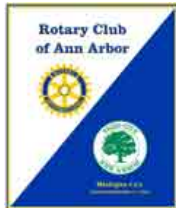


Harpoon for the Meeting of March 28, 2007

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Note: Long-time member (and our preeminent recruiter of tree planters) John Laird suffered a heart attack last Thursday. Bypass surgery is scheduled for Monday, March 26. Please keep John and Peggy in your thoughts and prayers. A get-well card will be available for your signature at Wednesday's meeting.

The Program for Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Speaker: John U. Bacon, Author, U-M Lecturer & Radio Host

Topic: Six Months with Cirque du Soleil

Cirque du Soleil started twenty-three years ago as a raggedy band of Quebecois street performers and is now a billion dollar company with over 350 employees working world-wide. Local author John Bacon spent six months living and working with the troupe and wrote his latest book about the adventure. John will describe his experiences and explain the surprising ways Cirque ignites creativity in its people while still running a successful, bottom-line business.

Host/Introducer: Al Burdi

Song Leader: Russ Collins

Accompanist: Maurita Holland

Looking Ahead

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>.

April 4 (Wednesday noon) – Ambassadorial Scholars Youshiyosu Harada, Joachim Klima and Yuiko Ono wrap up their year as scholarly ambassadors to Ann Arbor by sharing their experiences, observations, hopes and dreams with their host club. Preceding the meeting at 11:00 in the Anderson Room will be the Committee Showcase session featuring our internal committees. All members are welcome. New Rotarians and others without current committee memberships are encouraged to attend.

April 11 (Wednesday noon) – U-M Admissions Director Ted Spencer will update us on U-M admissions principles and practices after the Supreme Court affirmative action decisions and Proposal 2. Preceding the meeting at 11:00 in the Anderson Room will be the Committee Showcase session featuring our external committees. All members are welcome. New Rotarians and others without current committee memberships are encouraged to attend.

April 14 (Saturday morning and early afternoon) – District Assembly at Walsh College in Troy for President Elects, Secretaries, Treasurers, Club Officers, Assistant Governors, District Staff and any other interested Rotarians. Registration, continental breakfast and fellowship will be held between 8:30 - 9:30 AM. Lunch and the closing sessions will be between 12:30 - 2:00. Register on-line at <http://rotary6380.org/>.

April 14 (Saturday evening) – The Social Committee invites Rotarians and their guests to attend the Ann Arbor Symphony's season finale at the Michigan Theater. For details, see the article later in this newsletter.

News from the Meeting of March 21, 2007



New member: We met Todd Roberts, who began last July as superintendent of Ann Arbor Public Schools. Todd was raised in Durham, N.C. He received a B.A. from Duke, where he majored in English and excelled on the golf team. He earned a masters and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina, and became a teacher and then a principal in Durham. He moved from there to Ann Arbor with his wife, Arlene, a doctor who received an appointment to the University of Michigan Medical School. Todd commuted for seven years to Birmingham, where he served as a principal and later as deputy superintendent. Todd and Arlene have three children, two boys and a girl, all under the age of five. Todd was sponsored by Scott Westerman, Brandt Coultas, Art Williams and Lou Young.

Updates to last week's Harpoon articles on the other new members: Tim Gretkierewicz is on the Finance Committee of the Washtenaw United Way but is not the chair. Robert Albritton was not at Pioneer High last year when they received the "Grammy" recognition. He was there as department chairman when they first applied to the Grammy Foundation in 2001.

Board of Directors Notes (from the meeting of March 21): Sue McCormick has resigned from our club because of a busy work schedule. Sue is Public Service Administrator for the city of Ann Arbor. As of the end of February, our club's endowment fund stands at more than \$1.3 million.



Honoring Burt: Burt Voss received our club's distinguished service award, the highest honor our club can bestow. Burt was born in Fulton, Illinois, and was educated at the University of Iowa. He served as a professor at Penn State and then worked for 30 years as a professor in the U-M School of Education. Burt has served his church, Ann Arbor's First Presbyterian, in a variety of ways, including as an elder and deacon. He is on his condo association board, and has numerous professional honors. He's been a vital member of our club, most notably as a key architect over 20 years in building our club's endowment. Bravo, Burt!

Note: The full text of Scott Westerman's remarks will be printed in next week's Harpoon.

Notes from the Program of March 21, 2007



We heard from Ambassadorial Scholar Patricia Donnellan, who spent the academic year 2005-2006 at the University of Oslo, studying ways to improve emotional and mental health in diverse populations. Patricia has a masters degree in health behavior and health education from U-M.

Patricia had a diverse class, with colleagues such as doctors, nurses and social workers from all over the world. She had class from 9-4 daily, and would enjoy outings and get-togethers with her classmates. Events included a Christmas party, where people brought food from their native country. Patricia brought apple pie.

The winter was cold and dark, yet Norwegians spend a stunning amount of time outside in activities such as cross country skiing. Summer was a joyous time where folks bathed in the sun, savoring its unfamiliar warmth and glow.

