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The Program for Wednesday, October 4, 2006

Speaker: Gerry Jackson, District Governor,

Topic: "Vision of Rotary"

Our District Governor, Gerry Jackson, makes his official visit to our club. He will give us an overview of Rotary International's President Bill Boyd's vision of Rotary today as well as an update on our Rotary District. Gerry will focus on your power to positively change the lives of many.

The occasion of our district governor's visit on Wednesday is an opportunity for Rotarians to meet an exceptionally qualified person in Gerry Jackson. Gerry is a licensed professional engineer and is a Senior Managing Engineer at Exponent, Inc., in Farmington Hills.

Gerry's Rotary credentials are long and varied. He served as president of the Davisburg Rotary Club during 1999-2000. He has served the district as an Assistant Governor and has also been on the District's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) committees. In fact, Gerry was a RYE student to Australia in 1975-76. A true internationalist, Gerry and his wife Debbie have opened their home to exchange students from South America, Europe and Australia. Two daughters, Nicole and Cassandra, attend Michigan State University and both have benefited from Rotary programs. When it comes to raising a Rotary family, Gerry talks the talk and walks the walk. He's a University of Iowa graduate, as is Debbie. Following his engineering degree, Gerry worked at the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command as deputy director for the Survivability Research Division. He left military service in 1989 to be a founding partner of an engineering animation company which was purchased by his current firm in 1990. Today, Gerry performs investigative engineering analysis, accident reconstruction and other engineering research. He's a personable guy, a Rotary Foundation benefactor and a member of the Paul Harris Society. His wife and two daughters are Paul Harris Fellows. This is an opportunity to give a warm welcome to a man who exemplifies the Rotary ideal.

There will also be a special event that day. It is our club's 90th birthday and we hope you will be there to help us celebrate!!

Host/Introducer: Ingrid Sheldon

Song Leader: Jim Irwin

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Reminder: 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.

Looking Ahead

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 27, 2006

Accompanist Maurita Holland got a nice ovation for her substitute lyrics to the Woody Guthrie song, "This land is your land." We sung her lyrics to "This State is Our State" and it was particularly appropriate given the rough state of our economy. We NEED to feel better about Michigan and our great natural gifts.



Jeany Zhang, President Ingrid and Talia Alexander

And our invoker, Vic Stoeffler, got a round of applause, too, for urging the need for civility in our daily lives. Since we hadn't sat down yet, you'd have to say he got a standing ovation.

Agnes Reading reminded us we have one more week to submit nominations for new members. There must be many prospective Rotarians out there who would grace our club.

We heard from our Pioneer High School Junior Rotarians Zhen-Ying (Jeany) Zhang and Talia Alexander.

Don't forget next week's meeting-cum-birthday party. It's our 90th birthday and we'll have District Governor Gerry Jackson to help us celebrate.

And check out our coming attractions – lots of good, provocative programs coming up.

Notes from the Program of September 27, 2006

Paul Glendon introduced Don Scavia, professor and associate dean, director, Michigan Sea Grant, interim director, CILER, School of Natural Resources & Environment at the U-M, speaking on "Threats to the Great Lakes Ecosystem and Fish Populations." The Great Lakes, Don reminded us, make up 11,000 miles of coastline, 20 percent of the world's fresh water and 94,000 square miles of lake surface. A map he presented in his PowerPoint showed all of Chesapeake Bay comfortably within the boundaries of Lake Michigan.



Don Scavia

For historical perspective, by 1900 billions of board feet of lumber came from the Great Lakes, along with fish and extractable resources such as copper and iron ore. Today, shipping accounts for 200 million tons worth \$8 billion. The Great Lakes has one million recreational boats and recreational fishing is worth \$98 million to the Great Lakes economy.

But the clouds on the horizon include invasive species, such as the lamprey eel and alewives of yesterday and the zebra/quagga mussels of today. Ocean-going vessels, the "salties," provide 33 percent of the 160 invaders we know today. Then there's industrial pollution which has poured into the lakes dieldrin, PCBs and dioxins.

We're looking, said Don, "to avoid the tipping point of irreversible changes. This isn't rocket science; we know enough to act now." What we're seeing is overfishing, an "unnatural" Lake Michigan ecosystem and non-native species taking hold. For example, over the last 10 years, there's been a huge increase in quagga mussels in Lake Michigan.

Despite great progress in reducing phosphorus in Lake Erie in the 1970s, the dead zone in that lake has returned, Don said.

Various stresses are all interacting with each other, for example, overfishing, toxic chemicals, invasive species and nutrient loading. What to do? Well, there are no cheap solutions, but Don's four-point plan included (1) preventing new stresses from occurring (2) protecting well-functioning areas, (3) restoring self-regulating mechanisms and (4) monitoring and assessing progress. In all this, the U-M can play a significant role in constructing solutions and guiding research in fisheries and forest ecology. "Ann Arbor is the center of the universe," Don said, "in Great Lakes research and in the potential to do more." But full restoration of these magnificent bodies of water carries about a \$20 billion price tag.

More information on the Michigan Sea Grant Program is on-line at <http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/>.

