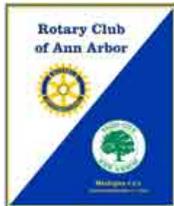


Harpoon for the Meeting of August 22, 2007

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August is Membership and Extension Month on the Rotary calendar

The Program for Wednesday, August 22, 2007

Speaker: Robert Dolan, Dean, Stephen M. Ross School of Business Administration

Topic: Some New Directions for Business Education at U-M

Dean Dolan, entering his seventh year with the Business Administration School, will tell us about new programs bringing its teaching and research functions into focus through field engagements with companies world-wide. He also will discuss progress on the School's state-of-the-art complex under construction on central campus, made possible by a \$100 million gift from alumnus Stephen M. Ross.

Introducer: Paul McCracken

Song Leader: Jim Irwin

Accompanist: Tom Strobe

Looking Ahead

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

Note: "Move-in" for the U-M Housing System will be in full swing on this Wednesday. For our meeting, you may want to get a ride, carpool, take public transportation or just give yourself more time.

September 5 (Wednesday) – New Rotarian Todd Roberts, Superintendent of Schools, will speak to us on the financial challenges facing Ann Arbor Schools.

September is "New Generations" month on the Rotary calendar. Our examples of related programs include RYLA, STRIVE, Rotaract, Interact, tutoring and the theme of "Helping Kids Succeed" for our Community Service Grants.

September 10 (Monday) – The Fifth Annual Rotary Invitational. Golfers and Tennis Players will be spend the afternoon at Travis Pointe Country Club and then be joined in the evening by members and guests who are attending just the dinner and auction. There is still time to sign up. Print out a brochure at

<http://www.annarborrotary.org/GolfOutingBrochure2007.pdf> and send in your check or bring it to the next meeting.

September 12 (Wednesday) – NO MEETING. This is our regular meeting day but the luncheon meeting on this date will be replaced by the dinner at the Golf & Tennis Outing on September 10.

News from the Meeting of August 15, 2007

For the invocation, Sang Nam first reviewed important events in August.

1910, Japan annexed Korea. 1945, Korea became a free nation. 1948, The Republic of Korea was born based on democratic principles. 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea. 1953, The war ended with South Korea again becoming a free nation. 2007, The Secretary-General of the UN is a South Korean; Kee-Moon Ban.

Sang concluded by stating that freedom, peace, and democracy must be carefully guarded and not assumed. He stated that “God Bless America still gives me goose-bumps.”



President Al pitches the “Rotary Shares” theme

Comments from President Al:

Our Rotary Golf and Outing is September 10th so now is the time to make dinner reservations. The dinner will replace the weekly meeting (with attendance credit) so it becomes a financial bargain.

The theme of Rotary for 2007 is “Rotary Shares.” This will apply to today’s speaker. A new breakfast club has been formed in South Lyon so this is another excellent make-up location as well as giving our support to the new Rotarians.

Sue Beutler described the upcoming Professional Enrichment Program starting October 3rd when eleven Russian businessmen with a translator will be hosted by our Club. Sue needs about 4 – 5 more hosts; a glorious opportunity to reach out across cultures and share. As part of our role modeling, we hope that each will start a new club in Russia. If you believe that you could participate, please call Sue at 663-4870.

Barb Debrodt summarized “Rotarians in the News:”

The August 8th meeting with Coach Lloyd Carr received extensive press coverage with a photo of the Coach receiving the Rotary Community Service Award.

Geoff Baker and Josie Parker have recently been interviewed on local radio programs.

Jan Newman has been re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Library.

Scott Westerman will be the first speaker at the fall Osher Learning in Retirement program.

Sang Nam was cited in the lead Sunday Ann Arbor News editorial; an unusual accomplishment. Sang has given over \$4.3M to the University of Michigan. The text of the editorial can be found below.

Karen Kerry introduced the Rotary Minute with insight into our Rotary heritage. Rotary was founded in Chicago by Paul Harris plus 3 other businessmen. They rotated their weekly meeting, hence the name Rotary. Their first service project was to give a horse to a preacher whose horse died. Their second was an outdoor lavatory in downtown Chicago. The John Laird Award went to Carl Gingles who correctly identified the year Rotary was founded as 1905. (Phil Alexander also identified the year correctly)

Our speaker, Eileen Heasley was the Group Study Exchange team leader to Thailand last year. The District is seeking applicants for the 2008 GSE team to Turkey. Team members should be age 25-40, actively employed but not Rotarians. The important requirement is that they can leave their work for one month. The cost to the team members is essentially nothing. A potentially interested applicant should call Spaulding Clark at 761-8591.



John and Eileen Heasley

Notes from the Program from August 15, 2007

Dan Romanchik introduced John and Eileen Heasley from the Troy Rotary Club who talked about the Biosand Filter.

The situation is that 40 children die each day in Nepal due to water-related

diseases. The average wage in Nepal is \$1/day. The water is so foul that it can not be used for bathing in the hotels. In Kathmandu, the water is turned on for only 4 hours at night, requiring residents to get up and fill their tanks. But sewage will back-up into the water system when not in service.