Patricia visited the Oslo and other Rotary clubs, and came to love all things Norwegian. She found natives don't care for small talk, but are very sincere and caring when you get to know them. The emphasize harmony with nature, are frugal and value family.

Women flourish in Norway. Forty percent of company boards have women on them.

"I feel so grateful in every way," Patricia says of her scholarship. "It's an experience that continues to fill my life."

The News and Notes were prepared by Geoff Larcom. Fred Beutler provided the photographs.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 127 members. We also had two guests, one visiting Rotarian (Lori Sprague of Dexter), one U-M Rotaractor (Jamie Walsh) and three Huron High Interactors (Remi Lam, Lubin Zhuang and Ignatius Chen). Earlier in the day, the board of directors met. A total of 13 members were present. Prior to the luncheon, 38 members met in a number of committees (Social, Program, Community Allocations and International Programs). In addition, four members met with the Union staff. Finally, Six Rotarians joined the U-M Rotaractors in a dinner at Cottage Inn to discuss possible mentoring arrangements.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: March 25 – Susan Smith-Gray; March 26 – Roger Fraser; March 28 – Howard Dubin and Doug Moffat; March 29 – Dave Gunderson; and March 31 – Bill Dunifon and Jack Weidenbach.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Marsha Chamberlin (Brighton on March 6); Cheryl Elliott (Ypsilanti on February 5) and Bob Pratt (Bloomington MN on March 12).



It's Spring and a Rotarian's Fancy Turns to... Tree Planting!: Our next tree planting will be Saturday April 28th from 8:00am to noon. Coincidentally, this date is also "Arbor Day." This event will be a single day of planting rather than several successive Saturdays. We expect to plant 100 trees at Leslie Park (here's a map: <http://www.ci.ann-arbor.mi.us/CommunityServices/Parks/Parkdescriptions/Leslie/lesliepark.pdf>). The rain date is May 12. You will have a chance to sign up at the upcoming meetings. Have any questions or want to sign up by email? Contact Ian Glassford at ian.t.glassford@jpmorgan.com.

New Assignments for Meetings: Ingrid Deininger and Lois Jelneck have made the next round of assignments for greeters, invokers and attendance takers. The list is available for viewing and printout from the home page of the Club website or directly to <http://annarborrotary.org/GreeterAttendanceEtc070300.pdf>. Paper copies will be available at the attendance table at each meeting. Please take a look at the list and mark your calendars. Our newest members are not on the list right now but can expect to be contacted to fill in. Thanks.



A Note from Tommy Amaker: In her opening remarks at Wednesday's meeting, President Ingrid mentioned a note the Club received from him. Here is the full text:

All,

I just want to sincerely thank you for the opportunity that I was given to be the basketball coach at this tremendous university. I will always be grateful for it.

I truly loved teaching and coaching at the University of Michigan. I loved representing you, and I wish you all well.

Please continue to support the team and the new coach--they need you and deserve you!

Thank you so much for everything, and GO BLUE!

Best, Tommy

Coach Amaker had been a regular speaker at our club over the past five or six years. He also contributed auction items to our golf outing. The Club thanks him for his support and wishes him great success in his future endeavors.

Rotarians in the News: Nothing significant so far this week but be sure to check the bulletin board next to the check-in desk for the latest.



Social Committee Update: The next social event for Rotarians will be Saturday, April 14 at the Ann Arbor Symphony's Season Finale! Tickets are available at a 20% discount by calling Caitlin or Lori at the Symphony office, 994-4801. Rotarians are invited to the 7:00pm pre-concert lecture by Maestro Arie Lipsky. There will also be a group photo for all Rotarians before the concert. Season subscribers are also welcome to join in! Regular tickets prices range from \$10 - \$42. Be sure to mention you're part of the Rotary group to get the discount and call early for best seats. See you at the Symphony!

District 6380 Newsletter for March Now On-line: The District's latest newsletter has just been posted at <http://rotary6380.org/>. This edition is devoted to the District Conference coming up from April 27 through 29. A full agenda is included. You can access the newsletter directly at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/html/17352/District6380March2007.pdf> or thumb through a paper copy on the bulletin board at an upcoming meeting.

Did your Overcoat Shrink at Last Week's Meeting?: One of our members reported that his car-length black coat was missing as he prepared to leave after the meeting last Wednesday. After everyone else had left, the lone garment on the racks was a full length black overcoat. If you went home with a men's black coat, please check to ensure it is yours. If it is not, please bring it back this Wednesday. Thanks.

Rotary Travel Opportunity to Ecuador this Fall: Rotary District 4400 will be holding a Project Fair in Quito from October 18 through 21. This conference is designed to enable Rotary Clubs to find partners for developing international humanitarian projects. Visiting Rotarians will have the opportunity to meet Rotarians from the local clubs and discuss their necessities and project possibilities. The fair will be followed by several optional excursions and tours such as, the Galapagos Islands, Andes Highlands and the Amazon Jungle. More information will be forthcoming. Phil Alexander is our club's contact.

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 March 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>

- **Pioneer High Interact Club:** <http://www.pioneerinteract.blogspot.com/>

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