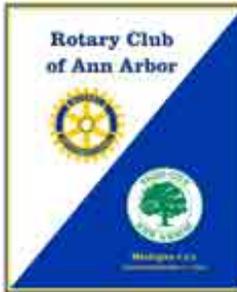


Harpoon for the Meeting of January 3, 2007 (Reissued but with updates as of January 1). See a collection of new articles at the end of this newsletter.

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The Program for Wednesday, January 3, 2007

Speaker: Patrick McLean, Executive Director, Washtenaw Area Council for Children

Topic: Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect in Washtenaw County

The mission of Washtenaw Area Council for Children is to prevent child abuse and neglect through educational services and programs for children, parents, community members and youth-serving professionals. Its members include representatives of schools, law enforcement, courts, health care and public and private social service agencies. Executive Director Pat McLean will explain how the Council coordinates these resources to make our community a better and safer place for children and families.

Host/Introducer: Paul Glendon

Song Leader: Henry Johnson

Accompanist: Tom Strode

p.s. Shelley MacMillan will be selling tickets at this meeting for "Wine, Women & Song" on January 25. You can also reserve tickets by emailing Shelley at smacmill@umich.edu or by calling the KCH directly at (734) 769-2999. Seating is limited, so reserve early! The price of \$15 per person includes wine and light refreshments.

Looking Ahead

January 10 (Wednesday noon) – our speaker will be Doug Rothwell, President, Detroit Renaissance. His topic will be, "Transforming Southeast Michigan's Economy"

Note: Details on the luncheon programs for January are on the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/january.shtml>.

News from the Meeting of December 13, 2006

From your ever active social committee, there will be a special closed dress rehearsal for Rotarians only at the Kerrytown Concert House Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. for the fifth annual "Wine, Women and Song". The public performances are Jan. 26-27. See Shelly McMillan for tickets to this fun event involving some of our musically gifted Rotarians.

Walt Helmreich is home from hospital and we all signed a get well card for him.

Your "section 3" community service assessment is due on Dec. 31. No, it won't go away, so you may as well pony up.

Consider it your Christmas gift to Rotary.



Robben Fleming

U-M president and fellow Rotarian Mary Sue Coleman made a special presentation of a birthday cake to Robben Fleming on the occasion of his 90th birthday. We all sang Happy Birthday to our nonagenarian which was followed by a truly rousing ovation. We did the birthday boy routine for Geoff Baker, too; Joel Berger and Pam Horiszny celebrated birthdays on the 14th.

Check out January's coming attractions on the yellow sheet. What an incentive NOT to miss any January meetings.

Notes from the Program of December 13, 2006



As we gathered in the Union Ballroom, we were pleased to again hear the Pioneer High School A Cappella and Bel Canto Choirs under Kenneth Westerman. Ken is a longtime Pioneer Choral director and recipient of the 2005 Rotary Distinguished Service Award/Paul Harris Fellow. The choirs beautifully sang the following numbers:

A Chant of Spanish origin
"The Snow" by Elgar
"We will rejoice in Thy Salvation" by Handel
"The Coolin" by Samuel Barber

Two pieces by Brahms, "Chorus of Homage" and "Evening." The choirs ended with a "holiday card" to Rotarians. What a pleasure to see these young men and women lift voices in song!



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



Bowlers on the Club's Two Teams

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 138 members. We also had one visiting Rotarian (Bob Bykowski of Saline) and 14 guests. No committees met in conjunction with the luncheon but the Bowling Committee held a special mid-season meeting on December 15. Thirteen Rotarians and their guests attended for a total of 25. **Updates from the previous edition of this issue:** Attendance reports from the soggy November 11 tree planting session listed 28 members. The log-in sheets for the Rotary Tutors at Angell and Burns Park schools for November and December documented a total of 101 sessions by Rotarians and more than a dozen by spouses. Overall for calendar year 2006, our club has 50 members with 100% attendance! As far as attendance at our Wednesday luncheon meetings, Scott Westerman is the closest

