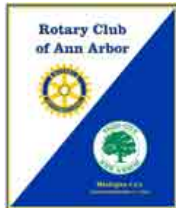


Harpoon for the Meeting of March 21, 2007

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## The Program for Wednesday, March 21, 2007

**Speaker:** Patricia Donnellan, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar

**Topic:** The Ambassadorial Scholarship Year in Norway

In 2004, our club nominated Patricia Donnellan for this most prestigious of international scholarships and District 6380 selected her from a highly competitive group of candidates for that honor. Patricia has a Master's Degree in Health Behavior and Health Education from U-M's School of Public Health, and spent academic year 2005-06 at the University of Oslo studying ways to improve emotional and mental health in diverse populations. An energetic, attractive and articulate speaker, she will report on her activities, academic and otherwise, as our "ambassador to Norway."

**Host/Introducer:** Libby Hines

**Song Leader:** Don Faber

**Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

## Looking Ahead

March is Literacy Month on the Rotary International Calendar

**March 21** (Wednesday evening) – Rotarians are invited to join Rotaractors at Cottage Inn on William Street for dinner and efforts to match up vocations and vocational interests. See the article later in this newsletter.

**March 24** (Saturday evening) – The Canadian Brass at Hill Auditorium. See article later in this newsletter.

**March 28** (Wednesday noon) – John Bacon, Author and U-M Lecturer, will talk about spending six months with the Cirque du Soleil

**March 29** (Thursday COB) - Community Allocation Grant applications are due. Our theme is "Helping Kids Succeed." Applications may be downloaded from the club web site at <http://www.annarborrotary.org>.

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

## News from the Meeting of March 14, 2007

Today's Invocation from Patricia Garcia

May we have the wisdom to know what is right.  
May we have the compassion to feel what is right.  
May we have the strength to do what is right.  
And may we have the character to defend what is right.

From Bill Stegath and President Ingrid for St. Patrick's Day

Bill: "What is Irish and stays out all night?"  
Ingrid: "Patio Furniture" i.e. Paddy O'Furniture (get it?)

Jamie Walsh of the U-M Rotaract Club told of us a meeting next Wednesday, March 21st at the Cottage Inn at 7:00 pm. The purpose is to pair Rotaract members' vocational interests with our Club members in the same profession. Rotarians are encouraged to attend if interested in pairing with a student and sharing your profession.

Junior Rotarians. Three introduced themselves, all from Pioneer High School..

George Adams-Goodman who participates in a program to identify Pioneer freshman students with a GPA below 2.0, then provide tutoring and counseling with the goal of improving their GPA to 3.0 or higher. George hopes to become a teacher.

Elise Lowe who has led several mission trips to the Cumberland area to assist with home repairs. Her interest is medicine or political science.

Kelly Smith with an interest in communication or education.

Last call - Canadian Brass tickets for March 24th, 8:00 pm at the Hill are still available by calling Amber Cook at the University Musical Society office. 763-3100, \$40 each to Rotarians.

## Notes from the Program of March 14, 2007

Tim Marshall, who co-chairs our Member Development Committee along with Agnes Redding, guided the introduction of twelve of our thirteen new members. Their sponsors are in parentheses



New members: Robert Albritton, David Behen, Ray Detter, Tim Gretkierewicz, Brenda Herman and Melanie Hoff

- **Robert Albritton** (Wayne Colquitt and Larry Henkel) has taught music for over 33 years in Ann Arbor, most recently retired as Director of Bands at Pioneer HS. Last year, the Pioneer Music Department won a Grammy Award for the best music department in the country under Robert's direction.
- **David Behen** (Bob Guenzel and Vera McDaniel) is Deputy County Administrator along with our Verna McDaniel. David is developing the "Wireless Washtenaw" program so that everyone in the County will have wireless internet access by the end of this year.
- **Ray Detter** (Bob Dascola and Norman Herbert) taught history for many years after receiving his Ph.D. in history from U-M. Ray now has his own company in real estate management with a strong interest in historical properties. Through the Downtown Citizen's Advisory Council, Ray is responsible for the historical markers in Ann Arbor.
- **Tim Gretkierewicz** (Ian Glassord and Chris Mile) has been the VP for Business Lending at Key Bank since

2001. He has brought his financial expertise to Washtenaw United Way as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

• **Brenda Herman** (Chris McMillan and Ingrid Sheldon) spent 25 years with the UM housing office, now works in the Alumni Office. Brenda initiated the Jazz and Blues Festival, also coordinated a number of Habitat for Humanity projects following Katrina.

