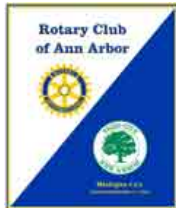


Harpoon for the Meeting of August 1, 2007

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August is Membership and Extension Month on the Rotary calendar

The Program for Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Speakers: Laurie Balmer and Gloria Brooks

Topic: New Help for Grieving Children, Ele's Place & Arbor Hospice

You will be surprised to learn how many children in a typical elementary school have experienced the death of someone close to them. After 16 years counseling such children in the Lansing area, Ele's Place opened a new healing center for grieving children here in May. Its executive director and Arbor Hospice CEO Gloria Brooks will explain how their children's grief programs now complement each other in our community.

Introducer: Amy Goodman **Song Leader:** Shelley MacMillan **Accompanist:** None (we will be "a capella")

Note: Your dues for the 2007-2008 Rotary year are to be paid by August 1. Thanks to the two-thirds of the membership who have submitted their checks so far.

Looking Ahead

August 8 (Wednesday) - Lloyd Carr, Head Coach, University of Michigan Football will give us a "Lets Go Blue" Preview of the 2007 Wolverines!

August 15 (Wednesday) - John & Eileen Heasley, Troy Rotarians, will speak to us on the topic, "Working for Clean Water in Developing Countries – The Biosand Filter"

August 22 (Wednesday) - Robert Dolan, Dean, Stephen M. Ross School of Business Administration, will present, "Some New Directions for Business Education at U-M"

August 29 (Wednesday) - Professor Sylvia Pedraza, U-M Sociology Department will talk on, "Transforming America – Immigrants Then and Now"

News from the Meeting of July 25, 2007

We observed a moment of silence for Jack Dobson, our longest serving member (since 1950).

Tom and Ann Schriber celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with an announcement of same on NPR this morning. What a way to start the day!

President Al announced a "reality taking place of one man's efforts and ideas." The University of Michigan will soon set up the Nam Center for Korean Studies, thanks to the dreams and hard work of our member, Sang Nam, who received a warm ovation.

Beth Fitzsimmons is in receipt of the Rotary 2006-2007 North America Lead the Way recognition award for her efforts to improve literacy. Congratulations, Beth!

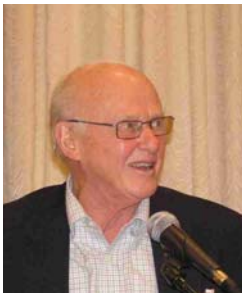
Jim Cook introduced Donna Duvin, Executive Director of the American Red Cross, Washtenaw County chapter, from the most recent new member class.

Laura Lonergan, appropriately toggled for golf, spoke a few words on behalf of the Rotary golf outing September 10. Rotarians, you know your duty: talk it up, sign up, fire up!

We launched the first of what we hope will be many "Rotary Works" conversations, this one with past president Norman Herbert telling us how our Rotary dollars work. Our annual dues of \$245, community service assessment of \$170 and a voluntary contribution of at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation all are applied to goals and projects set by Rotary. Finally, the club endowment, also a voluntary contribution, enriches a fund that is in excess of \$1 million. Note: Details on Norman's presentation is contained in an article near the end of this newsletter.

Notes from the Program from July 25, 2007

Ann Schriber introduced fellow Rotarian Ray Detter, promoter of downtown street exhibits in Ann Arbor. These historical marker sites, sixteen in all, are a great educational tool. We viewed an 8-minute film which Ray showed telling how the exhibit program came into being. The first exhibit was installed at Courthouse Square in 1999; made of specially fabricated glass panels, the signs are virtually vandal-proof. "Residents and visitors alike delight in the way our history is presented," said film narrator Wystan Stevens.



Ray Detter

"We've received a lot of national interest in our project," said Ray, commending the 25 Rotarians involved in the successful completion of the program. The Downtown Ann Arbor Historical Street Exhibit Program is funded with private money and some grants. Each exhibit has a theme and subsequent exhibits throughout the downtown showcase the city's artistic heritage and the roles of business, banking, manufacturing and education in shaping our town.

Note: The website for this project is www.aastreetexhibits.org if you want to learn more about it.

Thought for the day: If we all move forward together, success will take care of itself.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber. David Felbeck provided the photograph.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 102 members. We had four guests but no visiting Rotarians. Prior to the luncheon, a total of 30 members met in three activities (Golf Committee, International Projects Committee and New Member Orientation). A note of general interest is that our meeting attendance for the 2006-2007 Rotary Year averaged 130 per week (down five from the previous year's average) with a total of 12 additional attendees, e.g., guests, visiting Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Jr. Rotarians and/or scholarship recipients. That number is up one from the 2005-2006 year.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: July 30 – Rob Boehnke and Frode Maaseidvaag; **August 1 – Joan Knoertzer;** August 2 – Bob Bolak and August 3 – Peter Wright.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Beth Fitzsimmons (Frankfort on July 11); Joe Fitzsimmons (Frankfort on July 11); Betsy Hammond (St Joseph Lakeshore on July 5 and 12); Maurita Holland (Manistique on July 16 and 23); Bill Stegath (Escanaba on July 3 and 10) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME on July 24).



