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## The Program for August 16, 2006

**Speaker:** Constance Cook, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, and Director of the Center For Research on Learning and Teaching

**Topic:** "The Emerging Relationship between the University of Michigan and the People's Republic of China"

China intends to become a world leader in higher education and is in the process of developing world-class research universities. The Chinese Ministry of Education, which sees the University of Michigan as a model, sent 25 higher education leaders to Ann Arbor for two weeks in May. Our speaker will describe the visit - what they learned about us and what we learned about them - and discuss U-M's multifaceted relationship with China and where it is headed.

**Host/Introducer:** Jim Cook

**Song Leader:** Shelley MacMillan

**Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

## Looking Ahead



**August 23** (Wednesday) - Sandro Cinti, M.D., Infectious Disease Physician and Clinical Assistant Professor at U-M Hospital/Veterans Administration Hospital will present, "Emerging Diseases, Pandemic Flu"

**August 30** (Wednesday) – Our speaker will be Elsa Stuber, former High School Science Teacher and Adult Educator. Her topic will be, "Teaching in Prisons"

Note: Details on the programs for August are on the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/august.htm>

**September 6** (Wednesday) – Ken Fischer, President of the University Musical Society, will present the

UMS' 2006-2007 season and give us a preview of the visit by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

**September 11** (Monday) – Our fourth Annual Golf Outing. It will be held at Travis Pointe Country Club. Also planned are some activities for tennis players. The dinner portion of the event begins at 5:00 with a social hour and will take the place of the regular luncheon meeting scheduled for Wednesday. Opportunities to register for golf, tennis and/or dinner will be available as you arrive at the upcoming luncheon meetings.

**September 13** (Wednesday) – No regular luncheon meeting! See the Golf Outing article above.

## News from the Meeting of August 9

Lois Jelneck presented us with a flag from Strasbourg, France, where she attended a meeting of that city's Rotary club. She was the guest of a former babysitter for her children who was also a student of Paul McCracken during his schooling at U-M. Lois's friend went on to become a Member of Parliament in Great Britain, and is now secretary-general of the Council of Europe.

Congratulations to John Hieftje who won the recent Democratic primary election for Mayor of Ann Arbor. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 7.



Jim Kosteva, Tyler Warren and  
President Ingrid

Tyler Warren, our Rotary scholar leaving soon for France, thanked us for contributing to her experience. She in turn received a \$75 check for trinkets, club flags and pins. In the photo at left, Tyler is shown with President Ingrid and Jim Kosteva, Chair of our Rotary Youth Exchange Committee. Another newsworthy note: Tyler is the daughter of Lauren Warren, faculty advisor to our Interact Club at Huron High School.

Susan Smith Gray announced a series of upcoming social and cultural events for members, involving such venues as the Kerrytown Concert House and presenters like the University Musical Society. For the first event, mark your calendars for September 16, when UMS will present the “Verdi Requiem” with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and the University Choral Union whose membership includes

at least one member of Rotary. And watch this space for more announcements of like ilk from the Social Committee.

John White demonstrated how to use the Rotary website. Your task is to visit it soon...and often. Check it out at [www.annarborrotary.org](http://www.annarborrotary.org).

President Ingrid is a grandmom again. Some people have all the luck.

## Notes from the Program of August 9



Brian Ignaut

Ashish Sarkar introduced Brian Ignaut, Michigan Solar Car Team project manager, on the subject of “Go Fast, Go Smooth, Go Blue: The 2007 University of Michigan Solar Car Team.” After watching a short video on the sleek solar care, we heard Brian say “watching that video means more to me than anything.” He could say that because Michigan’s is the pre-eminent solar car program in the country.

Brian said more than 100 students, from the Ross College of Business, the College of Engineering and L S & A, are participating on the 2007 project. He said Michigan won the North America Solar Challenge race in 2005, a grueling race from Austin, Texas, to Calgary, Alberta. But the premiere race, Brian said, is the World Solar Challenge. “That’s where the best of the best compete,” he said, with top teams from Japan, Canada and the U.S.

The team receives media exposure from displays at trade and management shows. The governor of Michigan has given recognition to the project. Our challenge, Brian said, is to be on the cutting edge of photovoltaic technology. In the World Solar Challenge, “we’ve had three third place finishes due to superior engineering but limited budgets.” The goal is to bring a world championship to Ann Arbor in 2007.

The need for a skilled design team is safe and high-performing systems, Brian said. “We’re looking at a \$2.5 million project; our own drive and commitment will be the determining factor in turning this team into a special organization.” The team has only about 15 months to design a car for the next WSC.

“The team that’s up for the challenge is Michigan,” said Brian confidently. He mentioned there were 2,700 solar cells on a car, costing about \$230 apiece. He recounted how the Michigan team had lost a race in Australia due to a flat tire, and all they could do was watch the second-place team close the gap and eventually win. His presentation covered the Solar Car Team’s long history of successes along with the 2007 campaign to win the WSC in Australia

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

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day’s meeting was 120 members. We also had five guests and one visiting Rotarian. Before the luncheon, 21 members attended the second Committee Showcase. At the same time, three committees/subcommittees (Social, Harpoon and Golf) held their meetings. A total of 16 members participated.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** August 13 – Larry Voight; August 14 – Ann Schriber; August 18 – Tom Dickinson and Harv Grotrian; August 19 – Mal Lowther

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on August 8)

**Visiting Rotarians:** We were visited by Gerhard Mohr (Bad Bergzabern, Germany).

**Note to Committee Chairs:** While the lively and spirited exchange of ideas may be an important part of an effective committee meeting, it is also important to ensure that concurrent committee meetings can be conducted without distraction or interruption. When holding your meetings in the Anderson Room prior to a regular luncheon meeting, please spread out to different parts of the room to maximize space between groups. Your fellow committee chairs will appreciate it.



**Dues Payment Updates:** Thanks to those of you who paid your dues on time or in recent weeks. There are still several dozen whose payment has not yet been received. If you are one of those members, please submit your payment promptly. Make out your check according to the instructions on invoice #1 and give it to Downs or John at a meeting or put it in the mail to the club address.

**“Lead the Way”**