• **Melanie Hoff** (Charlie Crone, Sang Nam, and Ingrid Sheldon) is Director of Development for the Museum of Art, also on the UMMA Friends Board as well as the Greenhills School Board.



More New Members: Susan Lackey, Nick Rutan, David Sarns, John Sepp, Greg Stejskal and Steven Thoms

• **Susan Lackey** (Flip Connell, Cathy Duchon, Paul Glendon, and Gay Miller) has been Executive Director of the Washtenaw Land Trust since 2005. We remember Susan as one of our Club speakers.

• **Nick Rutan** (Rob Boehnke, Geoff Larcom, Chris Mile, Jim Miller, and Dave Schmidt) was formerly a golf professional at Barton Hills Country Club, now is a broker with Bluestone Realty Advisors.

• **David Sarns** (Steve Dobson, Norman Herbert, Scott Westerman) started his financial career on Wall Street, now has his own financial firm, 360 Advisors, to assist start-up companies and venture capital investors.

• **John Sepp** (Dan Faber, Dan Stewart) formerly worked with Merrill Lynch but now has his own company, LPL Financial Services, an independent financial planning firm.

• **Greg Stejskal** (Ian Glassford, Ingrid Sheldon) retired after 30 years government service as Senior FBI Resident Agent. Greg has frequently spoken to the football team and other athletic teams about problems of drug abuse, athletic gambling, etc.

• **Steven Thoms** (Laura Lonergan, Pete Richards) is a former paramedic who then started a banking career, is now VP for Commercial Loans at University Bank. Steve actively coaches school football, soccer, hockey teams.

• **Todd Roberts** (Brandt Coultas, Scott Westerman, Art Williams and Lou Young). Todd, the Ann Arbor School Superintendent, was unable to attend the luncheon and will be introduced at a later meeting.

The News and Notes were prepared by Bob Buchanan. John White photographed the new members.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 137 members. We also had one visiting Rotarian (U-M Rotaractor Jamie Walsh) but no guests. The New Member Orientation Breakfast was held early in the day and a STRIVE subcommittee met before lunch. A total of 35 members participated.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** March 18 – Tim Marshall and Doug Weber; March 20 – Vic Rosenberg; March 21 – Downs Herold; March 23 – Bob Chapman and Herb Ellis; March 24 – Bob Hatcher.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Roland Leeds (Telluride CO on February 26)



**Rotarians in the News:** Our club's membership was well represented among the 300 attendees at *Ann Arbor Business Review's* "Michigan Leaders Speak" event held on March 8. Photographs from the event as published in the March 15-21 edition included Mary Sue Coleman, John Hieftje, Tim Marshall, Mark Ouimet and Sandy Rupp.

**GSE Visitors from Thailand Still Need Hosts and Drivers:** Bill Dunifon and Spaulding Clark report that we still need one more host family for the GSE team from Thailand and that we also need some more drivers to occasionally chauffeur them about. Please contact Spaulding at [esclark2@comcast.net](mailto:esclark2@comcast.net) or Bill at [bdunifon@aol.com](mailto:bdunifon@aol.com) if you can help.

**Upcoming Rearrangement of Assistant District Governorships:** ADG Hal Flynn has informed us that there will be some changes made to the club assignments for the new Rotary year. ADG Manish Mehta, a member of the Ann Arbor North Club, will replace Hal as ADG to our club. Hal will continue to oversee Ann Arbor North, Saline and Milan and add Ann Arbor Briarwood and Ypsilanti.



“Wilf” Wilkerson,  
2007-2008  
RI President

**RI President to Host “Sharing the Magic of Rotary” this Summer:** During July and August, President-elect Wilfrid J. “Wilf” Wilkinson will conduct seven Presidential Membership Conferences throughout the US and Canada. The conferences are intended for all Rotarians who are committed to strengthening Rotary membership, but especially club and district membership development committee members, club presidents and officers, and district-level officers including governors.

The meetings are designed to empower Rotary clubs to take up their own membership initiatives that will help Rotary stay vital and growing in the years to come. Participants will learn about and discuss practical ways to identify and recruit new members, retain existing members, and extend Rotary through new clubs. Participants will also discuss how clubs and districts can effectively manage change. Details are on the RI website at [http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/announcements/070309\\_pres\\_memb\\_conf.html](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/announcements/070309_pres_memb_conf.html). The conference closest to Ann Arbor will be held in South Bend IN on July 27-28.

**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 in Michigan 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 February 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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