to perfect attendance. He attended all but one meeting. Mike Marich and Chuck Cares are the runners-up. They only missed four.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: December 18 – Robben Fleming; December 20 – Mary Jo Callan, Lee Danielson and Paul Wright; December 23 – Verna McDaniel; December 25 – Brooks Sitterley; December 26 – Bob Holmes; December 28 – Ken Fischer; December 29 – Paul McCracken and December 31 – Chris Conlin **Updates from the previous edition of this issue:** January – Herb Amster and January 4 – Jim Miller.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Bob Guenzel (Ypsilanti on November 27); Judie Lax (Ann Arbor North on November 14); Reno Maccardini (San Juan PR on November 14); Bob Pratt (Bloomington MN on November 27); John Rasmussen (Southfield on December 6) and Bill Stegath (Longmont CO on November 30). **Update from the previous edition of this issue:** Hal Flynn (Amarillo TX on December 14 and Amarillo-West TX on December 15)
Note to Roving Rotarians: Please make sure that the make-up card you bring back contains the date of the make-up and the name of the club you visited. Some clubs don't seem to do very well at filling in this key information.

Rotarians in the News: Frank Cambria's retirement from the County was written up in major article in the Ann Arbor News on December 11. In the Ann Arbor Business Review for December 14-20, Dale Berry was pictured and quoted in article highlighting the 25 year anniversary of Huron Valley Ambulance. Both articles will be posted on the bulletin board next to the check-in desk at the meeting of January 3.

Another Student Supported by Our Club: A recent letter to the Club from the WCC Foundation reported that the Ann Arbor Rotary Club Scholarship helped Eunice Ogunleye enroll in the Pharmacy Technology program at Washtenaw Community College. She is working toward becoming a pharmacist.

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 in Salt Lake City from June 17-29 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 as well as individual articles of district-wide interest are also posted here. The latest postings include the November newsletter and on-line registration for the District Conference which will be held in E. Lansing from April 27-29.

- **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. A recent posting of interest is the listing of Committee Descriptions that has been assembled from contributions by the various committee chairs. This information will be very useful to members considering participation. The document is available from a link on the home page or directly to <http://annarborrotary.org/RotaryCommitteeDescriptions061129.pdf>.

Additions from the previous edition of this issue:

Attendance Report to the District: At the end of December, our club reported a total of 305 active members. We also have three honorary members. Our attendance for the month was 53%.

Highlights from the Board of Directors meeting on December 20: The board acknowledged the resignations of Carol Senneff and Jon Kinsey. Both cited business pressures as the reason for leaving the Club. The Permanent fund of the Endowment reached a total of \$1.28 million after some very fortunate movement in the market recently. Even with favorable trends in general, the performance of our fund continues to surpass industry benchmarks due to the expertise and dedication of the members on the Endowment Investment Committee.

Trip to Brazil: The new departure date is February 22 with the return set for March 3. See the real Brazil with Rotary Friendship Exchange. A pretrip planning meeting will be held on Sunday, January 7th at 2:00pm at the home of John Rasmussen. His address is 887 Greenhills Drive, Ann Arbor 48105. If interested, contact him by phone at (734) 995-8483 or by email to publicmkt@aol.com. The group plans to visit Henry Ford's former rubber plantation and the bosque Amazon forest preserve.

Rotarians in the News: In the December 17 issue of the Ann Arbor News, A feature story entitled, "Sign Me Up," discussed local community service activities. Many organizations are mentioned. Quoted in the article were Susan Katz Froning and Barbara Everitt Bryant. A copy of this article will be on the bulletin board near the sign-in desk at the January 3 meeting.

Every Rotarian-Every Year: A total of 177 members have donated to this campaign since the start of the Rotary year. Donations are still being accepted. This donation is #2 on your 1-2-3 invoice.

2007 Community Service Assessment Status: Thanks to each to each of the more than 250 members who submitted their \$170 CSA by the December 31 due date. Thanks. This contribution is #3 on your 1-2-3 invoice if you have not yet made this payment.

"Lead the Way"