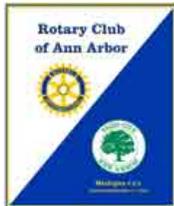


Harpoon for the Meeting of February 21, 2007

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The Program for Wednesday, February 21, 2007

Speaker: Elizabeth Schuster, EMU Gerontology Professor & ElderQuest Director

Topic: Learning, Service & Adventure in Life's Second Half

With keen awareness of our club's demographic profile, Dr. Schuster will tell us about two unique programs for people who want to fill their entire lives with learning, creativity and service: Elderwise an Institute for Lifelong Learning that offers a wide array of non-credit, no-papers, no-grades courses for persons age 50 and older, taught by EMU emeritus faculty and other community members; and ElderQuest, which combines half-price for-credit courses for persons 65 and older with service opportunities for 60-and-olders to contribute their skills, experience and talents to the betterment of the student population and the University community in general.

Host/Introducer: Paul Glendon

Song Leader: Shelley MacMillan

Accompanist: Deanna Relyea

Looking Ahead

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 14, 2007



Mark Pressprich



Lily Baker



Brittany Ajegba

We heard from our Junior Rotarians today. Mark Pressprich from Gabriel Richard, whose interests are math and science, is a National Merit semifinalist who has applied to U-M, MSU and Notre Dame. Mark is a serious-minded young man. Lily Baker, from Community High, has interests in politics, government, music and writing. (Now that's well-rounded!) She worked with the Washtenaw County Democratic Party and will be attending the University of Chicago.

Brittany Ajegba from Greenhills is interested in health care and international relations. A member of the Ann Arbor Youth Council, she participated in basketball and track for four years. Brittany has been accepted at the U-M, but she's still keeping other options open. (Our Junior Rotarians came to Rotary despite school being closed for them, so we commend them for the special effort).

Save these dates from Ann Arbor Rotary's Cultural Sampler series: March 24, the Canadian Brass, April 14, the Ann Arbor Symphony's final concert and May 4, the annual Spring Fling at Barton Hills Country Club.

The Rotary clock was three minutes fast, so we got to hear Bill Stegath's news AND astronomy lesson, while still leaving time for the speaker.

Thought for the day: To a worm, digging in the hard ground is more relaxing than going fishing.

Notes from the Program of February 14, 2007



Margot Amrine

Karen Wixson introduced Margot Amrine, humanities and history teacher at Rudolf Steiner High School, on the topic "What do today's high school students need to succeed?" Margot began by saying she knew she'd made it in the world when she got to address Rotary, thus satisfying her mother's concern about whether she'd ever succeed. Steiner, she said, is different from other schools in that "we're not just college prep, we try to be life prep." The Steiner concept was incorporated in education in Ann Arbor in 1980; the high school, located at 2230 Pontiac Trail, dates to 1997.

At Steiner, chorus is a required subject, as is auto mechanics and etymology, along with courses in physics, chemistry and literature. There are 85 students in attendance with 25 teachers. The architecture resembles a European town. "We have a strong academic program," said Margot, "that addresses holistic education.

Students need idealism, she said. "Students have an innate sense of idealism and need it to be cultivated. And they need teachers who are idealistic and passionate about the subject matter they teach. Students also need intensity and challenges. At Steiner, they learn from each other and enjoy doing community service. There's an active community service club at Steiner.

Finally, students need excitement and adventure and joy. They may go on a trip to Maine to study tidepools or work for several days on a dairy farm. Steiner students, Margot said, develop strong academic skills, analytical thinking and self-discipline in a program infused with those traits she said students needed to succeed.

For more information on the school, you can visit their website at <http://www.steinerschool.org/index.html>.

