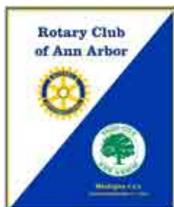


Harpoon for the Meeting of February 7, 2007

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The Program for Wednesday, February 7, 2007

Speaker: Barnett Jones, Director of Safety Services, City of Ann Arbor

Topic: New Public Safety Leadership for the City

No aspects of city government are more important to citizens than those our city collectively calls "safety services." On the job eight months as Ann Arbor's Police Chief and Director of Safety Services, Barnett Jones is responsible for top management oversight for not only the AAPD but also the Fire Department and Office of Emergency Services. Chief Jones will share his impressions of public safety in Ann Arbor, the current state of operations in these departments and plans for their future.

Host/Introducer: Roger Fraser

Song Leader: Dave Keosaian

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Reminder: Nominations for the next new member class are due on this day. Nomination forms can be dropped off with Downs Herold or John White. The next New Member Breakfast and Induction Ceremony will be March 14.

Looking Ahead



February 14 (Wednesday noon) – Margot Amrine of the Rudolph Steiner High School will provide insights on what today's high school students need to succeed.

February 14 (Wednesday evening) – Cultural Sampler Series: A Romantic Film at the Michigan Theater. Details are in the News section below.

February 21 (Wednesday noon) – Elizabeth Shuster, ElderQuest Director, will speak on learning, life and adventure in life's second half.

February 28 (Wednesday noon) – Bob Bowman, U-M Swimming Coach, will discuss carrying on the great Michigan Swimming tradition.

Note: Details on the luncheon programs for February are on the web at <http://annarborrotary.org/february.shtml>.

News from the Meeting of January 31, 2007

Chuck Cares gave a memorable invocation:

Lord, you know better than I know myself that I am growing older and some day will be old. Keep me from the habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all.

Keep my mind from the recital of endless details-give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years pass by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I don't want to be a saint-some of them are so hard to live with-but a sour old man---or woman-is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. Give me the grace to tell them so.

Amen



The members get pumped up to hear Bill Martin

Russ Collins as song leader followed with some rousing Michigan songs in honor of our speaker today.

We observed a moment of silence for Jon Cosovich, former member of our club, who died recently. Note: His obituary can be found later in this newsletter.

Valerie Wang of Huron High Rotaract Club gave a personal thank you to the bowlers who participated in the Rotary/Rotaract bowling event last Saturday.

As a part our club's Monthly Cultural Sampler Series, Russ Collins invited Rotarians to a special screening of "Sabrina," starring Humphrey Bogart and Audrey Hepburn, on February 14 at 7:00pm. The movie will be preceded by champagne and chocolates. Men wondering how to impress their sweetie on this special day should take notice of this invitation.

Notes from the Program of January 31, 2007



Bill Martin

Al Burdi introduced Bill Martin, Athletic Director at the University of Michigan since 2000. Bill said Michigan's goal is to stay competitive in 25 varsity sports, and to be nationally ranked in as many as possible.

So what keeps Bill awake at night? "I'm scouring the country," he said, for a Division 1-A opponent to fill out the new 12-game schedule. Michigan is "forced" to play a 12th game because to run the table at 11-0 would still fall behind somebody who went 12-0 in the battle for the national championship. Bill said the long-term solution to the scheduling mess would be to play "a full round-robin within the Big Ten." He got some applause for that statement.

Where is U-M academically? Bill quoted some statistics. "We have 800 varsity athletes, 189 of them are academic all Big Ten, which puts us just behind Northwestern. Our graduation rate for all athletes is 79 percent; it's 82 percent for all Michigan undergraduates." About 25 sports at Michigan are involved in community outreach

programs; three programs recently raised \$1.5 million for prostate cancer research. Bill was especially proud of the \$12 million academic center for student-athletes which didn't cost taxpayers a dime.

“We run a clean program by NCAA rules, though you may not see it in the win/loss column,” Bill said. He said the Big Ten would soon launch a cable TV network, with TV rights to football, basketball and Olympic sports. “It'll be on Direct TV, we're in negotiations with Comcast,” Bill said. In answer to a query from the audience, Bill said the state of Michigan's economy would not alter the renovation of the Big House. “It may hurt our marketing program, however,” he said.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor. Peter Wright provided the photos.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 145 members. We also had ten guests and five visiting Rotarians, including Dick Rosenfeld from Jackson, Christine Uthoff from Ypsilanti, John Hammond from Lakeshore St. Joseph, Manish Mehta from Ann Arbor North and Tony Menyhart from Tecumseh. Two committees (Program and Endowment Development) met before lunch. A total of 16 members participated.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: February 4 – Nishta Bhatia and Dewey Noland; February 6 – Chris McMullen and Steve Oldstrom; February 8 – Millie Danielson



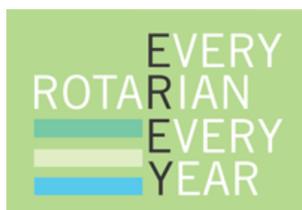
Five Star Attendees for January: Following is the list of members who attended all five of our meetings in January. Henry Amble, Joel Berger, Doug Brouwer, Al Burdi, Spaulding Clark, Jim Cook, Barbara Debrodt, Don Devine, Mel Drumm, Dave Felbeck, Robben Fleming, Anne Glendon, Amy Goodman, Norman Herbert, Maurita Holland, Bob Holmes, Ray Hunter, Dave Keosaian, Karen Kerry, Phil Klintworth, Joan Knoertzer, Jim Kosteva, Ted McLogan, Jim Miller, Sang Nam, Sam Offen, Chuck Olson, Dave Schmidt, Ingrid Sheldon, Bill Stegath, Len Stenger, Al Storey, Scott Westerman, Dave Williams and Paul Wright.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on January 22 and 29)

Attendance Report to the District: Following the resignation of Jim Frenza, our club reported a total of 304 active members at the end of January. We also have three honorary members. Our attendance for the month was 58%.

