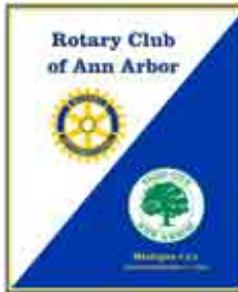


Harpoon for the Meeting of July 5, 2006 (this is the first meeting of the 2006-2007 Rotary year)



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The Program for July 5, 2006

Speaker: William (Bill) Vollano, Coordinator for the Veterans History Project of the Ypsilanti Rotary Club

Topic: "Library of Congress' Veterans History Project"

A really appropriate presentation on the day after the Fourth of July! We will hear about a national project that was set up by Congress in 2000. The Library of Congress was directed to collect and preserve the experiences of veterans of all wars. The program will include a PowerPoint presentation of interviews with area veterans who will tell about their war experiences. The Ypsilanti Rotary Club was directly involved developing this presentation.

Host/Introducer: John Eman

Song Leader: Dave Keosaian

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Members attending this meeting (who did not attend last week) will receive their dues bill for the coming year. Payment is due by the end of July but you are certainly welcome to bring your checkbook. Bills not picked up will be mailed to member's home addresses on July 6. Although a number of payments have already been received (thanks!), the distinction of being first goes to Lou Callaway.

Looking Ahead

July 12 (Wednesday) – The luncheon meeting will feature the induction of six new members. The new members, their sponsors and members of the Board of Directors are invited to the New Member Orientation Breakfast at 7:30 that morning in the Pond Room at the Union. Invitees are to RSVP with Downs (a2rotary@comcast.net or 665-2588) by July 7.

July 19 (Wednesday morning) – The Board of Directors will meet at 7:30am in the Washtenaw United Way building.

July 19 (Wednesday noon) – **No luncheon meeting!** Enjoy the Art Fairs.

July 26 (Wednesday) – Coach Lloyd Carr will preview the 2006 U-M football season

July 30 – Last day to pay your 2006-2007 dues on time!

News from the Meeting of June 28

None this week. The program took up the entire hour.

Notes from the Program of June 28

What good is sitting alone at your desk?
Come hear the music play.
This day was our Cabaret, O' Chums.
The Rotary Cabaret!

That's right. Outgoing president Norman Herbert and incoming president Ingrid Sheldon were honored in grand style last Wednesday in a memorable toast/roast patterned after the show, "Cabaret." From start to finish, it was one of the most enjoyable Rotary meetings we can remember.

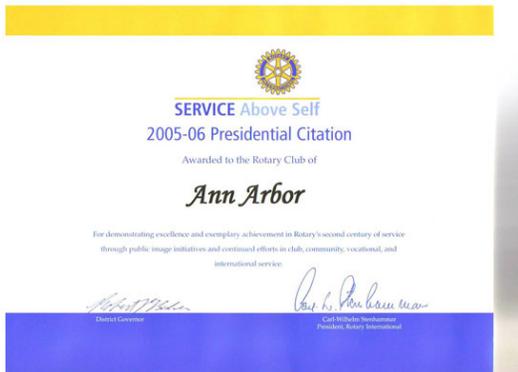
The show was produced by Gloria Kerry and Pat Pooley, with Ken Fischer serving as MC. The ensemble of Patricia Garcia, Kaeli Garcia (Pat's daughter), Larry Henkel, Jim Irwin, Henry Johnson, David Keosaian, Joan Knoertzer (pianist), Shelley MacMillan and Joanne Pierson performed a variety of numbers that dazzled our meeting crowd. "The women are beautiful and the men are here," summed up Ken. The show featured songs such as "It Ain't Necessarily So" by Larry Henkel, plus plenty of tributes to our former and future presidents. Joanne Pierson performed a rap song that got the room rocking. "It ain't necessarily so, It ain't necessarily so, "Dat being our leada'. Is all fun and sweeta -- "It ain't necessarily so," Larry sang in his marvelous voice.

David listed some of Norman's accomplishments, noting how he brings "the rigor and commitment from his professional life to community service." Ingrid was praised for her community service, including four terms as mayor. Note: Legacy Conversations for both Norman and Ingrid are reprinted later in this newsletter.



Ingrid promised to "have fun" at meetings as we continue Norman's legacy of growing club service. In his remarks, Norman praised former President Paul Glendon as a fine mentor along with thanking the club officers for their service during his tenure. The many highlights during Norman's tenure included growing our club membership to 307, a new Interact club at Pioneer High, a golf outing that raised about \$54,000, extensive tree plantings and Rotary Foundation contributions that averaged \$136 per member. Our club also received the prestigious and uncommon "Presidential Citation" for the 2005-2006 year (pictured below). Of course, Ingrid received the traditional shirt that goes with the job of president. That goofy garment sounded the only off-key note of the luncheon festivities.

