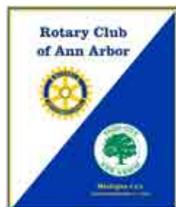


Harpoon for the Meeting of February 14, 2007

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## The Program for Wednesday, February 14, 2007

**Speaker:** Margot Amrine, Ann Arbor's Rudolf Steiner High School

**Topic:** What do today's high school students need to succeed?

As a humanities & history teacher at Rudolf Steiner High School, Margot Amrine designs and delivers a bold and challenging curriculum for some of our best and brightest young people. She will explain how Steiner students develop strong academic skills, analytical and creative thinking, self-discipline and international perspective in a program infused with idealism, intensity, community, adventure, optimism and joy.

**Host/Introducer:** Karen Wixson

**Song Leader:** Don Faber

**Accompanist:** Tom Strode

## Looking Ahead



### February 14 (Wednesday evening) – Cultural Sampler Series: A

**Romantic Film at the Michigan Theater.** Rotarians and their sweeties are invited to join Michigan Theater members to a special 7:00pm screening of the original (1954) version of "Sabrina," starring Humphrey Bogart, Audrey Hepburn and William Holden. The movie will be

preceded by champagne and chocolates from 6:00 to 6:45. Rotarians who are Michigan Theatre members get in free. Non-member Rotarians can join on the spot or simply buy a ticket.

P.S. – Mark your calendars now for the Canadian Brass at Hill Auditorium on Saturday, March 24.

**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-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/february.shtml>.

## News from the Meeting of February 7, 2007

Chuck Olson was nominated by Al Burdi to be our water resources person from the club to the district.

The next new member breakfast and induction ceremony will be March 14.

One of our guests was Ann Arbor School Superintendent Dr. Todd Roberts, who was introduced by Scott Westerman, a former super himself.

We took note of the death recently of Merle Lawrence, a longtime Rotarian from years past and president of our club in the 1978-1979 Rotary year.



Jamie Walsh

Jamie Walsh of the U-M Rotaract Club gave us a PowerPoint of her travels through Northern India, as sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bareilly South. Jamie's trip last year with other Rotaractors found them providing vaccines for children and fitting people with prostheses, as well as braces for polio victims. A total of 598 polio braces were given out and 324 sets of crutches. 1,166 needy people were helped, so you know where and to what use your Rotary dollars are going.

The annual Spectrum dinner this year honored our own Ingrid Deininger and Lois Jelneck, along with former Rotarian Ted Spencer. We congratulate them on their awards.



Kevin Kleitsch and Barnett Jones

Ron Heemstra, City Fire Marshal, was honored by Fire Chief Sam Hopkins. Ron is retiring soon, says "I'm basically just doing my job." And on the police side of operations, Kevin Kleitsch was cited by police Chief Barnett Jones for literally saving a life.

Our Junior Rotarians were introduced: Brittany Ajegba from Greenhills, Lily Baker from Community High and Mark Presspich from Gabriel Richard. We will hear from each of them next week.

## Notes from the Program of February 7, 2007

City Administrator Roger Fraser introduced Barnett Jones, Director of Safety Services and Police Chief of Ann Arbor. "I'm a police officer, always will be," said Jones, "my job is to keep you safe." Barnett comes to us from Sterling Heights which, along with Ann Arbor, are the two safest cities in the state, statistically speaking. But 9/11 changed how we looked at everything, said Barnett, who heads police, fire and emergency management operations.



Barnett Jones

Here, police officers learn about their community, Jones said. We care for homeless people where other communities may not have programs for the homeless. "We have programs for EDPs (emotionally disturbed people), rather than just lock them up." The challenges to our community, he said, include the worsening economy and how to bring the level of service up. "There are fewer of us today than in 2000," he said, but he promised "our men and women will find a way to deliver services." He praised the "dedicated and motivated people" under him.

In the Q. and A., Jones said the city's relationship with the U-M was a good one. "They have better equipment," he joked, "and I'd just like to hijack some of it." The party patrol, he said, was a necessary evil. As for Neighborhood Watch, he said it was a very viable program. "We have block captains who know the neighborhood and who are well trained." The Pfizer closing implications are that "we have to be creative. We'll know more in about two years. On another subject, "we're just going to have to do something about consolidation of services." And what about all those folks who drive through red lights? "People here drive too fast," Jones said, "a moving vehicle takes more lives than a bullet in our society."

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

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 120 members. We also had five guests and Rotaractor Jamie Walsh. Four committees (Social, International Projects, GSE and Community Service Project 2007) met before lunch. A total of 31 members participated.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** February 11 – Thomas Edison (born 1847, an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Orange NJ) and

Bob Pehlke; February 13 - Walter Helmreich (90!); February 14 – Damian Farrell and Bob Meader; February 15 John Rasmussen; February 16 – Mary Barnett and Jack Weg

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Marsha Chamberlin (Davisburg on January 31); Doug Moffat (Howell on January 31)

**Rotarians in the News:** Nothing major to report this week but please take a look at the bulletin board next to the check-in desk as you arrive at the meeting.

**Beware of Overactive Spam Blockers:** It appears that some email messages are not reaching our members. A possible culprit may be in the particular spam blocking techniques used by organizations and email programs. One of the aspects they may consider is whether the message is coming specifically to the recipient from a single sender or whether it is part of a mass mailing from an organization. The latter situation applies to the Harpoon and the messages we send using email groups and is the one that could result in a valid message getting rejected, deleted or sidetracked. If there is some message you think may be overdue, check your spam folder. If you find the message there, there is probably some way to train your system to let subsequent messages through, such as identifying this one as “Not Spam” or adding the sender to a “white list.”



**District 6380 News for January now posted:** Articles in this issue include “Membership Back to Basics” by DG Gerry Jackson, announcement of the 2008-2009 Ambassadorial Scholarship Program by our own Paul Glendon, a histogram of club membership levels (most clubs are in the 11-40 range while ours is several times larger than the other two largest; Mt. Clemens and Rochester), a summary of the incoming and outgoing District GSE teams, an advertisement for the upcoming District Conference and a table of all the

clubs in the District and their total giving to The Rotary Foundation (we have exceeded our pledge and are within sight of our 2005-2006 final number). You can view the entire issue on the Club bulletin board next to the check-in desk or read it on-line at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/NewsBulletin/761/District6380January2007.pdf>

**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 the 2007 RYLA Registration Forms, the January District Newsletter 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://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/huron.interact/home> (Note: this URL is for the current site. Past Harpoons have contained a link to an out-of-date one. Please check it out and update any bookmarks.)
- **Pioneer High Interact Club:** <http://www.pioneerinteract.blogspot.com/>

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