On-line Member Directory has been Updated: Webmaster Dan Romanchik has recently added our newest Rotarians. He also made some other minor updates. The changes that you have reported with the submission of your dues payments will be posted in the near future.

Thank You Note from another Community Services Grantee: We received an expression of appreciation from the Neutral Zone. Their letter has been added to the packet of notes that have been received since the 2007 grants were awarded. That packet is available for review each week on the “Rotary Shares” table.



Board Meeting Notes from July 18: At the meeting, the resignations of Mathwon Howard, Ed Lady and Tom Roach were acknowledged. The semi-annual report Rotary International has been prepared. The total owed is \$10,400 for dues, magazine subscriptions, insurance and a levy for the Council on Legislation. The Club’s Operating Fund closed the fiscal year with income exceeding expenses by \$3,700. At the same time, the Endowment’s Permanent Fund had a market value of just over \$1.4 million.

The Rotarian magazine for August: Each member should have received his or her August issue. Contained in are a number of articles and other features related to membership, the theme for the month. Some tidbits to tease you into reading your issue: Women make up 22% of club membership in North America but only 15% worldwide (our club is 23%). Worldwide, 89% of Rotarians are over age 40. In our club, the number is 95%. Members of ten years or more make up 40% of the membership. That number in our club is 46%. Two major articles of interest are “Number One Job: Recruit” and “Rotary Basics.” The former contains an extensive list of tips and examples on how to identify contact and bring in new members. The latter is an eight-page “insert” that can be used to familiarize potential recruits with Rotary (and also refresh the Rotary spirit within current members). After you finish reading this issue and find that you don’t have plans for it, such as giving it to a prospective member or leaving it a lobby or waiting room, please bring it to a meeting and drop it off with John White. This issue will be good one to include in the orientation packets for new members.

“Your Rotary Dollars at Work:” Here is Norman Herbert’s summary of his presentation to the attendees at the luncheon meeting on July 25:



Think of four primary financial opportunities to contribute to Rotary:

1. Club Dues – Billing occurs in July of each year – this year’s dues are \$245 for Club members under 70 years of age and \$205 for those over 70. Those dues cover the Club’s operating expenses (weekly meeting room rental in the Michigan Union; service support, including our Club Administrator (John White); meals for our speakers, etc.) club website; Harpoon production; mandatory Rotary International dues; mandatory District 6380 dues; Rotarian magazine.
2. Community Service – Billing occurs in December of each year – this year’s dues are \$170. The annual Community Service assessment is a tax-deductible payment. In addition, the Club sponsors an annual fund raiser so as to increase support for community projects. The Community Service funds are used to make grants to community non-profit agencies focused primarily on youth initiatives, scholarships (STRIVE and High Schools) and international projects.
3. Rotary Foundation – Rotary International annual program – “Every Rotarian Every Year” – encouraging annual voluntary gifts of at least \$100 to Rotary Foundation (tax-deductible); addresses one of the annual goals that the Club President has to set at the beginning of their year (last year contributed about \$37,000 – a bit better than \$100 per member); supports International Humanitarian projects by matching Club initiated projects (last year

contributed about \$20,000); supports Rotary International Scholars; Ambassadorial scholars (graduate students), Group Study Exchange (five young professional non-Rotarian exchange program (month long) with a District in another part of the world – this year Turkey); Youth Exchange program (high school age) – all intended to promote World Peace and Understanding.

4. Club Endowment – voluntary tax-deductible contribution to Club’s Foundation, portfolio assets \$1.3 million; annual distribution (around \$50,000) to support Community Service Allocation for local non-profit agencies. Gifts to the Foundation for the permanent endowment approximated \$50,000 in 2006.

In summary -from a big picture perspective (based on 2006 financials)

Club members are responsible for the Club Dues and Community Service fees. Individual contributions to the Rotary Foundation and the Club Foundation/ endowment are voluntary but strongly encouraged. Total Club Dues – approximates \$70,000

Community Service grant allocations, support of community and international projects represent about \$160,000 of Club resources annually. Individuals contributed an additional \$37,000 to the Rotary Foundation EREY program. From the Community Service fees, the Club makes contributions to the Rotary Foundation as part of the International Humanitarian projects. The Rotary Foundation matching grant program can match dollar for dollar our Clubs contribution to international projects. In 2006 that amounted to \$35,000 from a combination of both Rotary Foundation and District resources; this year’s budgeted amount for international projects is \$25,000. We look to partner with International Clubs that sponsor these matching grant program projects and they too are expected to contribute financial resources to the projects as well as work on the project. We appreciate your support and look forward to your continued financial support of Rotary!

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.
- **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.

- **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/>

“Rotary Shares”