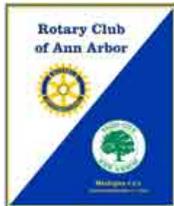


Harpoon for the Meeting of April 18, 2007

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The Program for Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Gray

Topic: Medicine & Religion in Africa – Observations from Experience

Our longtime fellow Rotarian and his wife, Mary Kay, have taken six trips to the World Medical Mission in Kijabe, Kenya, where Jerry volunteered his services as a physician pathologist in the lab and Mary Kay worked with chaplains and patients in the hospital and Little Lambs Day Care Center for AIDS orphans. On their last trip, in 2006, they were accompanied by their son and his family. With slides and a video, Jerry will show and tell us what they have learned about medical care and religion in Africa. Host/introducer: Bob Buchanan.

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Song Leader: Don Faber

Accompanist: Maurita Holland

Looking Ahead

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>.

April 28 (Saturday morning) – Tree planting at Leslie Park. Sign up at an upcoming meeting.

April 27-29 (Friday through Sunday) - District 6380 Conference at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Register on-line at <http://rotary6380.org/>.

May 2 (Wednesday noon) – Regular weekly luncheon meeting

May 4 (Friday evening) – Our annual Spring Fling at Barton Hills. Register by April 30. Pick up a form at a luncheon meeting or download one from the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/RotarySpringFlingFlyer2007.pdf>. Sponsors of new members should bring the new member to this festive event.

News from the Meeting of April 11, 2007

Bob Green's prayer is worth repeating: "So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, nasty or self-centered. I am really proud of myself. But in a few minutes, God, I'm really going to need some help, because then I am going to get out of bed."

The committee showcase met before the meeting to highlight committee chairs and what they (and their committees) do. Thanks to all who attended.

Sam Offen said 50 percent have replied to the club survey. The end of the month is the deadline for replies to this important gauge of club activities.

Congratulations to Steve Kesler on receiving a major award of the Society of Economic Geologists meeting in Denver.

You have two opportunities to "Thai one on" with our incoming Group Study Exchange from Thailand. On Tuesday, April 24, Margaret and Bill Dunifon are hosting a welcoming party for the five Thais. That event is RSVP, time is 6:30 p.m. Then at our noon meeting on the 25th, we'll have a chance to meet our guests again over lunch. The GSE team will constitute our program that day.

The "Rotate Your Food" committee meets next week prior to our regular club meeting. If interested, show up at 11:00am.

Terry Linden announced tree planting dates of April 28, 8:00am at Leslie Park, and May 12. Sign up sheets will be distributed.

The annual meeting of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation is April 25, 5-7 p.m., at the Four Points Sheraton on Boardwalk in Ann Arbor. You are welcome to attend. Make your reservation by April 18 by calling (734) 663-0401 or rsvp@aaacf.org.

Buz Hoff is back in hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Len Stenger modeled a beautiful coat, the only trouble was it wasn't his. "I'd like to have MY coat back," said Len, of a coat mixup that really needs to be resolved. UPDATE: the missing coat has been found and the exchange is scheduled without fanfare for our next meeting.

Notes from the Program of April 11, 2007



Ted Spencer

Burt Voss introduced our former member, Ted Spencer, U-M associate vice provost and admissions director, on the topic "U-M's Undergraduate Admissions Process Post Proposal 2." Ted painted a picture of how U-M got to be where it is today on this matter of diversity. In the early days, two-thirds of students at U-M were out-of-state. Michigan was a leader in admitting foreigners, African Americans and women. Ted said that what the University of Michigan said to the Supreme Court was that "we not some johnny-come-lately to diversity."

Back in the 1960s, Michigan opted to develop a more aggressive program of integration. And despite affirmative action, "we never achieved critical mass on campus of minority students," Ted said. "And we were not alone." In 2003, U-M took its case to the Supreme Court; the Court rendered two rulings, one saying undergraduate admission process was constitutional, but law school admissions process was unconstitutional.

Ted said that in seeking diversity, U-M gives points to musicians, athletes and others. "We look for building a community," he said, while looking at test scores, extracurricular activities and unique backgrounds. "We give sheets to high school counselors, even they can't agree on who they would accept," said Ted of a process that

actually works pretty well. "Race-neutral admissions programs don't work," he said.

So what does a student need to do to gain admission to U-M? Well, accelerated studies in high school help. In promoting a "robust exchange of ideas" at the U-M, the University is trying to level the playing field by helping students to write better.

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

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 124 members. We also had three guests, two visiting Rotarians (Penny Oglesby of Dearborn and John Hammond of St. Joseph Lakeshore) and one Rotaractor (Jamie Walsh of U-M). Prior to the luncheon, a total of 43 members met in three committee meetings (Communications, Golf Outing, Tree Planting) and at the Community Showcase. On Saturday, April 14, five members attended the District Assembly in Troy.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: April 17 – Jesse Bernstein and Lyn Welch; April 18 – Dave Williams; April 19 – Mike Marich; April 20 – Barbara Debrott and Art Holst.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Henry Amble (Monterey CA on March 8 and March 22, Pacific Grove CA on March 13); Mary Barnett (Longboat Key FL, Sarasota Sunrise FL and Sarasota Sunset in March); Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on April 2); Tom Conlin (San Miguel de Allende, Mexico on March 12 and March 19); Betsy Hammond (St. Joseph Lakeshore on April 5) and Rob Juergens (Wayne on April 10).

District Assembly Notes: On April 14, our club was represented by Ingrid Sheldon, Al Burdi, Maurita Holland and Norman Herbert and Hal Flynn at the District 6380 Assembly in Troy. The purpose of the meeting was to begin preparations for the 2007-2008 Rotary Year among the 50-some clubs and 2000 members in our district. In a video clip from Wilf Wilkerson, incoming RI President, we learned that the theme for the year will be "Rotary Shares" because Rotarians care, they know the needs and they provide "Service above Self." General emphases will continue in water, health/hunger, literacy and the "Family of Rotary." District Governor Elect Audrey Chevalier added that she will be encouraging more Rotary-related topics in the weekly meetings and an increased focus on public relations and community service.

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/>

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