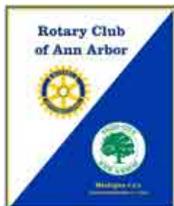


Harpoon for the Meeting of April 11, 2007

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The Program for Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Committee Showcase: 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.

Speaker: Ted Spencer, U-M Associate Vice Provost and Admissions Director

Topic: U-M's Undergraduate Admissions Process Post-Proposal 2

Few U-M administrators have had more punches to roll with than Admissions Director Ted Spencer, our former fellow Rotarian. He will bring us up to date on changes in the University's undergraduate admissions process in the aftermath of the two famous U-M Supreme Court affirmative action decisions and Michigan voters' approval of Proposal 2, and how this all fits into the University's continuing commitment to diversity.

Host/Introducer: Burt Voss

Song Leader: Don Devine

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Looking Ahead

April is "Magazine Month" on the Rotary Calendar.

April 14 (Saturday morning and early afternoon) – District Assembly at Walsh College in Troy. Register on-line at <http://rotary6380.org/>. If you are planning to attend and are interested in carpooling, please email John White at administrator@annarborrotary.org.

April 14 (Saturday evening) – The Ann Arbor Symphony's season finale at the Michigan Theater. For tickets, call Caitlin or Lori at the Symphony office, 994-4801 and mention Rotary.

April 18 (Wednesday noon) – Fellow Rotarian Jerry Gray will present, "Medicine & Religion in Africa – Observations from Experience"

April 25 (Wednesday noon) – The speakers will be our district’s Group Study Exchange Team from Thailand. They will deliver, “News from Thailand . . . Adventures in Michigan & Ontario”

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

News from the Meeting of April 4, 2007

Our song leader was Don Devine, just returned from his artistic triumph in the Gilbert and Sullivan Society's production of “The Grand Duke.” Don was a little hoarse, which is still better than a little horse.

John Laird is home and doing well after his sextuple bypass, but don't look for him at the tree plantings.

Vacationing Ann Schriber presented us with a flag from Longboat Key FL.

Gerry Jackson, district governor, was featured in the April Rotarian magazine. Take a squint at the piece on him.

Don't forget April 14, special price tickets for Rotarians to the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra concert that evening

It was good to see so many snowbirds back from warmer climes. It was tanfaces and palefaces at Rotary Wednesday and as for the latter, we were green with envy.

Hal Flynn returned after the recent death of his wife, Carolyn, and it was good to have his presence among us again.

Bowling them over: Chuck Olson from the Rotary Gold bowling team rolled a 254 game on his way to a 600+ series.

Giving ourselves a pat on the back to the person on our right at each table, we learned that District 6380 – that's the Ann Arbor club – was the largest giver of any large club to the Rotary Foundation as of Dec. 31, 2006. Average per capita giving was \$120.36, topping second place Findlay OH (\$97.45). The largest club giving in Zone 28 is a measure of our members' outstanding generosity.

Thought for the day from that great baseball philosopher, Yogi Berra: “Half of the game is ninety percent mental.”

The social committee reminds us of the annual Spring Fling on May 4 at Barton Hills. Make your reservations by April 30 if you're planning to attend this fun annual event. The registration form is on the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/RotarySpringFlingFlyer2007.pdf>

Notes from the Program of April 4, 2007

We heard from a trio of Ambassadorial Scholars who have spent this academic year studying at the U-M and absorbing Ann Arbor's version of American culture.



Yuiko Ono, Joachim Klima and
Yushiyasu Harada

Yuiko Ono, sponsored by the Tokyo Koto Rotary Club, studied at the English Language Institute in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business. Yuiko traveled to Orlando, San Francisco and Boston while in this country. In her native Japan, she said, “we don't shake hands, but we greet with bows,” showing what constitutes a slight bow from a deep bow. Yuiko admitted to being confused on the practice of tipping in this country. She “really enjoyed her experiences in Ann Arbor and loved to explore new restaurants here.” The Japanese restaurants were not terribly authentic in their cuisine, however, she opined.

Joachim Klima from Germany enjoyed U-M sports and concluded that “sports is bigger here in the States” than

back home. "People here behave younger," he noted, even folks in their seventies. Cultural differences? Well, the flag and the national anthem are important here, he said, but not so important in Germany. And the distances here are great compared to Europe. Joachim liked the 24-hour convenience of many American stores, and said that he preferred the American system to Germany's. Joachim wasn't sure if he would stay here and make money or return home to be with family. "I had a great time and I thank you," he said.