Rotarians in the News: Merle Lawrence, a former Ann Arbor Rotarian, passed away on January 29. He was Club President in 1978-1979. His obituary was in the Ann Arbor News of February 4 and can be found on-line at <http://www.legacy.com/annarbor/DeathNotices.asp>. An essay on the loss of Pfizer's generosity by Susan Katz Froning was published in the Other Voices section of the Ann Arbor News on February 4. For other items of items of interest, please take a look at the bulletin board next to the check-in desk as you arrive at the meeting.

Highlights from the Latest Rotarian Magazine: February is World Understanding Month. The major story, “In Focus: The Peacemakers,” features five people committed to making the world a more peaceful place. They're part of a growing network of participants from two programs: Rotary World Peace Fellowships and Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies. Over three hundred persons have completed their studies or are now enrolled. Also of note is the milestone of \$5 million raised for The Rotary Foundation through the RI credit card program since it was inaugurated in 2000. If interested, you can learn more at <http://www.rotary.org/shopping/creditcard.html>.



Every Rotarian – Every Year Newsletter On-line: Although the big push in the EREY program is focused on November (The Rotary Foundation month), the campaign proceeds throughout the year. You can keep up on the EREY news on-line at http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey_news.html. Once there, you will also find an option to subscribe to the monthly newsletter. Our club will honor its Paul Harris Fellows sometime this spring. There is still time to donate. If you need to know where you stand or have any other questions, please contact John White

at administrator@annarborrotary.org or 662-1734.

New Badges are in: The Club has just received a shipment of new member badges. These models look like the current ones but have a magnetic clasp rather than the standard clip or pin. See John White if you may want to trade in your old badge. New name inserts are also available.

Lost and Found: Two items that were left behind recently have been claimed. One item still here is a men's gray wool Pendleton overcoat. It is size 44. See Dave Williams or John White if you think it is yours.

Obituary for Jon Cosovich [from the Ann Arbor News of January 30]:

Cosovich, Jon Charles Age 71, died Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at home in San Francisco among family. He had been diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in July 2003. Born June 19, 1935, in Astoria, Oregon, Cosovich attended Stanford University graduating in 1957 with a degree in Political Science. There he met his classmate, Katharine "Timmie" Getchell, and they were married in San Francisco in September 1960. He began his professional career in university development at Stanford University in 1961. Cosovich left Stanford in 1983 to become Vice President for Development at the University of Michigan. In 1993, he became Deputy to the President, retiring in 1998. From 1996 until his death he served as Senior Advisor to the Director of the Hoover Institution at Stanford where he enjoyed working again with colleagues and friends from his early career. He was a former member of the Bohemian Club, Rotary, the Ann Arbor Club, VPs and the Detroit Athletic Club. He was predeceased by his parents, Carla and Peter Cosovich. In addition to his wife, surviving are; brothers, Peter of San Francisco and Alan of Seaside, OR; sons, Charles, his wife Kerry, and their children Caroline and Grant of Burlingame, CA, and Peter, his wife Maureen, and their children Grace and Sophie of Phoenix; daughter, Sarah of San Francisco; brother-in-law, Charles Getchell of Ipswich, MA, and innumerable friends. Jon will be remembered for his humor and his love of a beautiful day in the garden, classic cars and boats, second-guessing the political class, and a wide range of music, art, travel and history. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jon's memory may be given to: University Musical Society, University of Michigan, Burton Memorial Tower, 881 North University Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1011.



District 6380 Governor for 2008-2009 Identified: [a message from DG Gerry Jackson]: It is my pleasure to share with District 6380 that our District Nominating Committee has selected Judy Garver, current member and Past President of the West Bloomfield Rotary Club, Past President of the Auburn Hills Rotary Club, and past member of the Southfield Rotary Club, as our Designate to become District 6380 Governor for the 2009-2010 Rotary Year. Note: Judy's term will follow those of Audrey Chevalier (2007-2008) and Stanley Sherman (2008-2009).

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 also 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 notice of a Membership Seminar on February 10 in Brighton and on-line registration for the District Conference which will be held in East 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 Club brochure, the current Annual Report, Member Nomination Form, Committee Descriptions, synopses of upcoming programs and an archive of current and past Harpoons. Our club also sponsors the following Rotaract and Interact Clubs:

- **U-M Rotaract Club:** <http://www.umich.edu/~rotaract/>
- **Huron High Interact Club:** <http://huron.aaps.k12.mi.us/organ/interact/>
- **Pioneer High Interact Club:** <http://www.pioneerinteract.blogspot.com/>

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