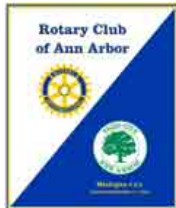


Harpoon for the Meeting of September 5, 2007

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September is "New Generations" month on the Rotary calendar.

The Program for Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Speaker: Todd Roberts, Superintendent, AAPS

Topic: Challenges & Opportunities Facing Ann Arbor Public Schools

After a year at the helm of the Ann Arbor Public Schools, fellow Rotarian Todd Roberts will give us a no-longer-"new" Superintendent's "State of the Schools" report, highlighting the financial, curricular, personnel, and general administrative and governance issues that he has dealt with so far and expects to face in the year(s) to come. Can you correctly identify the mascot and school colors for Skyline High? We trust Todd can. But come prepared with other questions for him about this extremely important local public institution.

Introducer: Scott Westerman

Song Leader: Ingrid Sheldon

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Looking Ahead

September 10 (Monday) – The Fifth Annual Rotary Invitational. Golfers and Tennis Players will 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.

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.

September 19 (Wednesday) – We resume our regular schedule. Walter Kraft, Executive Vice President of Caponigro Public Relations will speak to us on the topic. "Understanding & Working with the News Media"

The complete schedule for September programs is on-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/september.shtml>.

News from the Meeting of August 29, 2007

U-M Student Move-in Day last week seemed like a huge bother but the joy of seeing young people start down their education path brings an excitement to Ann Arbor.



As a prelude to today's speaker on immigration, Bryan Schindel quoted the following as part of the Invocation. It was written for inscription on the Statue of Liberty.

“Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she
With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me;
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.”

Barbara Debrodt reported two Rotarians in the news: Art Holst won a silver medal, just behind the gold medalist, in a golf tournament. But only 2 had entered. Geoff Larcom's column described Greg Stejskal's counseling work with football teams, both at U=M and at MSU. Greg's summarizing quote was, “Life is tough but will be tougher if you are stupid.”

President Al noted that our Annual Golf and Tennis Outing is September 10th. The Monday dinner will be in place of our regular meeting with attendance credit of course. The Committee is still hoping for a few more donations of items for the live or silent auction. The people who gave us golf call it a game but they are the same who gave us bagpipes that they call music.

He also gave a heartfelt thanks to the hard work of the Program Committee for consistently presenting outstanding programs. The Committee is now working on early 2008.

Finally, he reminded us that our Club is sponsoring a group of Russian businessmen October 4 – 20. A detailed academic program and social program is being prepared. However, the Committee needs additional drivers to provide transportation between daytime and evening events. If you could be available to support this program, please contact Sue Beutler by e-mail at sbeutler@umich.edu.

Barbara Bryant announced the social program for this Club. Be sure to inform your spouse; do not keep this a secret. See the article later in this newsletter for more information on the events.

Notes from the Program from August 29, 2007



Silvia Pedraza

Joel Berger introduced Professor Silvia Pedraza, a professor of sociology at UM who spoke on Transforming America – Immigrants Then and Now. Her studies of immigration are directed toward understand the reasons and courses of immigration, then the consequences. 12% of Americans are foreign-born but this has not changed during the last 100 years; most live in the major cities.

Immigration to the U.S. has had four waves, like waves in the ocean. The first wave occurred prior to 1880 with immigration primarily from Northern Europe. These immigrants came to a colonial, agricultural society. Then the second wave started about 1880 and ended in 1924 with the Immigration Act. This second wave came more from Southern and Eastern Europe to an industrialized society, a land of opportunity.

The Immigration Act of 1924 set quotas depending on national origin so restricted immigration. The result was immigration from Southern US to the North and Midwest, the third wave. Workers coming to work at Willow Run during WWII are an example of this period. The fourth and last wave started about 1965 and has continued to the present. These are Latin American and Asians coming to a post-industrial, service society. The most prevalent Asian ethnic group in the 4th wave are Filipino, generally well educated with good English.

Immigrants come for two reasons; first, to join their families and second, for work. This may range from farm workers upwards economically to those with computer skills or physicians. The immigration controversy concerns the poorest immigrants, not the skilled workers. Congress still does not have a unified plan for immigration that will also protect US workers. The guest worker program is intended to gain workers but it actually brings humans with all of the human needs such as education, health care, etc.

Refugees are different. These are people fleeing from some form of well-founded persecution, i.e. victims so are a different issue.