Therefore the Biosand Filter was developed at MIT but their task is only development. Each filter can be either plastic or concrete. The sand forms a biologic system in which pathogenic (disease-causing) bacteria undergo degradation. It also traps parasites and cysts. With the addition of a few drops of chlorine, the result is potable water that can be generated at the rate of 30 – 60 liters per hour.

Clubs throughout our District are steadily purchasing the Biosand Filter for villages in Nepal with matching grants from Rotary International. Then the Kathmandu Rotary Club does all of the installation labor. As the program moves forward, John and Eileen Heasley are now devoting their time to training programs to teach other people how to start a Biosand Filter program. John reported that the program is spreading to almost all emerging nations, most recently Malawi in Africa.

The News and Notes from the meeting were collected and reported by Bob Buchanan. Fred Beutler provided the photographs.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 126 members. We had two guests and one visiting Rotarian (Barbara Weitz of Dusseldorf-Schlosssturm). A total of 44 members of the Golf, Program and International Project Committees met before lunch while the Board of Directors (13 members) met earlier in the day.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: August 19 – Mal Lowther; August 24 – Robb Woulfe; August 25 – John Atwater, Doug Freeth and Tom Strode.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Beth Fitzsimmons (Frankfort on August 1); Joe Fitzsimmons (Frankfort on August 1); Nels Olson (Frankfort on August 8); Mary Steffek Blaske (Escanaba on July 24, Manistique on August 6 and August 20) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle on August 7).

Notes from the Board of Directors: At its regular monthly meeting on August 15, the board acknowledged the resignations of Eric Pless and Jack Weidenbach. Eric is away on active duty in the Army. Jack was a member of our club for over 35 years. We now have a total of 308 active members and three honorary members. The board also heard detailed reports from Lou Callaway on the Golf Outing (doing well but more work needs to be done), John Ackenhusen on the Club finances (we are in good shape) and Dave Keosaian on the Endowment (we are also doing well despite a recent 2% drop in the value of the Permanent Fund).



Attendance Highlights from 2006-2007: Although no member attended all 48 meetings last year, 44 members (14% of our membership) achieved 100% attendance during 2006-2007. This feat was possible because of the attendance credits awarded and recorded for participation in various Club activities and events, as well as make-ups at other clubs. Committee meetings, tutoring and tree planting allowed members to do the work in the Club at times outside the weekly luncheon.

p.s. Ingrid Sheldon, Dave Keosaian and Scott Westerman made it to 45 luncheon meetings while Dave Schmidt and Bruce Benner attended 42.

National Immunization Days [an article by Merle Loch, our District's Rotary Information Officer]: Just what is an NID?? Another one of those Rotary abbreviations! NID stands for National Immunization Day. How did this NID thing come about?

When word spread that Rotary had more than \$200 million (1988) to spend on polio vaccine, it was swamped with requests from all over the world. Rotary's original pledge---to provide oral polio vaccine for five years---was

fulfilled. However, this was only a drop in the bucket. It became apparent that the only effective polio immunization program would be one where there is blanket coverage of every child in the world under five.

Rotary, with a potential volunteer force of millions, formed a partnership to rid the world of the polio virus with WHO (World Health Organization), UNICEF, and CDC (Centers for Disease Control). This was a brilliant move. Each party brought its expertise and strengths to the program of polio eradication.

Together, they were able to conduct and organize National Immunization Days. For an NID, workers map out an entire country, determine vaccine requirements, refrigeration needs and how workers and vaccine equipment requirements will be transported. The first step, of course, is to get co-operation from the countries. And co-operate they have done for the sake of their children! Wars have been interrupted, days of tranquility are declared, and guerillas temporarily lay down their arms. Ironically, after the NID, hostilities resume---but the children are immune to polio!!

This global effort has worked. In 1986 there were 350,000 cases of polio recorded in the world. Last year there were less than 1,000. So the battle must go on..and we WILL succeed!

Note: for an update on the progress of polio eradication, go to: <http://www.polioeradication.org/casecount.asp>. If you would like to be involved in a Rotary NID, there is one being planned to Nigeria from November 11-20. Contact John White at administrator@annarborrotary.org for details.

New Provisional Club in District 6380 [excerpts of a message from DG Audrey]: I am very pleased to announce I have granted provisional status to the Lyon Area Rotary Club. This club has now met several weeks in a row and has already grown to 9 members. It appears they are on the fast track to become chartered. As a provisional club, Rotarians from your club can now have a credited makeup for attending their meetings. Please encourage your Rotarians to visit this new club and show their support. Also, please ask your members to recommend potential members to this new club. The Lyon Area Rotary meets for breakfast on Thursdays from 7:30am to 8:30am in a private room in the Senate Coney Island at 5900 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. For further information, please contact PDG Gerry Jackson (gerryjackson@comcast.net or 248-459-0240). Please join me in sharing the excitement of this new provisional club.



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 (including the GSE and an upcoming trip to Ecuador) 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”