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The Program for August 2, 2006

Speaker: Tommy Amaker, Head Basketball Coach, University of Michigan Men's Basketball Program

Topic: "Perspectives on Michigan Basketball, 2006--A Look to the Future"

We welcome Coach Amaker who will give us a candid overview of what's on the horizon for the Michigan Basketball Program this year. Hear Coach Amaker preview the basketball team on a position-by-position basis. Always upfront and very engaging, he will also preview what lies ahead in the Big 10 basketball schedule and beyond. Let's give a rousing "GO BLUE" to Coach Amaker and his team.

Introducer: Karen Kerry

Song Leader: Dave Keosaian

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Looking Ahead



July 31 (Monday) – The official due date for your 2006-2007 dues but payments submitted in the next week or so will be fine

August 2 (Wednesday) – Coach Amaker will speak (see article above)

August 9 (Wednesday) – Brian Ignaut, Michigan Solar Car Team Project Manager, will present, "Go Fast, Go Smooth, Go Blue: The 2007 University of Michigan Solar Car Team." The second of two Committee Showcase sessions begins at 11:00 in the Anderson Room.

August 16 (Wednesday) - Constance Cook, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, and Director of the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching will speak on, "The Emerging Relationship Between the University of Michigan and the People's Republic of China"

Note: The full schedule of programs for August is on the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/august.htm>

News from the Meeting of July 26

That was a super nice prayer by Art Holst to open Wednesday's meeting. In breaking new ground by "having a referee pray for a coach," Art outlined how we could be "the leaders and best" in fulfilling the Rotary ideal. And Coach Carr couldn't have agreed more.

Heartiest congratulations to Jack and Mary Weg and to Duane and Katie Renken on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversaries!

Our prayers and concerns go to Chris McMullen on the death of her father.

The golf outing, set for Sept. 11, needs volunteers to serve in 2-3 hour shifts. See Jim Cook if interested.

Hope you filled out those Spring Fling questionnaires as requested by Millie Danielson.

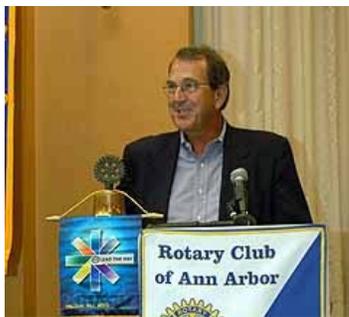
Note: The Social Committee is interested in getting the maximum attendance at the 2007 Spring Fling. A detailed questionnaire was available on the luncheon tables on July 26 but the basic question was "What do you think can be done to encourage more members to attend?" Millie welcomes your input. Contact her at milleed@umich.edu.

Check out that August lineup of speakers! Are we the best show in town, or what?

Committees and the work they do will be showcased on August 2 at 11:00 a.m. in the Anderson Room. This is your opportunity to hear committee chairs describe their group and what assignments they handle.

President Ingrid told of her and Cliff's road trip that took them to Bay City. A seagull, by the way, is a Bay-gull in that Michigan city, in case you had them mixed up with bagels.

Notes from the Program of July 26



Fritz Seyferth introduced Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr who presented "our 2006 Michigan team." First, though, President Ingrid proudly wore her T-shirt proclaiming her graduation from the Michigan Football Academy. "She knows as much about football as anybody," said the coach, who also praised Yooper Bill Stegath for his presentation of the news. The coach's recommended reading this year includes Tom Friedman's "It's a Flat World" and Doris Kearns Goodwin's "A Team of Rivals," a book about the men around Lincoln.

"We'll be a leaner, faster team this year," Carr promised. "Our inability to run the football hurt us last year. In four of our five losses, we were leading late in the game, but we didn't get those late first downs." Still, Carr has "great expectations" for this year, despite losing star Antonio Bass to a knee injury.

On defense, "we're the best maybe since I've been here." From front four to linebackers to safety, we have good depth and I'm hoping to have an outstanding team. On offense, the tight ends are back and all wide receivers are back except for Jason Avant. And we have five talented guys at tailback." Mike Hart, Coach Carr predicted, was ready for a breakout season, and Chad Henne "is ready to become one of the great quarterbacks we've had here."

The schedule is twelve games this year. Non-conference games figure in all tie-breakers where the BCS is concerned. And speaking of which, Carr said "the emphasis in college football is on the BCS (Bowl Championship Series) and the national championship." There will be five BCS games this year, including two Fiesta Bowl games, and if you can figure it all out, you're one leg up even on Coach Carr.