Thought for the Day: "Privilege and responsibility are 2 sides of the same coin" - Winston Churchill.

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 108 members. We had three guests and one visiting Rotarian (William Ament from Reston, VA). A total of 25 members of the Golf and International Outreach Committees met before lunch. Rotarian Jim Campbell from Ann Arbor Briarwood participated in the meeting of the International Outreach Committee.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: September 2 – Tony Nam; September 3 – Robbie O'Brien and Bryan Schindel; **September 5 – Bob Pratt;** September 8 – Bob Buchanan, Lois Jelneck and Gerry Stair.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Nels Olson (Frankfort on August 22).

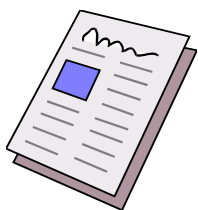


Five Star Attendees for August: A total of 26 members attended all five meetings in August. They are: Henry Amble, Barbara Bryant, Al Burdi, Lou Callaway, Chuck Cares, Russ Collins, Wayne Colquitt, Flip Connell, Howard Cooper, Lee Danielson, Walt Hancock, Walt Helmreich, Maurita Holland, Dave Keosaian, Gloria Kerry, Karen Kerry, Dave Krehbiel, John Laird, Laura Lonergan, Mal Lowther, Jim Miller, Bob Pehlke, Jim Reece, Al Storey, Burt Voss and Scott Westerman.

September is "New Generations" month on the Rotary calendar. Each club is encouraged to promote youth in its community. Our club's examples of ongoing related programs include scholarships, RYLA, STRIVE, Rotaract, Interact, tutoring and the theme of "Helping Kids Succeed" for our Community Service Grants

Monthly Report to the District: For the month of August, our reported attendance was 46% for the five meetings. We began the month with 313 members and lost two (Eric Pless and Jack Weidenbach) to resignations. Thus, we are starting September with 308 Active members and three Honorary members for a total of 311.

District Directories Available: Copies of the printed district directories have recently been passed out to Club officers, directors and individuals who are actively involved in district-level projects. If you were not on the original distribution but have a need for one these handy booklets, please contact John White.



District Newsletter for August: The latest issue has just been posted on the District website at <http://www.rotary6380.org>. DG Audrey's topic is "sharing" and how it relates to the August theme of membership. Inside the issue is a related article from PDG Gerry Jackson, news of a new Interact Club at Saline High School, new rules and changes from the 2007 Council on Legislation, September 15 application deadline for the GSE trip to Turkey, information on the ShelterBox project, several other articles and dates for the year's coming events. A paper copy of this newsletter will be on the bulletin board at our weekly meeting.

Social Committee Previews their 2007-2008 Program: Details and registration information will be coming out later but here is a list of events for the coming Rotary year: Saturday, September 29 – Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra; Thursday, November 8 – "The Baker's Wife" at the Performance Network; Sunday, December 16 –

Tour and Holiday Market at the Ann Arbor Art Center; Thursday, February 14 – Valentine’s Day event at the Michigan Theatre; Sunday, April 27 – U-M Senior Student Showcase at the Mendelsohn Theatre and sometime in May – Spring Fling at the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum. Mark your calendars now!

Time is Running Out – The GSE Application Deadline is September 15: Rotary International and District 6380 are offering a Group Study Exchange to Turkey in 2008 for a team leader and four professionals. The professionals will be between the ages of 25 and 40, and will spend a month in Turkey on a fully paid educational and career development trip. The dates of the trip are from April 21 to May 21. While the team leader will be a Rotarian, the four professionals cannot be Rotarians and cannot be related to Rotarians. The application deadline is September 15th, and if you know of people who might be interested, applications can be downloaded at: <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse/index.html>. Interested individuals may also contact Judy Garver at 248-363-9588 or Max Howell at 519-352-7891

Notes to Committee Chairs [a request from John White]: Keep those membership updates coming and feel free to send me a “Harpoon-worthy” article about your committee. For example, topics could be your plans, accomplishments, requests for new members or other help or perhaps just a notice of the next meeting.

August Rotarian Magazines Still Needed: John White still needs a few more copies of the August *Rotarian* to include in the introductory packets for the next class of new members. If you are finished with your copy and can spare it, please bring it to an upcoming meeting and drop it off with him or leave it on the “Secretary’s windowsill” or the attendance table. Thanks to those members who have already donated their copy.

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. One recent posting is about the 2008 Convention in Los Angeles:

<http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2008/>.



• **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”