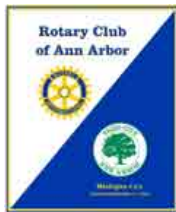


Harpoon for the Meeting of July 11, 2007 (No meeting on July 4 in honor of the Independence Day Holiday)

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The Program for Wednesday, July 11, 2007 (No meeting on July 4)

Special Event: New Member Induction

Introducers: Agnes Reading, Tim Marshall and the individual sponsors

Join us on this special day when we will introduce our new members. This is a way to welcome some wonderful and interesting people as they become Rotary Club of Ann Arbor members. You will get the opportunity to hear about their lives and about the work they do along with service activities. We welcome another class with outstanding experiences and services.

Song Leader: Dave Keosaian **Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

Looking Ahead

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).

July 25 (Wednesday) – New Rotarian Ray Detter will speak on the Downtown Ann Arbor Historical Street Exhibit Program

News from the Meeting of June 27, 2007

Clarence Price, member from 1966-2003, passed away recently. Lee Danielson was hospitalized and has returned home.

There will be no meeting on July 4 because of the national holiday. A new member class will be inducted on July 11.

Phil Alexander presented a flag exchange from the Peak to Peak Rotary Club of Boulder, Colo.

Scott Westerman urged members to read the story in the Ann Arbor Observer about member Bob Green.

Sustainer Society (members who have contributed at least \$1,000 to local endowment) grew by several new members, bringing to a total of 102 persons who have contributed. The newest members are Robert Bachtel; Henry (Hank) Brown; Al Burdi; Robben Fleming; Doug Freeth; Downs Herold; Gene Ingram; Phil Klintworth; David Matthews; David McDowell; Dean Millard; Chuck Olson, Jr.; Jim Reece; Audrey Schwimmer; Bernadine Shear; Brooks Sitterley; and Lyndon Welch.



Pres. Al Award to Pres. Ingrid

President Ingrid's "year in review" slide show was unfortunately bereft of slides, so it was left to our imagination to follow along. Without the visuals, it still came off well. With that, the "passing of the shirt" ceremony from Ingrid to Al Burdi marked another year's transition. Ingrid received a plaque and a scarf while Jim Cook received a blinking neon star for his work with Rotary International. Al Burdi then presented his perspectives on the year ahead. "We'll hit the ground running," he promised, while reaffirming that "Rotary Shares because Rotary Cares." Manish Mehta, assistant district governor, came up to

present Ingrid with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Notes from the Program of June 27, 2007

Ann Arbor Mayor John Hieftje introduced Kirsten Levinsohn, president, Leslie Science and Nature Center. The Center is known for its outreach program for kids and a summer day camp. "School field trips are the bulk of our programming," said Kirsten, who added "we have an incredible staff and board of directors." The Leslie Science Center is truly a jewel in the City's parks system, but under the constraints of Michigan's municipal finance, it could not grow and fully meet its mission as a City agency.



Kristen Levinsohn



Perry Rech



A Leslie Staffer and a barred owl

So on July 1, the Leslie Science and Nature Center comes into being as a nonprofit agency, in partnership with the City of Ann Arbor and the National Wildlife Federation. NLF spokesman

Perry Rech spoke briefly about "nature deficit disorder," "a malady that has kids today disassociated from the world of outdoors. He said kids can identify 90 corporate logos from watching video games an average of 44 hours/week, but can ID only one percent of the trees in their neighborhood. Finally, a Leslie staffer brought out a barred owl for us to eyeball; the owl had injured his beak as a result of a fall from his nest as a youngster.

As her "thought for the day," outgoing President Ingrid closed the last meeting of the Rotary year with all members reciting the Four-Way Test: Of all the things we say or do: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber. David Felbeck provided the photographs from the meeting.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 111 members. We had four visiting Rotarians (Neil Loney of Ypsilanti, our ADG Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor North, Bob Ransom of Addis Ababa West, Ethiopia and George Sugiyama of Grand Rapids) and six guests. Prior to the luncheon, a total of 20 members

met in two committee (or subcommittee) meetings (International Projects and Membership Development).

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: July 2 – Budge Gere; July 3 – Bob Bachteal; July 5 – John Holland; July 7 – Brad Bowersox and Jim Martin; July 8 – Tom Sullivan; July 9 – Jack Henke and Susan Lackey; July 10 – Terry Foster; July 12 – Bruce Benz.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Elaine and Phil Alexander (Boulder Peak to Peak, CO); Mary Barnett (San Francisco on May 8); Steve Oldstrom (Sault Ste. Marie on June 4); and Mark Ouimet (Dexter on June 21).



