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The Program for Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Speaker: Don Scavia, Professor and Associate Dean, Director, Michigan Sea Grant, Interim Director, CILER, School of Natural Resources & Environment

Topic: "Threats to the Great Lakes Ecosystem and Fish Populations"

Forty years ago there were dire warnings, and mounting evidence, that the Great Lakes ecosystem faced mortal threats. Remember the impending "death" of Lake Erie? The good news from ensuing decades was that science and government responded to those threats with remedial measures that were hailed as have saved the Great Lakes. But now it appears that salvation was short-lived, what with invasive species, the return of noxious algae blooms and other renewed threats to our most precious Michigan resource, the surrounding waters of the Great Lakes. Our speaker will update us on current threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem and what is being done or ought to be done about them.

Host/Introducer: Paul Glendon

Song Leader: Henry Johnson

Accompanist: Maurita Holland

Looking Ahead

October 1 (Sunday) – John Rasmussen and his wife, Marilyn Wedenoja, will be hosting a brunch reception from 1:30 to 3:30 to meet three new incoming District 6380 Ambassadorial Scholars. Hosts, former hosts, former scholars and all other interested Rotarians are invited. Contact John and Marilyn at a2appraisal@aol.com or 734-995-8483.



October 4 (Wednesday) – District Governor Gerry Jackson will make his official visit to our Club. October 4 is also the due date for New Member nominations. Information and the form are available electronically on the Club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/facts.shtml> or on paper in a pocket at the bottom of the badge board. The next class will be inducted on November 8.

October 11 (Wednesday) – Fellow Rotarian Mel Drumm, Executive Director of the Hands-on Museum, will present, "The Past, Present and Future Vision of the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum"

October 18 (Wednesday) – Our speakers will be Jennifer Gratz and Paul Hillegonds. Their topic will be, "Civil Rights Showdown - Pro & Con on Proposal 2"

October 25 (Wednesday) - Ted Brader, U-M Political Science Professor and Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies, IS will speak on, "Uses and Impacts of Emotion in Political Campaign Advertising"

Note: Details on all the luncheon programs for October are on the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/october.shtml>. Paper

copies will be available on each dining table on September 27 and on the attendance table at subsequent weekly meetings.

News from the Meeting of September 20, 2006

We welcomed back Ray Hernandez, premiere Wisconsin Badger fan from Madison, who was president of our club 15 years ago. John Debbink introduced him.

Zhen-Ying (Jeany) Zhang and Talia Alexander, both from Pioneer High, were introduced as our newest Junior Rotarians by Mark Foster.

Ann Schriber thanked Joanne Pierson for her job as auctioneer at the golf outing. Joanne was presented with a bottle of "sex," (and from here on Harpoon will venture no farther). Jim Cook reported a record-setting 118 golfers participated, with 162 persons showing up for dinner. The golf outing was termed a rousing success, having well exceeded our budget target of \$45,500. Thanks to all who helped to make the outing a memorable event.

For the membership development committee, Agnes Reading said Oct. 4 was the deadline for nominations to the new member class. She asked all of us to think possible recruits for Rotary.

Notes from the Program of September 20, 2006

Hal Flynn introduced Eileen Kawola, retired social studies teacher and member of CHABHA, which is Children Affected by HIV-AIDS. Her topic, described by Hal as "a situation of tragic proportions," was the toll on children: AIDS orphans in Rwanda. There are 12 million African children who are orphaned by AIDS, and that number is expected to rise to 25 million by 2010. CHABHA works in four African countries; in Rwanda, scarred by a terrible genocide in the 1990s, CHABHA works to support children who many times are head of household, supporting and parenting their siblings



Eileen reported the Gates and Clinton Foundations are working on cures for AIDS. She said CHABHA is trying to educate the American public about AIDS in Africa. The AMAHORO Association in Rwanda is an alliance of child-headed households with whom CHABHA is working. It numbers 912 families and 1,700 children, "many of whom are lucky to get one meal a day." AMAHORO provides such services as home visits, health cards and school fees. Unfortunately, said Eileen, many bright children are only getting 2-3 years of education. One young man, a head of household, was heard to say, "I don't have any hope because I won't go to school." Kids can go to AMAHORO without being stigmatized.

