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U-M Union, 530 S. State St.

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## The Program for Wednesday, November 15, 2006

**Speaker:** Greg Cook, Executive Director, AATA

**Topic:** "The Ride . . . Making Ann Arbor Proud"

The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority is looking to the future with great anticipation and pride that ridership is growing continually and rail alternatives along with expanded bus service are on the horizon. Our favorite Buckeye will describe how the AATA plans to keep Ann Arbor one of the 'Leaders and Best' with World Class public transportation featuring Bio Diesel and Ultra Low Sulfur fuel, Hybrid Electric power, low floors, cabs, paratransit, bicycle racks, a new Transit Center, and more.

**Host/Introducers:** Tom Dickinson

**Song Leader:** Jim Irwin

**Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

Note: At 11:00 this day in the Anderson Room will be the first of two "Committee Showcases." All members are welcome. See the article later in this newsletter for details.

## Looking Ahead



**November 16** (Thursday evening) - "The Fantasticks" at Performance Network. Tickets are sold out.

**November 22** (Wednesday noon) – Fellow Rotarian, Ted McLogan, will recount his WWII experiences with Merrill's Marauders in the jungles of Burma

**November 29** (Wednesday noon) – Deb Polich will wrap up a solid month of in-house speakers with her talk, "Artrain USA – from Ann Arbor to Washington, DC to Nenana, Alaska." Preceding the meeting at 11:00 will be the second of two "Committee Showcases." This one will focus on the committees related to outreach and other external functions.

Note: Details on all the luncheon programs for November are on the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/november.shtml>. Paper copies will also be available on the attendance table at the meetings.

## News from the Meeting of November 8, 2006

Members Mark Ouimet and John Hieftje were congratulated on the occasion of their re-election to office.

Millie Danielson for the Social Committee reported only one ticket left for Rotary's allotment to "The Fantasticks" Nov. 16.

She said 81 Rotarians had purchased tickets for the PerfNet production.

We had our last tree planting Nov. 11 at Esch Park. Thanks to all Rotarians who participated over the past three weeks; to Terry Linden and John Laird as organizers; and to Ian Glassford as overall Pooh-Bah of the planting enterprise.



Won Woo  
Lee



Emily  
Martin

We heard from our Junior Rotarians from Pioneer High. Emily Martin participated in many musical ensembles at the school and is leaning toward the University of Michigan to continue her studies. Arinze Nwanko (not pictured) helped to mentor young African-American men in an effort to close the achievement gap. He wants to go to the U-M in engineering. Won Woo Lee was involved in music and Key Club while at Pioneer. He's also hoping to go to U-M.

November is "Every Rotarian Every Year" month when we are encouraged to give to the Rotary International Foundation.

Barbara Debrodt read a letter from Patricia Donnellan, thanking us for supporting her as an Ambassadorial Scholar. She has returned home from her year of study in Norway.

### Notes from the Program of November 8, 2006



Bob  
Bolak



Claire  
Foley



Heidi  
Grix



Betsy  
Hammond



Nick  
Lacy



Donald  
Smith

We took in a class of new members, with the help of Agnes Reading and Tim Marshall on behalf of the Membership Development Committee. Three new members could not attend the meeting and will be introduced at a later date.

Bob Bolak is the vice president and general manager of Ann Arbor Radio. He chaired the marketing committee of the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce.

Claire Foley is president of Fiscal Fitness of Ann Arbor. A graduate of Michigan Tech, she serves on the board of Ann Arbor Academy.

Heidi Grix is director of financial development for the American Red Cross of Washtenaw County. Heidi served as development manager for the Ann Arbor Summer Festival.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Hammond is retired, adjunct professor, Andrews University. She now provides English as a Second Language instruction for people in business. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and is transferring her Rotary membership from the Lakeview Club in St. Joseph MI.

Nick Lacy is a realtor with Edward Surovell Realtors. Nick is a graduate of the College of Wooster in Ohio and a former high school teacher.

Donald Smith is a retired physician at the U-M. Don was born and raised in Canada and served in the Royal Canadian Navy. He's a former director of the state Department of Mental Health and an advisor to former Gov. William G. Milliken.

We'll meet Jim Berlucchi and Doug Paterson next week. Jesse Bernstein will be formally introduced in the near future.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor. Fred Beutler took the photographs of the Jr. Rotarians.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 142 members. We also had six guests (including three Jr. Rotarians) but no visiting Rotarians. Thirty-one members participated in the New Member Orientation Breakfast earlier in

the day. Eight members attended the District 6380 Foundation Gala on November 8. Rosters from the fall tree planting and from the Rotary Tutors at Angell School for September and October have just been received and will be logged in shortly.

Note to Greeters: In order to ensure we have an accurate record of attendance at our weekly luncheons, please make sure that all persons who are not members of our club register at the check-in desk. In addition to our own guests, this request applies to visiting Rotarians, Jr. Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, our speaker and any members of his/her entourage. Thanks.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** November 14 – Joh Kang; November 15 – Dave Krehbiel and James Steward; November 18 – Nicole Appleberry.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** None this week.

**Visiting Rotarians:** None this week.

**Committee Showcases Scheduled** [from Agnes Reading]: The Committee Showcases will be held on November 15 and 29 at 11:00 am in the Anderson Room. All members are invited to attend to learn about the variety of projects and opportunities our Club makes available. Some committees involve a lot of time, some a little - all are welcoming new ideas and talents. The internal committees that arrange our weekly meetings will be presented on November 15; the outreach committees that are our contact with both the Ann Arbor and international communities will be presented on November 29. Come one, come all.