Notes 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 three visiting Rotarians. Four committees (Golf, Jr. Rotarians, Rotaract and STRIVE) met before the luncheon. A total of 24 members participated. The Endowment Investment Committee reported that five members attended its meeting on August 29th and eleven members participated in the Rotary Tutors kickoff breakfast on September 22.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: October 1 – Bill Martel; October 3 – Fred Beutler; October 4 – Chuck Rubin; October 5 – Steve Kesler and Bob Livingston

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Joan Knoertzer (Pentanguishine, Ontario on September 20); Chuck Olson (Pentanguishine, Ontario on September 20) and (Jack Walker (Damariscotta Newcastle ME on September 12 and 19).

An additional note from Chuck Olson: Joan Knoertzer and Chuck Olson were part of a group of sixty persons attending a joint service club luncheon on Wednesday, September 20th, at Captain Robert's Table restaurant in Pentanguishine, Ontario, Canada. Joan acted as song leader and Chuck as secretary. Among the group were four former Rotarians: Joe Edwards, John Dann, and Don Dufek from our club and David Kennedy (now a resident of Ann Arbor).

Visiting Rotarians: David Epstein (Sea Point, Capetown, South Africa), Gianinne Perigo (Manistique) and Dick Rosenfeld (Jackson).

Monthly Attendance Report to the District: For the month of September, we reported attendance of 58% for the three meetings. We held three rather than four since the regular meeting of September 13 was canceled in favor of the Golf and Tennis Outing on September 11. The Club started September with 305 members and finished the month with 304 after the passing of Bernie Galler.



Golf and Tennis Outing News [from Jim Cook]: The Club's 4th annual Golf Outing was held on Monday, Sept. 11th at the Travis Pointe Country Club. Attendance was a new record as 118 golfers, eleven tennis players and 162 dinner guests participated. The use of Travis Pointe as the event venue was well received by all attendees. The Club is very fortunate to have the many volunteers who made the event go so smoothly. Of particular note were the contributions of Nishta Bhatia, the Event Committee chair, and Ann Schriber, the Acquisition Chair for both the live and the silent auctions. From all indications the financial results from the entire fundraising campaign and the event will easily surpass the Club's budget expectations and will continue to enable the Club to fully support its excellent service beneficiaries. Thanks to our members for all their continuing support.



Rotaract News [from Joanne Pierson]: The Rotaractors are back on campus and up and running! A major goal for this year is the recruitment of new members. Rotaract officers were busy at FestiFall recruiting new members and held their Mass meeting to inform potential club members about their mission on September 20th. On September 26th, Rotarian Ashish Sarkar gave a talk on leadership to the new Rotaract officers. Rotarians Elaine and Phil Alexander conducted a brainstorming session at the first General Meeting on September 27th to identify areas of interest for local community projects, international projects, and professional development. How can Rotarians help? Volunteer to give a talk to the Rotaractors at their General Meeting, join our Rotaract committee (contact Joanne Pierson), or refer a new member (age 18 -30) to Rotaract. Check out the new Rotaract website at <http://www.umich.edu/~rotaract/>!

Ambassadorial Scholars: John Rasmussen and his wife, Marilyn Wedenoja, treated hosts, former hosts and interested

Rotarians to a brunch at their home on October 1 to meet new incoming District 6380 Rotary Scholars. One scholar studying at Wayne State is Rima Abou Mrad from Lebanon. Studying at U-M are Joachim Klima from Germany, Yoshi Harada from Japan and Yuitko Ono also from Japan. Thanks to John for serving as Chair for Inbound Ambassadorial Scholars at the district level.



Nominating Committee Formed and Gearing Up for Action [from Norman Herbert]: One of the official duties of the Immediate Past President of our Club is to chair the Nominating Committee that selects and presents to the membership a slate of nominees for President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and three Directors annually, with terms of office (one year for officers, two for directors) to begin the following July. The current president serves on the committee, ex-officio, and the chair is required to appoint at least three other members, one of whom also must be a past president.

The members of this year's Nominating Committee are Norman Herbert (Chair), Ingrid Sheldon, Beth Fitzsimmons, Patricia Garcia, Downs Herold, and Ray Rabidou. The Nominating Committee will meet the week of October 9th to choose nominees for '07-08, whose names will be published no later than in the November 6 Harpoon and presented to the membership at the regular Club meeting on November 1 or 8, with the election to be held at the Club Assembly on December 6. Nominations also may be made from the floor, if put forth by at least two members per nominee and with the floor-nominee's consent. Between now and October 8th, if you wish to be considered for any of the officer or director positions yourself or would like to suggest other members as potential nominees, please communicate such suggestions to any member of the Nominating Committee.

Thank-you Note: We received a letter of appreciation from Tammy Kraeger of the Washtenaw Children's Dental Clinic thanking the Club for its donation to their program through our Community Allocations process.



Foundation Gala on November 9 [a note from former DG Jeff Lichty]: The Foundation Gala is rapidly approaching. The registration is on the web and ready to go. This year's main speaker is Rotary Foundation Trustee and chairman of the PolioPlus program, Bob Scott. You may remember him from the conference the year Gail Scott was Governor. We will be highlighting those clubs that have been active in The Foundation and will also emphasize potential matching grant programs. One of these will be the possibility of working with Haiti Outreach and we will also have an exhibit from the Shelter Box organization. Bill Deyo, Madison Heights president,

has assured us that the food will be excellent and that we will enjoy the venue at the Club Venetian Banquet Center, 29310 John R. Road, Madison Heights. For those of you with extra large appetites, dinner will be served family style. You can sign up on-line at <http://rotary6380.org/>.

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.

• **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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