Eileen Kawola CHABHA, said Eileen, isn't trying to tell these families what to do. Extended families are just not a part of the culture in this part of Africa. Children affected by HIV-AIDS are mired in deep poverty, lack of schooling, hunger and ill health, grief and confusion and face a questionable future. You can learn more about CHABHA at www.chabha.org or by calling (802) 874-7193. Write to CHABHA at 2766 Windham Hill Road, West Windham VT 05359. A gift of \$100 sends six children in Kigali to primary school for a year.

Eileen's provocative presentation alerted us to the conditions and problems of the children of Rwanda who have been affected by HIV-AIDS and the 1994 genocide. It was a program we'll long remember.

Notes prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor. Fred Beutler provided the photograph.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 137 members. We also had eight guests and three visiting Rotarians. The Board of Directors met earlier in the day and three committees (Jr. Rotarians, Program and International Outreach) met before the luncheon. A total of 54 members participated. In addition, the final count of Rotarians participating in the Golf Outing was 102. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: September 24 – Jill Arnold; September 25 – Pete Eberbach and Tom Kauper; September 26 – Gene Chang and Beth Fitzsimmons; September 29 – Deanna Relyea; September 30 – David Anderson and Anne Glendon

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Hal Flynn (Dexter on August 17, Canyon TX on August 29, Amarillo West TX on September 8, Ann Arbor North on September 14 and Milan on September 19); Nels Olson (Frankfort on September 6);

Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on September 12); Jack Walker (Damariscotta Newcastle ME).

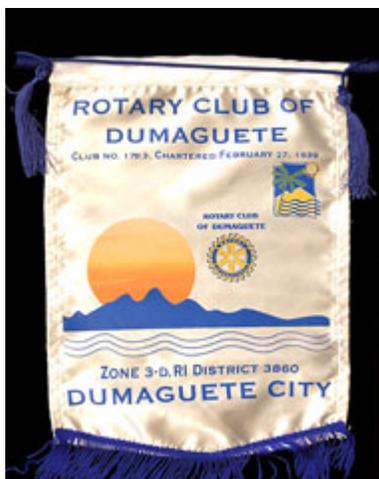
Visiting Rotarians: David Epstein (Sea Point, Capetown, South Africa); Ramon (Ray) Hernandez (Madison WI) and Sardar Sohi (Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario). As mentioned above, Ray was formerly a member of our club and our president in the 1990-1991 Rotary year.

Membership Notes: At its meeting on September 20, the Board granted a six-month leave of absence to Eric Pless. Eric has been called to active duty in the Michigan National Guard. He expects to be deployed to Afghanistan in January for a year or more but hopes to be able to attend at least one more meeting before he leaves. Our thoughts and best wishes will go with him.

Another Note from a Community Allocations Grant Recipient: SOS Community Services sent the Club a thank-you note and a final report from their Sunny Days program this summer. One of our grants went to this organization to help fund a day camp for at-risk homeless youth. About two dozen children from Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti were enrolled. The program included reading, group time, inside/outside play, field trips, social skills and behavior.

Audio-visual help needed: Remember high school and that elite group of students who ensured that your tape recorder or movie projector was set up properly and on time? If you missed your chance then, you have another one in Rotary. We need another volunteer or two to join the team that sets up and operates the Club's video projector. Training will be provided. Contact Greg Cook (gcook@theride.org) if you would like to learn more.

Flags, Flags, Flags: Thanks to Fred Beutler, here are photos of the flags that our club received from visiting Rotarians or by way of exchange with our members when they visited other clubs.



Links of Interest: Below is a short list of links to various websites that will be of interest to Rotarians.



- **Rotary International:** <http://rotary.org/>. The RI home page has links to About Rotary, The Rotary Foundation, Club Locator and Member Access.
- **Zone 28:** <http://www.zones27-28.org/>. The zone level is between RI and the district. We are part of a zone with 15 districts covering the lower peninsula of Michigan, the upper parts of Indiana and Ohio and even a bit of Pennsylvania and New York.
- **District 6380:** <http://rotary6380.org/>. This is the website for our district (covering a total of 50 clubs in the counties of Washtenaw, Livingston, Oakland, Macomb and Kent (in Ontario). The district's monthly newsletter is also posted here. Plus, you can sign up on the site for The Rotary Foundation Gala to be held in Madison Heights on Thursday, November 9. Note: Rotaractors and Interactors are also invited to attend. Our club will be working

toward some funding support and transportation arrangements. Some breaking news is the district has granted provisional status to the Lake Orion Sunrise Club.

- **Rotary Club of Ann Arbor:** <http://annarborrotary.org/>. This is our Club's own website. It contains a great deal of background material and current information.

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