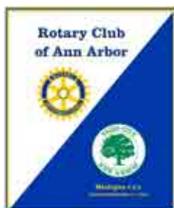


Harpoon for the Meeting of June 27, 2007 (We will be in the Union Ballroom for this one)

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## The Program for Wednesday, June 27, 2007

**Location:** The Michigan Union Ballroom (the Anderson Room is undergoing some maintenance)

**Speaker:** Kirsten Levinsohn, President, Leslie Science and Nature Center

**Topic:** Leslie Science Center Reborn . . . Launching a Unique Partnership

Begun more than thirty years ago with Dr. Eugene and Mrs. Emily Leslie's gift of their home and property, Leslie Science Center has been a jewel in the City's parks system, providing educational experiences with nature and environmental stewardship to tens of thousands of youngsters. Under dire constraints of Michigan municipal finance, it could not continue to grow and fully meet its mission as a City agency. Thus was born the Leslie Science and Nature Center, a unique partnership between a new nonprofit organization, the City and the National Wildlife Federation that is remarkable both in itself and as a model for other potential public/private partnerships.

**Host/Introducer:** John Hieftje

**Song Leader:** Dave Keosaian

**Accompanist:** Tom Strode

Note: The events this day will include the "passing of the gavel" ceremony as Al Burdi succeeds Ingrid Sheldon as president of the Club. Also, dues invoices for the coming Rotary year that were left over from last week will be handed out at this meeting. The remaining envelopes will be mailed out at the end of June. Your payment is due the end of July.

## Looking Ahead

**July 4** (Wednesday) – **No meeting** in honor of the Independence Day Holiday.

**July 11** (Wednesday) – Induction of New Members. We will be back in the Anderson Room for this meeting.

**July 18** (Wednesday) – **No regular weekly luncheon meeting** due to the Art Fairs. The Board of Directors, however, will meet at its regular time and location (7:30am at the Washtenaw United Way Building).

## News from the Meeting of June 20, 2007



An unsuspecting Ian

Shelley MacMillan's invocation was "Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten."

Ian Glassford was surprised with the club's Distinguished Service Award and honorary Paul Harris Fellowship for the "enthusiastic service" he has given in the club's new service project – the ash tree replacement program. The numerous tree plantings around Ann Arbor engaged in by our club were overseen by Ian and his thorough preparation. After Paul Glendon's introduction, Ian and his family stepped forward for a standing ovation. Note: The full text of Paul's remarks can be found at the end of this newsletter.

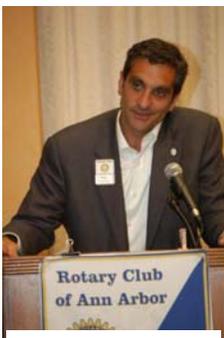


Yave Ba, Lauren Koski and Tessa Marzulla

Milo White introduced Scholarship winners Lauren Koski from Community High, Tessa Marzulla from Greenhills and Yave Ba from Huron High. (Mateso Mbala-Mkanga from Huron High was unable to attend, but his father stood in for him). Lauren, active in theater, is U-M-bound; Tessa, volleyball captain, plans to attend Lewis and Clark College. Yave was active in the AIDS walk-a-thon and will be attending U-M.

## Notes from the Program of June 20, 2007

Dave McDowell introduced Peter Fayroian, Head of School, Greenhills School, on the topic "A Nationally Recognized Independent School in our Community." Founded in the late sixties, Greenhills still adheres to the principles and values that guided those early efforts and enjoys a reputation as one of the leading independent schools in the country. Among the characteristics of an independent school are an individualized mission and philosophy and growth in regional associations. "We do a lengthy self-study in evaluating our curriculum," said Peter.



Peter Fayroian

Peter "fell into" independent schools when he took a job at Cranbrook, a day boarding school. "My attraction to Greenhills," he said, "was that in only 38 years it had a great reputation. It's an exciting place to be. It's changed and moved so quickly." Peter was joined by several students who briefed us on a history of the school and its founders; on architect Alden B. Dow and his vision for the school; and how Greenhills's reputation is "not that of a snobby, rich school" but one which deals with problems in a different way. To no one's surprise, academics is very important at Greenhills.

Only one percent of all school-age children in America attend independent schools, which are different from private schools. "I found a supportive environment in independent schools," said Peter, who is the third consecutive Greenhills Head of School to also be an Ann Arbor Rotarian.

Thought for the day, from President Ingrid: "When (husband) Cliff was talking to a good friend and acknowledging how kind it was that he and his wife had moved out of their home so that it would be available for the family and friends of one of the families devastated by the Survival Flight crash, our friend replied that one is given only a few opportunities to do the right thing. So my thought for today is: Don't let the opportunities to do the right thing, to help or make a difference, pass you by. Always be on the lookout for them."