The Notes this week were compiled by Geoff Larcom. Fred Beutler provided the photos.



Here's our club's Presidential Citation!

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 138 members. We had two visiting Rotarians and six guests. The Golf Outing Committee met just before lunch. A total of 18 members participated. Earlier in the day, the Board of Directors met. Nineteen members were present. Also reported was the attendance at the tree planting on June 3. Twenty-one members participated. Tutoring sessions at Angell and Burns Park schools for May were also logged in. A total of 23 Rotarians met with their students a total of 71 times. Thanks also go to the spouses participating in the program.

Note to committee chairs: The program year ended on June 30. Attendance credits being received now will become part of the total in 2006-2007. If you are planning any off-site meetings, please pick up a few orange

attendance sheets from the "secretary's windowsill" so that they will be ready for your meetings. You can deliver them to the Attendance Table at the next Wednesday luncheon or mail them to the club address.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: July 3 – Bob Bachtel; July 5 – John Holland; July 6 – Bob Swistock; July 7 – Brad Bowersox and Jim Martin; July 8 – Tom Sullivan.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Maurita Holland (Manistique on June 5 and June 25); Nels Olsen (Frankfort on June 21); Brooks Sitterley (Marion OH on June 27) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME on June 20).

Visiting Rotarians: We were visited by Doug Bacon (Flint) and Neil Loney (Ypsilanti). Neil was our Assistant District Governor for the past several years. He has just been succeeded by Hal Flynn of our club who, coincidentally, was a member of the Flint club for over twenty years.



Rotarians in the News [as reported by Lois Jelneck and Scott Westerman]: The Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization has honored Ingrid Deininger with its 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding support of Hospice Care in Michigan. Ingrid established the beginning of Hospice Care in Southeast Michigan in the early '80s and has been active in this endeavor ever since. We applaud Ingrid in this affirmation.

Rotate Your Food II: On Thursday, June 29, Rotarian Chris McMullen gave a dozen or so other members a tour of the Food Gatherers facility in preparation for some hands-on work to sort, repackage and redistribute food donated in response to the recent Rotate Your Food II campaign. Details will be contained in a later article but here are a few photos.



Rotarians prepare to go to work. At center is Mary Jo Gibbons of the Gilbert Residence in Ypsilanti, a client organization.



Chris (center) explains what needs to be done.



Food Gatherers maintains a display of donated items that don't qualify for redistribution. Eel or 'possum, anyone?



The top shelf of donors is reserved for the "Grande Fromage" level.

Community Allocations Mailed Out: The work of the committee for 2005-2006 wrapped up with the mailing of checks to 17 area non-profit organizations. The awards totaled \$49,800. There were a total of 61 applications.



2006-2007 Rotary Year begins [from the RI website at <http://www.rotary.org/>]: New RI President William B. Boyd is encouraging Rotarians to Lead the Way in the 2006-07 Rotary year, calling his choice for the RI theme "an affirmation of my belief in the power of Rotarians to change the world, one positive act at a time."

Boyd, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, Auckland, New Zealand, stresses sustainability in Rotary projects. "As Rotarians, we understand the truth of the old saying that when you give a person a fish, you feed him for a day; when you teach him to fish, you feed him for a lifetime," he told incoming district governors at the International Assembly in February.

Boyd has selected water as his first emphasis. "Without clean water, little else is possible. If you are thirsty, nothing else matters," he says.

Citing high childhood mortality rates caused by illness and malnutrition, Boyd has chosen health and hunger as his second emphasis. "Without food, there is no health," he says. "And without health, there is no hope."

His third emphasis, literacy, is fitting for Boyd, who used to work in his family's bookstore. He sees literacy as "the escape hatch from the cycle of poverty" and a natural complement to his emphases on water and health and hunger. "Literacy enables communities to take care of their water resources, address their own health and hunger issues, and teach the next generation," he says.

Given Rotary's need to think about the future, Boyd is also emphasizing the family of Rotary, which he says includes Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Youth Exchange students, Inner Wheel club members, Rotary Foundation alumni, and Rotarians' families.

"We are the ones who must Lead the Way," Boyd told 2006-07 district governors at the International Assembly.

Social Committee Kicks off the New Year [reprinted from last week]: Their first meeting of the new Rotary year will be held in the Anderson Room at 11:00am on Wednesday, July 12. This meeting, as well as membership on the committee (hint, hint), is open to all. In the last year, the social committee is the one that organized the Spring Fling and planned our outings to the Performance Network and "Wine, Women and Song." Contact Millie Danielson or Chris Conlin if you need more information.