The Russians are Coming (but not until October) [an update from Jim Reece]: Russian entrepreneurs in the PEP casual dining training program will benefit from the expertise and advice in American marketing practices and operations techniques that will be supported by Zingerman's Ari Weinzwieg and Domino's Dave Brandon. Coincidentally, Ari was a Russian studies major in college, and his restaurant management book has been translated into Russian. Jim Reece and his PEP committee are on schedule with preparations for the October 4 to 20, 2007, training event. In addition to Jim's daily participation, classes will be conducted by three faculty members from the Ross School of Business at a "boardroom" in Palmer Commons, which is being donated for use by the University of Michigan. Home hosts and backups have been identified, social events are planned, and a large church van has been secured for transportation of the entire group.

District 6380 News: The June newsletter has been posted on the website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>. The latest issue includes DG Gerry Jackson's detailed wrap-up of his year, announcement of the Group Study Exchange to Turkey in April 2008, a welcome to the new Clinton Township Sunrise club and the status of club membership and giving to The Rotary Foundation. Also new on the website is a welcome message from the new RI president. It highlights membership development as a key element of his presidency. Finally, our club's attendance report for June shows a 50% attendance rate and that we are entering the new year with 307 active members, up eight from the end of June 2006. We also have three Honorary members.

Briarwood Rotary Welcomes Us: Since our club will not be holding a meeting this week, the Briarwood Club has invited us to attend their breakfast meeting on Friday, July 6 at 7:15am at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 3155 Boardwalk (not to be confused with the Holiday Inn Express across from Briarwood Mall). The guest speaker will be Paul Saginaw from Zingerman's. If you are planning to attend, please contact President Beth Marshall at beth_marshall_sfs@yahoo.com or 734-454-0384. If you can't plan that far ahead but wake up early that morning with a case of RAD (Rotary Attendance Deficiency), walk-ins will be welcome.



Wilf
Wilkerson



Happy New (Rotary) Year!: The Rotary year runs from July 1 through June 30. Thus, you will notice the masthead of your Harpoon has been updated to reflect the changes in Club officers and directors. Also, Rotary International has a new President, Wilfred "Wilf" Wilkerson, and a new slogan, "Rotary Shares."

Rotarian Magazine for July: Each member should now have their copy of this month's issue. Inside is a major article on Wilf Wilkinson's hometown of Trenton, Ontario and unique Rotary spots across Canada. Also featured are an Indianapolis Rotarian who is helping AIDS orphans in her native Africa and a story about Warm Springs GA. Warm

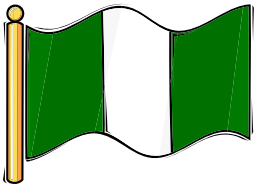
Springs is the small southern town where FDR strengthened his legs and his social conscience. It will soon house the Smithsonian Institution's polio exhibit.

Rotarians in the News: A feature article by Rotarian Bob Green in the July issue of the Ann Arbor Observer recounts some of his medical adventures.



Updates on 2007-2008 Dues: Each member should have received their dues bill by now, either in person at a recent meeting or by mail in the last few days. Please review the contents of the envelope and return at least the dues payment and the directory update form by the end of July. Thanks to the two dozen members who have already submitted their payments. Those checks will be deposited shortly after the new Rotary year begins on July 1. In comparing our level of dues to those of other clubs, note that the Rotary

Club of Toledo, a large club like ours, has just adopted dues of \$500 per year. Their weekly lunch charges are also higher.



Rotary Travel Opportunity to Nigeria [forwarded by Phil Alexander]: PDG John Behrendt and Rotarian Barbara Groner have just completed plans for a World Community Service Trip to Abuja, Nigeria, leaving the U.S. on November 11 and returning on November 20. The purpose of this trip is two fold: 1) Involvement in the November National Immunization Days health initiative including the giving of Oral Polio Vaccine and 2) Participation in the 3rd Annual West Africa Project Fair.

Nigeria is one of the four remaining countries in the world where polio is still endemic. It has had 91 cases so far this year. Last year, it had 1123 of the 1997 polio cases identified worldwide. At this same time last year, Nigeria had identified 421 polio cases. Your support will be greatly appreciated by the local Rotarians and health care workers. As a volunteer you will be sharing in the giving of polio drops—not supervising!

At the West Africa Project Fair, team members will learn about pressing community needs as identified by the Rotarians of fourteen different nations. Projects presented will include: health, nutrition, water, sanitation, literacy, education and community development. Hopefully, team members will find projects at the fair to champion within their Rotary clubs and/or districts. Pre-trip planning steps can make this a sure thing—and you will have help with this.

For more information, contact

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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 and other individual articles of district-wide interest are posted here. Recent postings include a list of potential speakers and a letter from the new RI president.
- **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/>

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