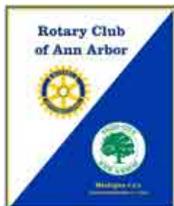


Harpoon for the Meeting of February 28, 2007

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The Program for Wednesday, February 28, 2007

Speaker: Bob Bowman, University of Michigan Swimming Coach

Topic: Carrying on the Great Michigan Swimming Tradition – and more

Now in his third year as only the eighth men's swimming coach in U-M history, Bob Bowman is extending a great tradition in inter-collegiate aquatic achievement with another strong team in 2006-07 and a top-rated group of recruits for 2007-08, while also leading Michael Phelps and his compatriots on Club Wolverine to record-breaking performances in national and international competition. Following similar honors before he came to Michigan, Coach Bowman was named 2006 Coach of the Year at the USA Swimming Foundation's Golden Goggles awards in November. Perhaps he'll also tell us about his own running, piano playing and horse-raising.

Host/Introducer: Sam Offen

Song Leader: Jim Irwin

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Looking Ahead

March is Literacy Month on the Rotary Calendar

March 7 (Wednesday noon) – Tim Huddleston, Chair, National Aerospace Development Center, will speak on, "The Potential of Aerospace for Economic Growth"

March 12-18 – World Rotaract Week

March 14 (Wednesday noon) – Induction of Thirteen New Members

March 21 (Wednesday noon) – Patricia Donnellan, Outgoing Ambassadorial Scholar from our District, will speak on her experiences on a year in Norway

March 24 (Saturday evening) – The Canadian Brass at Hill Auditorium

Note: Details on the luncheon programs for March are on-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/march.shtml>.

News from the Meeting of February 21, 2007

Host families are needed for the group study exchange. Five persons will be coming from Thailand in April and we need hosts for the three nights they'll be staying with us. Contact Spaulding Clark, 761-8519 or email esclark2@comcast.net or Bill Dunifon, 429-3626 or email bdunifon@aol.com.

Bill Stegath introduced his daughter, Marsha Dorr, from the sultanate of Oman, who had given a talk in Washington, D.C. and then opted to visit her father.

Jerry Prescott had a stent inserted while in Florida; he's doing well. Two Walts, Hancock and Helmreich, celebrated birthdays, the latter his 90th. Note: In related news not mentioned on Wednesday is that Jack Henke is on the mend from hip surgery. He expects to be back with us in a week or two.

From the Social Committee, reserve Saturday, March 24 for the Canadian Brass at Hill Auditorium. There'll be special seats for Rotarians at this 8:00pm event.

From the board, we learn that 23 members still haven't paid their community assessments. You know who you are.

The new member class will be introduced March 14. We can expect thirteen new Rotarians.

Notes from the Program of February 21, 2007

Paul Glendon introduced Elizabeth Shuster, professor of gerontology at Eastern Michigan University and ElderQuest director, speaking on "Learning, Service and Adventure in Life's Second Half." (Passing thought:

When the buzzer goes off at the end of life's second half, is it time to call Muehlig's?)



Elizabeth spoke of two programs at EMU: ElderWise, started in 1990 and recognized nationally, which builds a community of learning through friends, wisdom, vision and skill, and ElderQuest. The latter provides persons 65 and older with service opportunities whereby they can contribute their skills, experiences and talents to the betterment of the student population and the university community in general.

In aging, we've done well addressing the physical aspects, Elizabeth said, but what about the psycho-social aspects? "When we retire, we don't retire from life. There's a need for people to contribute in meaningful and challenging ways. We need to grow outside one's self in the second half of life. There's also an ongoing need for recognition and influence."

Elizabeth Shuster

She said "a person's age tells me nothing. Tell me about the person." She said EMU is dedicated to diversity and community outreach. "People come to us with ideas, we create the appropriate service outlet. A university setting is perfect." She described ElderQuest as a welcoming environment for persons 60 and older to participate in learning and service activities. Its academic component is one half tuition and reduction of fees for any one over 65. The service component creates pathways into campus life for persons 60 and over. Members are currently involved in English as a Second Language, gerontology, history and the Art Department. ElderWise, she said, offers in-depth learning experiences and camaraderie. "It's learning for the joy of learning," she said. Elizabeth succeeded in outlining the excitement of participating in these programs. "Grow old with me, the best is yet to be" is what she could have said.

