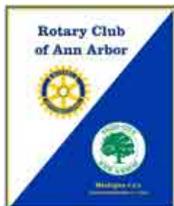


ncHarpoon for the Meeting of May 2, 2007

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The Program for Wednesday, May 2, 2007

Speaker: 15th District Court Judge Julie Creal

Topic: Ann Arbor's Sobriety Court



May is Sobriety Month and Judge Julie Creal, third generation member of one of Ann Arbor's most prominent families in law and politics and a former City Council member, will tell us about the 15th District's remarkably successful Sobriety Court, over which she presides. Judge Creal will be joined at the lectern by one of the "graduates" of this judicial program for reclaiming at-risk lives.

Hosts/Introducers: Libby Hines

Song Leader: Terry Foster

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Looking Ahead

May 4 (Friday evening) – Our annual Spring Fling at Barton Hills. **Register by April 30.** The flyer is available from the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/RotarySpringFlingFlyer2007.pdf>. Mailing it in Tuesday or bringing it to the meeting Wednesday is OK but please contact John White right away (administrator@annarborrotary.org or 662-1734) so that we can give Barton Hills the final count early this week.

May 9 (Wednesday noon) – New Rotarian Greg Stejskal will speak to us on a "G-Man's Adventures In and Around Ann Arbor."

May 16 (Wednesday noon) - U-M Regent Olivia Maynard will provide a Regent's perspective on the University of Michigan.

May 23 (Wednesday noon) - Distinguished Service Awardee Richard Ingram will lead the Huron High School A Capella Choir in a "Springtime Songfest Just for Rotarians."

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

News from the Meeting of April 25, 2007

We observed a moment of silence for member Bob Warner who lost a battle against Hodgkins lymphoma on April 24. Bob was a member of our club since 1970 and at one time was national archivist of the United States. Visitation with the family will be at Muehlig Funeral Chapel on Monday, April 30th from 2:00 to 4:00pm and from 6:00 to 8:00pm. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, May 1st at 11:00am at the First Presbyterian Church. Here is a link to his obituary as it appeared in the Ann Arbor News on April 29:

<http://www.legacy.com/annarbor/DeathNotices.asp?Page=Lifestory&PersonId=87674504>

Note for future reference or bookmarking on your browser: Death notices appearing in the Ann Arbor News are available on-line at <http://www.legacy.com/annarbor/DeathNotices.asp>

Our Group Study Exchange team from Thailand honored us with their national anthem, played expertly by pianist Joanie Knoertzer.

Set aside June 4-16 for the food drive for the Washtenaw County food rescue/food bank program, according to Chris McMullen. "The need for food never ends," President Ingrid reminded us.



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Khalid Raof



Steve Sun

Joe Fitzsimmons will be honored May 10 by SOS Community Services as a Housing First advocate. And Prue Rosenthal will be honored May 17 (more details in a future Harpoon).

We heard from our Junior Rotarians from Huron High. Steve Sun was active in soccer, orchestra and "everything that was offered." Steve will be attending Johns Hopkins in the fall, preparatory to becoming a physician. Khalid Raof, Arabia-born, was president of the Student Council and ran blood drives. He promises

to join Rotaract at U-M next fall.

A big Rotarian thanks to co-chairs Spaulding Clark and Bill Dunifon for hosting the GSE team, especially to Bill for opening up his home for a reception for our guests.

Sunday update: The irrepressible one, John Laird, is back. He was at the meeting on Wednesday and the tree planting on Saturday at Leslie Park supplying about 30 of us planters with donuts and coffee. See the article below.

Notes from the Program of April 25, 2007



With Spaulding Clark and Bill Dunifon as co-introducers, we met our GSE team from Thailand in the persons of Tanit Tantivit, team leader, a hotelier from the resort town of Phuket; Ms. Nawarat Bardnumasuta, artist; Ms. Kulwadee Kulsrisombat, dentist; Boontawee Boonhai, teacher; and Ms. Jariyaporn Jareonroop, pharmacist. They are show from left to right in the photos at the start of this article.

Tanit, also called Hai, went to hotel management school in Switzerland. The hotel he owns has 355 rooms. He showed slides of the city in southern Thailand he calls home. Nawarat Bandhumasuta, better known as Jennie, lives near Bangkok. She's a documentary scriptwriter and interviews famous people. She relaxes by playing guitar. Jariyaporn Jareonroop, also known as Amy, is a pharmacist in a public hospital and owns her own drugstore. She loves to travel and shop. Her goal is to share ideas or experience "to lead my society." Boontawee (Toom) Boohai teaches at the Hua Hin public high school which has 3,252 students. He teaches English and was impressed with the size of the United States. Kulwadee Kulsrisombat also answers to Joy; she belongs to the Rotary club of Tongkah. She's a dentist at the Promjai dental clinic. After an exchange of banners, the group said "kob-khoon" (thank you) in Thai.