In the Q and A, Carr predicted leadership roles for Lamar Woodley, Jake Long, Chad Henne and Michael Hart. "I'm positive about our senior leadership," Carr said. And the Big Ten race? Carr first mentioned Ohio State, then Penn State and Iowa as being strong. MSU will be a factor, he said, and don't overlook Wisconsin.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor. Bill Dunifon provided the photographs.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 152 members. While that number is significantly higher than our average of 139, the big news is 23 guests! We also had four visiting Rotarians. Several committees (or subcommittees) met in conjunction with the luncheon. They were: Golf Outing, International Outreach, Junior Rotarians, Harpoon and Membership Development. A total of 41 members participated.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: July 30 – Rob Boehnke and Frode Maaseidvaag; August 1 – Joan Knoertzer; August 3 – Peter Wright; August 5 – Rob Juergens

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Neil Bidwell (Petoskey on May 24, June 14, June 22 and July 5); Nels Olson (Frankfort on July 5, 12 and 19); Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on July 11 and 19); Jack Walker (Damarisotta-Newcastle ME on July 11)

Visiting Rotarians: We were visited by David Lady and Dick Rosenfeld (both from Jackson) and Jill Durnen and Theresa Likert (both from Saline)

Email update: Doug Freeth has a new email address. It is ddfrees@yahoo.com. A number of additional updates will be coming soon as the directory cards submitted with your dues payments are processed.

Committee Showcases This Week and Next: All Rotarians are invited to the Committee Showcases, which will be held on August 2 and August 9 at 11:00 am. Committee Chairs will explain the work of their committee, the tasks involved and the time required. The Committees that power our weekly meetings will be showcased on August 2 and the Outreach Committees that organize and staff our community projects will be showcased on August 9. Come learn about what our Club is doing, and sign up to try something new.

Rotarians in the News: Cathi Duchon, CEO of the Ann Arbor YMCA, was honored by the Ann Arbor Business Review as one of its "Most Influential Women for 2006." The article in the July 27-August 2 edition also listed five other local women who are "leaders and trailblazers." Each is featured in a half-page interview that includes many interesting tidbits. Did you know that Cathi taught English and Physical Education in Hong Kong, that she is a CPA or that her husband, Reid Thebault, is also a YMCA CEO? This is the fourth year that the weekly publication has made the awards. Cathi is in good company as a number of the previous awardees are Rotarians.

Dues Payment Updates: Thanks to the almost 200 of you who have paid your dues so far. Hopefully, the remaining hundred have theirs in the mail or will bring their check to Wednesday's meeting. Also of note is that the new billing system has stirred forty members to make an early payment of the 2007 Community Services Assessment (Invoice #3). Donations to the Every Rotarian, Every Year campaign (Invoice #2) are also off to a good start with about three dozen in so far.

District 6380 News: Our district's website at <http://rotary6380.org/> always contains a number of topics of interest and value to local Rotarians. The latest postings there include a bio on Gerry Jackson, our new District Governor, and a link to a copy of the District's Monthly newsletter. The current newsletter (available directly for reading or printing at http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/html/11058/6380_July_2006.pdf) includes Gerry's July message, information on the 2007 District Conference, details on the "Trip of a Lifetime" (see article below), a reminder that August is Membership Month for Rotary and a profile of all 50 clubs in the District.

Opportunities for Rotary Travel [from Phil Alexander]: From time to time we will pass along Rotary Travel opportunities. This one from Terry Youlton PDG of District 6380 is especially attractive. Terry and his wife have lead similar Rotary travel groups on seven different occasions. All of them have been very well received. Phil and Elaine Alexander and Len and Lois Stenger have made similar trips to India and recommend it highly. Here's an excerpt of the newsletter article:

Are you interested in taking "A Trip of a Lifetime?" Are you interested in helping prevent that last case of polio in India? Are you interested in helping polio victims walk for the first time? Terry & Mary Youlton are making their seventh Rotary trip to India. They are taking a single busload of travelers (36) with them to be part of the adventure. Already there are 26 seats spoken for. The trip is from November 16 to December 1, 2006 and the cost is approximately \$2,800 (all inclusive).

Community Allocations: We received a thank-you note from the Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti. They explained their plans to help 50 young people get ready to return to school through the purchase of clothes and school supplies in addition to academic preparations. The Washtenaw County Chapter of the American Red Cross also thanked the Club. Their grant was used to support their Youth Community Action Team as they helped senior citizens after the fire at Lurie Terrace. In its thank-you note, the Arbor Hospice Foundation noted that its grant will be used children and family programs with BraveHeart Grief Services and Arbor Hospice and Home Care.

"Lead the Way"