Note: More information about ElderQuest at EMU is on-line at <http://www.emich.edu/elderquest/>.

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

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 116 members. Three committees (Program, Internal Financial Procedures and International Outreach) met before lunch. A total of 29 members participated. Also, twelve members of the Board of Directors met earlier in the day. Also reported were two months of Rotary

Tutor sessions. Details will be reported in an upcoming Harpoon.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: February 25 – Steve Dobson; February 27 – Art Williams; March 1 – Mary Steffek Blaske and Cynthia Wilbanks; March 2 – Dale Berry

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Elaine and Phil Alexander (Ann Arbor Briarwood on December 8, North Myrtle Beach NC on January 9 and San Luis Rey CA on February 7); Brad Bowersox (Ypsilanti on February 12); Tom DeGrazia (Rockport TX on February 1 and 8); Betsy Hammond (St. Joseph Lakeshore on February 1), Mark Ouimet (Dexter on February 15) and Bryan Schindel (Ann Arbor North on February 1).



Board of Directors: At its monthly meeting on the morning of February 21, the Board addressed a number of topics. Here are a few highlights: the resignations of Pieter Thomassen and Greg Cook were acknowledged; a total of 13 nominees for membership were approved; the Permanent Fund of the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment is now up to over \$1.3 million and the Golf Outing was set for Monday, September 10 at Travis Pointe. The regularly-scheduled meeting for September 12 will be replaced by the dinner at the Golf Outing.

More Resources for Committee Chairs: In addition to using the Harpoon as a platform to present the work and plans of your committees, you are also welcome to publish the dates of your meetings as well as pleas for more members. Contact John White at administrator@annarborrotary.org if you want to place an article. Speaking of communications, please be reminded that John or Downs can create an email group for your committee. Thus, a message sent to a single, easy-to-remember, email address will go to everyone on the committee. Addressees can be added and removed with ease by sending a request to John or Downs.



District 6380 GSE Team

Outgoing Rotary GSE Team in Thailand: District 6380's GSE team is now in Thailand. This is the message from team leader Eileen Heasley (second from right in photo) that was sent just before their departure:

"Greetings. The GSE Team is ready to go to Thailand. We hope you will follow our progress by checking <http://www.gsetothailand.blogspot.com> and we would love to hear from you. You can send us a message right from the blog. Thank you again for giving me the privilege of leading this exceptional team of professionals."

Current Information on Rotary E-Clubs [from District 6380 Rotary Information Officer Merle Loch]: One of the many benefits of Rotary Club membership is the luxury of being able to travel the world and never miss a weekly meeting. Club members are encouraged to visit other Rotary Clubs while traveling and make-up the meeting they missed back home.



Rotarians often ask what options exist if there is not a club in the area of travel, or if the member is home but an emergency causes him/her to miss a meeting. Besides the option of doing a make-up at one of the other local Rotary clubs, you can also attend a regular meeting of any Rotaract or Interact Club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship. Another option is to spend 30 minutes participating in an interactive activity on a Rotary e-club web site. E-Clubs are "in session" 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

London: <http://www.erotarylondon.org>

Southwest U.S.: <http://www.rotaryclubssouthwest.org>

Tampa Bay FL: <http://www.rotarycluboftampabay.org>

Singapore: <http://www.rotaryclub3310.org/index.asp>

New York: <http://www.rotaryclubny1.com>

Colorado: <http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

Recycle Your Rotarian Magazines (reprinted from last week since I need a few more copies): Our next class of new members will be joining on March 14. Since it will take a month or two for their own 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.

Host Families Needed for Group Study Exchange [submitted by Spaulding Clark and reprinted from last week]:



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.

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 blog address for our GSE Team to Thailand, 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, New 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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