Legacy Conversation with Norman Herbert [by Dave Keosaian]:

Norman was born and raised on Long Island and graduated from Flushing High School in New York. He attended Earlham College in Richmond Indiana where he met his future wife Debbie and received his B.A. in Economics with a minor in Mathematics. He ended up in Ann Arbor when his father took a faculty position at the School of Music.

After graduation he worked for the Detroit Bank and Trust Company, the forerunner of Comerica bank. After a couple of years he joined the financial management team at the University of Michigan where he held a number of positions over the next 34+ years. He retired in 2002 as Associate Vice President and Treasurer. Since he retired Norman has been a financial consultant for the Michigan Information Technology Center Foundation and in 2006 became Financial Consultant to the Ann Arbor Board of Education.

His career might seem enough to occupy a person but that's only the half of it. In addition to his serving as director on a number of corporate boards, he has been deeply involved in community service. He has served as Board Chair of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation; President of the University Musical Society, and currently emeritus trustee; Trustee of the Commonfund; Director of Earlham Foundation/Investment Committee, and of course many positions with Ann Arbor Rotary including Trustee of our Endowment Foundation and outgoing President. He has also taught in the School of Education and in the Business School.

His hobbies include tennis and skiing, travel when there's time, and attending theater and concerts. I asked him what he would do if he had more free time. If it were a large chunk of time, he and Debbie would like to do more traveling especially internationally. If he had just a day off he might like to spend the day puttering in his woodworking shop where over the years he's made furniture and wooden toys for the kids when they were young.

When asked what he was most proud of in his life, his answer was his family. He and Debbie are very proud of their son Franz and daughter Lisa and of the close relationship they have.

As for his term in Rotary, he credits an active membership with helping to achieve the goals of the club and achieving such things as the Literacy Award for the Reader/mentor program for elementary school, the tree planting project which won a significant achievement award from the district, and continued work with community projects, Interact, Rotaract, and International Projects.

Those who have worked with him in Rotary and other community service organizations have praised his thoroughness, patience and understanding. As someone told me, "He has a knack for making every member of the committee he is on, want to do their best for him." Cheryl Elliot has said of Norman's service with the Community Foundation "He is the total package. Besides having an incredible knowledge of finances and endowment, Norman gets the whole picture. He is very committed to all facets of our mission and is the perfect board member, always willing to make the time."

We kid him about being a bean counter but he really isn't one in the way we traditionally think of bean counters. Their job always seems to be to say "NO." If Norman had really been a bean counter in that sense he probably would have been on the audit side of the University's finances. Instead he chose the investment side where the emphasis is on growth and making things possible.

The example set by Norman in both his professional and personal life is one of "yes, we can do it". This has been demonstrated at the University in the community and in Rotary. There is a theme here. Norman is someone who brings rigor and commitment from his professional life to his community service, someone who really does personify the ideals of Rotary: Service Above Self.

Legacy Conversation with Ingrid Sheldon [by Joanne Marttila Pierson]:

Eight of the top ten things you need to know about our next president:

#10. Nobody knows A2 like Ingrid – Life long resident. Schooled in a 1-room school house located at the corner of Earhart & Warren Roads.

#9. (Swing low sweet chariot) Ingrid is spiritually grounded – Lifelong member of the Dixboro Methodist Church. Sings in the church choir. Was chair of the board. And has been teaching Sunday School for 30 years.

#7. Ingrid is Up, up with people --She is (hyper)"civically" active. Joined our Club in 1991 .Currently serves in 8 community organizations and has served in 32 other organizational roles totalling 36 years of civic activity, and like the Energizer Bunny...still going.

#6. (Pomp & Circumstance) She's been honored by her peers – Cited with 16 honors including our own Club's Distinguished Service Award in 1996.

#5. She's a proven leader & the best – Served in multiple leadership roles on numerous boards. 4 terms as mayor of Ann Arbor – a Republican mayor in a "Democrat" town!

#3. Ingrid just wants to have fun – A fondest & "funnest" memory is singing a duet with Malcolm Tulip for the Michigan Theater's 75th anniversary. Both she and our District Governor want to "have fun."

#2. Proud Mama keeps on rollin' , rollin' down the Huron– Ingrid is proudest of her daughter, Amy, & son, Bill; & her 5+ grandchildren– Olivia, Allie, Christina, Henry, Cole & TBA.

#1. His love is lifting her higher than she's ever been lifted before – She considers one of the greatest gifts that life has given her thus far to be her husband of 40 years, Cliff, who's been in the banking business for 40 years, and whom Ingrid met when she was a cashier at the Kroger's on Maiden Lane & Broadway.

"Lead the Way"