**“Every Rotarian – Every Year”** [reprinted from last week]: This annual campaign is now underway. Thanks to the 96 of you who have already donated. For more information, please take a look at the EREY section of The Rotary Foundation website, <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey.html>. The EREY newsletter is on-line at [http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey\\_news.html](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey_news.html).

If you wish to contribute, please retrieve the invoice marked “2” from the 1-2-3 bill you received from the Club in July. This invoice invites you to donate to the EREY program toward recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow. To help out, our Club’s Board of Directors has recently authorized a 1:3 match of donations which result in the donor’s first or next PHF level. Thus, a first time donor (or one exactly at a PHF level) will need a total donation of \$1000. The Club will provide \$250 of that amount. The matching funds will come from our reservoir of “Foundation Recognition Points” which the Club has earned from prior contributions to TRF and will not really cost anything. Another example: A donor with \$400 in past donations needs \$600 to achieve the next level but will only need to write a check for \$450. The Club will provide the remaining \$150. If you need to know where you stand or have any other questions, contact John White at [jtwhite@umich.edu](mailto:jtwhite@umich.edu) or 662-1734. Note: If you cannot find your #2 invoice, simply make out your check to “The Rotary Foundation” and mail it to the Club address (see the masthead of this newsletter) or give it to Downs Herold or John at an upcoming meeting. John will see that it gets properly credited.

**Tree Planting Update** [an article from Terry Linden]: ROTARY TREE PLANTING HUGE SUCCESS IN THE MUD AND RAIN - As northwest winds drove the 35-degree rain against the windows, Rotarians checked our web site to see if our tree planting was "all systems go" or canceled. The home page message said it was on as scheduled as of 10:00am Friday but the email had warned we might not know the status until 8:00am Saturday. At 7:45am, we received verification from the City and within minutes Dan Romanchik up loaded a new message: “Tree planting is on as scheduled.” Perhaps more than one Rotarian pondered just how far above self that "Service above Self" belief meant. Nonetheless, 28 Rotarians and nine U-M Rotaractors layered up and headed for Esch Park where they joined about eight Ann Arbor Parks and Forestry Staff and another ten or so area neighbors to plant about 75 trees.

Warmed by each other's enthusiasm and the sense of accomplishment as the trees went into the ground (perhaps I should say mud), I think we once again realized that we were part of something greater than ourselves. Ten or twenty years from now the mud itself will be long gone, but the memories of working together in the mud, rain, and cold wind will remain. We will look with pride at the towering trees that grace our parks. We will see and know that we made a difference.

This Saturday was a crisis, not in the popular sense of a bad situation requiring intervention, but rather in the dictionary sense of a turning point where things get either better or worse. Due to the large turnout, we finished while we were still warm and comfortable. We left with a real sense of accomplishment because we had successfully planted all the trees. I think this success strengthened our dedication to this program, which not only beautifies our city, but also has a multiplier effect because it presents a beautiful role model for others. Had the turnout been weak, we would have left cold and tired. We

probably would not have finished all 75 trees and left with a sense of failure. We would have questioned if we really wanted to continue this program. But due to the brave dedication of 37 Rotarians and Rotaractors, City Staff, and our friends in the neighborhood, this was not to be.

Kay Sicheneder and Tim Tolls in the Ann Arbor Forestry Office deserve a lot of credit for Saturday's success. They recognized that digging that rain soaked mud out of the holes would have taken two days short of forever. They brought two backhoes and a truck mounted scoop (the "Prentiss") to empty the holes. They had placed all the ball stock beside the holes and brought four bolt cutters so that there would be no waiting for trees or equipment.

I was, perhaps, the most visible person in planning this effort, but in fact it was a team effort that included Ian Glassford, John Laird, and Ann Arbor Foresters Kay Sicheneder and Tim Tolls. John White helped publicize the tree plant. U of M Rotaractor Zach Gasior organized the Rotaract students and planted all three weekends himself.

Here are a few of Bill Stegath's photos from that soggy day:



Here are a few of his shots from the week before:



**Links of Interest:** Below is a 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. Registration information for the Annual Convention is on-line at: <http://rotary.org/events/conventions/2007/index.html>

• **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. District 6380 covers 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.

• **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 such as the descriptions of upcoming programs and an archive of current and past Harpoons.

**Lingap Center Presentation Follow-up:** Pictured below is the Certificate of Recognition presented to 2005-2006 President Norman Herbert. Jim Cook and Anne Glendon brought it back from their trip to the dedication last April.



**ROTARY CLUB of TOLEDO WEST**

R.I. District 3860, Club No. 67796, Zone I-A  
Toledo City, Philippines, 6038

*Present this*

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

*to*

**NORMAN G. HERBERT**

President  
Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

*In recognition of his wholehearted support as our partner in furnishing "The New Toledo Lingap Children's Center" an outstanding achievement that significantly contribute to the upliftment in the lives of disadvantaged children. As an expression of our gratitude as host club, your commitment, compassion and generosity is the true meaning of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF."*

*Given this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2006, Toledo City, Cebu, Philippines.*

**NILO G. VISITACION**  
Charter Secretary

**EVELYN A. MAGNO**  
District Governor 2005-06  
R.I. District 3860

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Charter President