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber. Bill Dunifon provided the photographs from the meeting.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 134 members. We had no visiting Rotarians but did have ten guests. Prior to the luncheon, a total of 20 members met in two committee meetings (Program,

International Outreach). Earlier in the day, fourteen members attended the meeting of the Board of Directors.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** June 24 – Amy Goodman and Prue Rosenthal; June 25 – Rick Hadler; June 28 – Bob Kerschbaum; June 29 – John Psarouthakis.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Amy Goodman (Chelsea on June 19); Betsy Hammond (St. Joseph Lakeshore on June 14); Nels Olson (Frankfort on June 13); Deb Polich (Dexter on June 21) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta Newcastle ME on June 12).

**News from the Board of Directors' Meeting:** At its meeting on June 20, the board acknowledged the resignation of Susan Katz Froning due to business pressures. It also granted Active-Exempt status to John Rasmussen and Leaves of Absence to Don Devine (vacationing in remote New Hampshire) and Bob Chapman (working in Tecumseh). The board also received a report that the value of the Permanent Endowment has reached over \$1.4 million, up from \$1.2 million one year ago and \$900,000 three years ago. The substantial rate of increase was attributed to additions (through fund-raisers and personal donations), rising market prices and, of course, careful management by our Endowment Investment Committee, chaired by Bernie Bedell.

**Rotarians in the News:** An article in the Ann Arbor News of June 23 noted that the Home of New Vision announced that Libby Hines has received the Cindy Jo Dilber Community Leadership Award. For this clipping and other current items, please review the bulletin board next to the check-in desk as you arrive at this week's meeting. In addition, don't forget to stop by the "Rotary Shares" table in the hallway. Feel free to place items that you feel may be of interest to your fellow Rotarians. Just be sure to take them away at the end of the meeting.

**News about our Rotarian Family:** 1) Brandt Coultas reported that he and Jill have a baby girl. Britta Hathaway Coultas was born Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. 2) Mathwon Howard and his family will be moving to NY. Mathwon recently accepted the position of Assistant Vice President for Development at Binghamton University. 3) Don Devine expresses his appreciation to the fifteen Rotarians who took him up on his offer of a free novel. He is now off to New Hampshire for the summer.

**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 52 clubs in the counties of Washtenaw, Livingston, Oakland and Macomb in Michigan and Kent in Ontario. The district's monthly newsletter, as well as individual articles of district-wide interest, is also posted here. Recent postings include a list of potential speakers.

- **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 2007 Golf Outing pamphlet, Club brochure, 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"

**Distinguished Service Award to Ian Glassford:** Here is the full text of Paul Glendon's remarks on June 20:

"It is my privilege today to present the last of our club's Distinguished Service Awards to be bestowed during President Ingrid's tenure.

Today's award is a slight departure from club tradition. Typically recipients have given exemplary service to the club and/or the community over a long span of years, and thus typically have been of a certain age. But as you know, our club has experienced quite a change over the past decade, with more emphasis on identifying and recruiting new members, many not of a certain age, and with many newer members quickly making their mark by enthusiastic involvement in expanding club service projects and activities, and in positions of committee and club leadership. The last two Distinguished Service Award committees, chaired by past presidents Norman Herbert and yours truly, thought it appropriate to recognize this trend in the selection of award recipients.

Today's honoree, the first in this new DSA demographic, joined the club in July 2003 and immersed himself in club service opportunities almost immediately. Perhaps most notably, he answered then-Director Dick Elwell's call for involvement in exploratory discussions and implementation actions for a new hands-on service project. That project turned out to be our Ash Tree replacement project, which has involved an unprecedented number of club members in both the service and fellowship of numerous Saturday-morning tree planting sessions. Today's honoree has led those activities for every year of its immensely successful and continuing existence. Unbeknownst to most of us, he had unique hands-on training for this leadership role, having spent summers as a Canadian college student planting trees in Northern Ontario. Fortunately for his fellow Rotarian tree planters, our project has not featured certain aspects of its Canadian precursor, such as sleeping in tents and competing with bears for prime planting spots.

You will have deduced by now that today's honoree is Ian Glassford, who grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario one of nine children. Ian's father set a good example for service above self, having himself received a distinguished service award from the Ontario Provincial Government. Ian and his wife Tatiana and their five children also have carried on another Glassford family tradition, and Tatiana and four of the five children are here today to see their father receive this award.



Ian and his award

Ian also has served as a member of the club's Board of Directors for the past two years, giving great leadership to all our community service activities, and recently chaired the ad hoc task force that selected Success by Six as our club's newest community service partner. The entire Glassford family also pitched in for Rotary by home-hosting one of the members of the Peruvian Group Study Exchange Team that visited us a couple of years ago. Ian's service to the community also has extended beyond Rotary during his seventeen years in Ann Arbor, including a seven-year stint as a director of the Ann Arbor Art Association and more recent and current membership on the Board of Catholic Social Services.

Fellow Rotarians, I am pleased to present to you the newest recipient of our club's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, and our newest honorary Paul Harris Fellow, Ian T. Glassford, and to ask Ian and his family to come forward to receive this award and the associated regalia."

p.s. We are meeting in the Ballroom on June 27