Yushiyasu Harada from Soka, Japan, is an MBA candidate who made a point of noting "the mismatches between financial and engineering resources." Yushi is married with two children; his work experience is with a Japanese high-tech company. Cultural differences he mentioned included the fact that odd numbers are auspicious in Japan. Differences in culture may be good, he said, if they help to promote service about self. Now where have we heard that slogan before?

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber. Fred Beutler provided the photographs.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 130 members. We also had no guests but did have two visiting Rotarians (Neil Loney of Ypsilanti and Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson). Prior to the luncheon, a total of 41 members met in three committee meetings (Social, Community Allocations and International Projects) and at the Community Showcase.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: April 10 – Brenda Herman; April 13 – John Ackenhusen and Greg Stejskal; April 14 – Gloria Kerry and Bill Stegath.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Neil Bidwell (Key West Sunrise on March 30); Penny Fischer (Ann Arbor North on February 1, February 15 and March 15); Hal Flynn (Dexter on March 22); Reno Maccardini (Palm Beach Gardens FL on March 27) and Ann Schriber (Sarasota Sunshine FL on March 14, Longboat Key FL on March 21 and Sarasota Keys FL on March 22).



Annual Survey: Sam Offen reports that the annual survey of the membership is under way and that the initial response rate has been very good. If you haven't filled out your survey yet, please use the link in the email to you or pick up a printed copy at the next meeting. Members without internet access will receive their copy by snail mail.



Report from John Rasmussen in Brazil: John visited Rotary 3H Grant (Hunger, Health and Humanity) hospital sites in Obidos, Belterra and Santarem, Brazil. Rotary International also sent a doctor from Argentina to visit all three sites. John met the Minister of Health and the Santarem Municipal Hospital Administrator at a dinner at their home in Santarem. Dan Weiss (Rotary Club Ann Arbor North) facilitated the invitation. Rotarian Haroldo Bentes traveled with John overnight on the ferry to Obidos and Ronald Bertagnoli arranged travel to Belterra. Here are a few items about each site:

Obidos- 200 miles up the Amazon from Santarem, community service area of about 30,000, new 23 bed hospital is under construction, existing hospital needs x-ray equipment.

Belterra- About 30 miles south of Santarem by road, new hospital serves a community of 8,000, two doctors see about 50 patients a day, x-ray room lined with lead. lacks equipment, former (closed) Henry Ford Hospital burned. Santarem-Riverboat city between Belem and Manaus, existing hospital serves area of 250,000, emergency room sees 300 patients/day, clinic serves 5,000 patients a month, 50 doctors (4 hrs. a day) and 27 nurses, Rotary grant will help provide X-ray and other equipment for this 120 bed hospital.

Patients pay no fees for services under Brazilian health care in municipal hospitals. Private hospitals charge fees for services and accept private insurance plans. Rotary 3H Grant is for municipal hospital equipment.

Rotarians in the News: President Ingrid could receive a dubious honor later this year. The National Hurricane Service has included her name among 21 others on the list for 2007. We know Ingrid as a whirlwind in the Ann Arbor Community. Her selection for this list could result in worldwide recognition. For other items of interest, please take a look at the bulletin board next to the check-in desk as you arrive at this week's meeting.



“Lead the Way” Award: The following were recognized with the at the March 28th meeting for sponsoring a total of 28 new members during the 2006-07 club year: Elaine Alexander, Phil Alexander, David Anderson, Joel Berger, Rob Boehnke, Brad Bowersox, Doug Brouwer, Dick Carlisle, Wayne Colquitt, Flip Connell, Howard Cooper, Brandt Coultas, Charlie Crone, Bob Dascola, Barbara Debrodt, Don Devine, Steve Dobson, Cathi Duchon, Don Faber, Patricia Garcia, Carl Gingles, Ian Glassford, Anne Glendon, Paul Glendon, Bob Guenzel, Larry Henkel, Norman Herbert, Robert Holmes, Pam Horiszny, Lois Jelneck, David Krehbiel, Geoff Larcom, Laura

Lonergan, Mal Lowther, Verna McDaniel, Chris McMullen, Chris Mile, Gae Miller, Jim Miller, Doug Moffat, Sang Nam, Josie Parker, Joanne Pierson, Agnes Reading, Jim Reece, Pete Richards, Sandy Rupp, Dave Schmidt, Fritz Seyferth, Ingrid Sheldon, Dan Stewart, Scott Westerman, Art Williams, and Lou Young. Thank you for “introducing Rotary fellowship and service to another as we strengthen our community together.”

Shrunken Overcoat Still Missing: If you have black men’s overcoat that you may have worn to the meeting on March 21, please check to make sure it is yours. If not, please bring it back and trade it in for your longer one.

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, 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/>



“Lead the Way”