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

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 94 members. The unusually low turnout (our average is about 135) was attributed to a snowstorm on Tuesday night. In addition to our three Junior Rotarians, we had three guests and two visiting Rotarians (John Hammond of Lakeshore St. Joseph and Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson). Two committees (Golf and Membership Development) met before lunch. A total of ten members participated. Also, seven members of the Endowment Investment Subcommittee met on February 8.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: February 18 – Griff McDonald and Chuck Olson; February 21 – Walt Hancock; February 22 – Brandt Coultas and Doug Paterson; February 23 – Rotary International (102 years); February 24 - Bob Dascola

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on February 4 and 12); Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on January 23 and Dexter on January 25)

Rotarians in the News: Cheryl Elliott, President and CEO of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AACF), was interviewed by Susan Oppat of the Ann Arbor News for the weekly Q&A article that appeared on February 18. According to the article, "the AAACF is a different kind of nonprofit. It seeks donors like any other but rather than spend the money; it invests it in endowments and uses the earnings to support local social needs. Check the bulletin board next to the check-in desks for the full article, the district newsletter, the list of programs for the month and other items of interest.



Host Families Needed for Group Study Exchange [submitted by Spaulding Clark]: During the month of April 2007, five members of a Group Study Exchange from Thailand will be visiting District 6380. They will be hosted during this time by various clubs within the district, including ours. Our club will be responsible for three days beginning Tuesday the 24th to Friday the 27th. For the three nights that they will be staying with us, we will need host families. We will also need some drivers to transport the visitors to and from the activities which will be planned during their stay. Thus, if you would like to learn more about either hosting a visitor or providing transportation, please contact Spaulding Clark or Bill Dunifon.



Interact Day 2007 [an article by Dan Romanchik]: Interact Day 2007 for District 6380 took place on Saturday, February 10, 2007. Thirty students from 12 Interact Clubs attended this year's event, including six from Pioneer High School and two from Huron High School. Also in attendance were several resource people and a couple of advisers. Lynn Morgan, a Farmington Rotarian and former district governor, hosted the event.



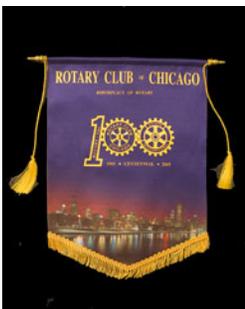
The Interactors heard about several RI project and programs:

- * Jamie Walsh of the U-M Rotaract Club spoke about her recent trip to India, where she participated in a polio immunization project and the Jaipur Limb Camp.
- * Branden LeClair, a RYLA alumna, described the Group Study Exchange program.
- * Eileen Heasley, from the Troy Rotary Club, spoke about the Bio-Sand Filter and her clean water project.
- * Ellen Blauer, a Berkeley Rotarian, told the students about the Rotary Youth Exchange.

The Interactors also exchanged ideas about their current projects. The Pioneer student talked about how they participated in our tree planting project and how they tutor ESL students at Pioneer. The Huron High students described their dinners at Ronald McDonald House. Other notable Interact projects included the LlamaRama button sale at Lamphere High that raised funds to buy a llama for a family in South America and a project at Rochester High School that sent books to a kindergarten in Mexico to help children there learn how to read.

It was quite inspiring to me to attend this event. These kids have truly taken to heart our Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," and we can all feel good about being able to support them in their efforts.

Another Rotary Scholarship Awarded at WCC: Our club's scholarship account at Washtenaw Community College has allowed Kenneth Mills to return to college after 25 years. He suffered a gunshot wound to the head in 1986 but has regained the ability to learn at the college level. He will be studying Computer Aided Design. See the letter from WCC on the bulletin board for details.



Flag from the Chicago Club: Beth Fitzsimmons recently attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Chicago and returned with the flag pictured at left. This club is the original one formed by Paul Harris and his three business colleagues back in 1905. In a sign that the times have changed despite the consistency of the principles of Rotary, Beth reported that the price of the lunch was \$30!

Harpoon Articles Always Welcome: Two of the articles above were submitted by members as part of their activities within the club. If you or your committee has information on your projects and/or plans that would educate, enlighten, entertain (or elicit support from) our readers, please feel free to submit a short article for publication in the Harpoon. Submissions are best as email messages. Send them to John White at administrator@annarborrotary.org by the weekend for inclusion in Monday's edition.

Recycle Your Rotarian Magazines: Our next class of new members will be joining on March 14. Since it will take a month or two for their subscription to start, we are trying to gather up some current Rotarian magazines to include in their welcome packets. If you are not planning to save your issue or “donate” it to your barber shop or doctor’s office, please bring it an upcoming meeting and drop it off with John White or leave it at the attendance table. Thanks.

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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