The GSE Team poses with Rotarians John Hieftje and Todd Roberts after the meeting.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber. Fred Beutler provided the photographs of the GSE Team. Ginny Geren took the photos of the Junior Rotarians.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 128 members. We also had one guest and one visiting Rotarian. Prior to the luncheon, a total of 20 members met in two committee meetings (Golf and Rotaract).

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: April 29 – Deane Baker; April 30 – Hank Brown; May 1 – Jud Hoffman and Tom Roach; May 5 – Chris Mile.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on April 16); Maurita Holland (Manistique on April 23) and Reno Maccardini (Palm Beach Gardens FL on April 17).

Rotarians in the News: No significant news right now but check the bulletin board next to the check-in desk for the latest news.



Rotarians Reunite 75 Trees with Nature at Leslie Park [a report from Terry Linden]: Thirty Rotarians (including 1 Rotarian spouse) enjoyed a fine Saturday morning together as we planted roughly 75 trees at Leslie Park. John Laird provided donuts, hot coffee and cold miscellaneous drinks as he always has. We dug the dirt from perhaps ten holes, but the city dug the dirt from the rest. Although many Rotarians had come for exercise, everyone politely retrained from objecting as city employees with a Prentiss hole digger and a backhoe emptied the holes. In addition to enjoying each others company and enthusiasm, we felt the joy of coming to a large park with few trees and leaving a park beautifully adorned with trees throughout. What a joy it will be to return in ten or 20 years and see Ann Arborites playing among huge trees and know that we planted virtually all of them . . . the trees that is, not the Ann Arborites.

New Membership Connections Table Open for Business: As introduced by President Ingrid last week, the Club now has a table in the hallway at each meeting that can be used for members to display and/or distribute materials, e.g., brochures, pamphlets, handouts and posters, related to activities and events with which they are associated. Other than keeping the displays within the physical space available and removing everything immediately after the meeting, the only requirement is that members apply the Four-Way Test before placing any materials. President Ingrid has offered to highlight a few from the podium. Ask her before the meeting.

Rotary Gold Bowlers Best Rotary Blue in Late Season Match [reported by Paul Glendon]: In the next-to-last week of this season, our two stalwart bowling teams faced each other for the third time. To review, sports fans: in their first head-to-head encounter the veteran Blue Team scored a decisive victory over the rookie Golds. But as the

standings were finalized for the first half of the season the Gold Team had regrouped, come on strong, and finished ahead of their big blue bowling brothers.



They met again early in '07, with a decidedly different result: the Gold Team defeated the Blues by a comfortable margin. Alas, the Golds could not stand success and over the next several weeks fell to the bottom of the standings, while the Blues had several weeks of success against other teams and found themselves perched comfortably in the upper-middle ranks of the Thursday Night Service Club League. But a few weeks ago the Gold Team buckled down and began a steady climb out of the basement.

Along the way, Gold's anchor bowler, coach and steadying influence Chuck Olson rolled a remarkable 258 game, prompting President Ingrid to sing his praises from the lectern at the next Wednesday meeting. Two weeks ago, Dan Romanchik and Wayne Colquitt had 235 and 219 games respectively. When that night's bowling concluded Gold had caught and inched a few points ahead of Blue in the standings, setting the stage for last week's climactic showdown.

Last Wednesday, with President Ingrid cheering both teams on for part of the first game, the Gold Team again triumphed (with modesty and respect for their worthy opponents, of course, so as to do what was best for all concerned). The cumulative score was 25.5 to 14.5, and Gold ended the evening 19 points ahead of Blue and dead-even with Kiwanis (featuring Rotary First Gentleman Cliff Sheldon, who also enjoyed Presidential support and encouragement) heading into the last match of '06-07. Chuck Olson once again led the way for the upstart Gold Team with a Game Two of 236. Others bowling on the two teams were: Norman Herbert, Russ Reister, Greg Cook, Jack Walker and Peter Wright on the Blue Team; Dan Romanchik, Brooks Sitterley, Bob Dascola and Paul Glendon for the Gold. See next week's Harpoon for "the rest of the story."

Monthly Report to the District: We started the month of April with 315 members (not counting our three Honoraries). After the resignation of Jeff Levin and deaths of Buz Hoff and Bob Warner, we finished the month with 312. Average attendance for the month was 58%.

The May Rotarian Magazine: The current issue features "microcredit" as a way to help reduce poverty in emerging countries but also includes interesting tidbits on several other topics; the twenty-year anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that paved the way for women to join Rotary; the increasing use of internet blogs (web + logs) to replace the club newsletter; the home exchange fellowship (www.rotaryhomeexchange.com) and the announcement of upcoming Rotary World Peace Fellowships.

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. Recent postings include the 2007 RYLA Registration Forms and the March District Newsletter.
- **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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