Recognition by the AAPS is another good example of "Service above Self" by Ann Arbor Rotarians.

Lost Slate Sought: At the meeting on June 14, song leader Lloyd Bastian used an antique school slate as a teaching aid when we sang "School Days." After the meeting, the miniature blackboard was nowhere to be found. If you can offer any help, please contact Lloyd.

Email Address Updates: Chris Mile is now miler26@comcast.net. Please use jtwhite@umich.edu to reach John White directly or a2rotary@comcast.net to send a message to both Downs Herold and John White.



RI Convention Concludes in Copenhagen [from <http://www.rotary.org/>]: As Rotarians looked ahead to Rotary's 102nd year, the 2006 RI Convention drew to a close the night of 14 June. This concluded the first Rotary convention to be held in two countries. The event drew more than 14,700 attendees from about 140 countries.

After presenting his family and his wife, Lorna, to the audience, RI President-elect William B. Boyd gave an address echoing Jeffrey Sachs's earlier comments that day. Boyd stressed that Rotary provides an incredible example of how to overcome obstacles of bureaucracy and intolerance.

"Through Rotary, we have had the chance to touch lives in ways that we could never have imagined before we were part of [it] — through the tremendous power of our vast network of clubs and members," Boyd said. He went on to emphasize the power of Rotary through club service and fellowship as something that transforms the lives of members and the community. He offered examples of how Rotarians came to the aid of thousands following devastating disasters, such as the south Asian tsunami.

Boyd is continuing RI President Stenhammar's emphases of water management, health and hunger, and literacy. He also adds a fourth emphasis: family of Rotary. Boyd also acknowledged the challenges of keeping Rotary's ranks going strong. He stressed that Rotary must keep strengthening existing Rotary club programs and projects. "The daily work of making a Rotary club good, inviting, and useful is up to every one of you," he said. "We must make our Rotary clubs and activities

welcoming to those of all ages. Club projects can involve family members, and clubs could hold events that are affordable and appealing to all," Boyd said.

He closed by asking all Rotarians to put the coming year's theme, Lead the Way, into action. "We are not content with the status quo, and we do not look at a problem only to say, 'Someone else will solve it.' We are the ones who ask, why not us? And we are the ones who must Lead the Way. This is an affirmation of my belief in the power of Rotarians to change the world, one positive act at a time."

Distinguished Service Award for Anne Glendon: Here is the full text of the award.



Anne Glendon, the oldest of four children, was born and raised in Detroit and is a graduate of Redford High School and the University of Michigan. She has been married for 43 years to Paul, whom she met freshman year in college. Anne is the proud mother of son Spencer, and his wife Lisa, and daughter Christina. Both Glendon children live in Boston. Anne strongly believes that the greatest thing in life is family and family time, and is very close to her siblings, children and extended family.

Professionally, Anne's career path has led her to positions encompassing creativity, entrepreneurship and the commitment to helping others; they have also seen the results of her commendable work ethic, organizational skills and ability to begin and build organizations. In the early 1970's, Anne was a research assistant at the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research. With a young family, she became a kitchen design entrepreneur founding Anne Glendon Designs, Inc. Her many volunteer roles with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra led her to her next position as AASO Executive Director where from 1985-1992 Anne oversaw the transition of the Orchestra from volunteer community group to a fully professional symphony orchestra. In 1992, Anne was named President & CEO of Nonprofit Enterprise at Work (NEW) Inc., and the founding Executive Director of NEW Center, a position she held until 1996. While at NEW, Anne helped to create one of the first management support organizations and collaborative facility for arts, environmental and health and human services agencies in the United States and this model is still thriving today. During much of her professional career, Anne has also worked as a consultant, facilitator and trainer working with a wide range of nonprofit organizations and associations. She founded Glendon Associates, LLC and today serves as a nonprofit management consultant, with a special emphasis on building and sustaining capacity, to foundations, health care organizations, libraries, as well as arts and environmental groups.

As a volunteer and philanthropist, Anne has given to a wide array of organizations. She has served on the board of the Alliance for Nonprofit Management, of which she is a founding member; is an active member and Secretary of the Ann Arbor Thrift Shop; serves as a board member and Secretary of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center; sits as Trustee of the Ann Arbor First United Methodist Church Endowment Board and the United Methodist Foundation; and has held several leadership positions with the University Musical Society Advisory Committee and volunteers with the Northern Michigan Nature Conservancy. In the past, Anne served as a parent volunteer at Ann Arbor Montessori, Newport Elementary and Greenhills Schools. Other organizations that have benefited from her time, talent and treasure include the National Nonprofit Management Association, Support Centers of America, Washtenaw Council for the Arts, University of Michigan Conger Alumnae Association, Detroit Institute of Arts, and the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

Anne joined the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor in 1990, served on the Board from 1995-97 and was the Club's second female President during the 1997-1998 program year. Anne led the Club's first strategic planning process, helped coordinate the second strategic planning effort and initiated the first member survey. She chaired the Spirit Committee and has been an active member of the International Humanitarian Projects Committee, which she represented at the dedication of the Linggap Center in the Philippines. In addition, she has served several years on the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment Board of Trustees, both as Trustee and Secretary.

To recognize and express its gratitude for all these contributions and achievements, the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor presents Anne Glendon its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, and designates her, once again, a Paul Harris Fellow of The Rotary Foundation this 14th day of June 2006.

“Service above Self”