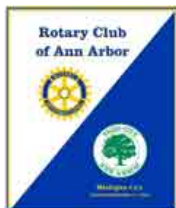


Harpoon for the Week of September 10, 2007 (Golf & Tennis Outing on Monday, **no meeting on Wednesday**)

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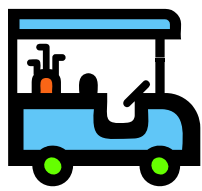
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**September is "New Generations" month on the Rotary calendar.**

### The Program for Monday, September 10, 2007

The 2007 Rotary Invitational (Golf, Tennis, Dinner and Auction) at Travis Pointe Country Club



We will not have our usual Wednesday meeting this week, because the banquet/auction grand finale to the Rotary Invitational Golf Outing will be the official meeting for the week. Remember, Rotarians, this event furnishes a major portion of funding for three of our major community service

projects: high school scholarships (including Strive), tree planting, and Success by Six. This year's auction will feature a great array of attractive items, so even if you don't play golf or tennis, come for attendance credit and a delicious dinner, come early to socialize and bid in the silent auction, and also be in a bidding mood for the live auction. Reminder: Lunch at 11:30, Golf starts at 12:30, Tennis at 2:00, Social Hour and silent auction at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00 with live auction to follow.

### Looking Ahead

**September 12** (Wednesday) – NO MEETING. This is our regular meeting day but the luncheon 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 Board of Directors will meet at 7:30am that morning at the Washtenaw United Way building.

**September 26** (Wednesday) – Ronald M. Davis, M.D., President of the American Medical Association will present, "Rising Costs & Decreasing Access – Challenging Directions for U.S. Health Care"

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

**September 29** (Saturday evening) – Our first social event of the 2007-2008 Rotary year will be an outing to hear the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, local high school choirs and other musicians. Information on how to sign up can be found in an article later in this newsletter.

## News from the Meeting of August September 5, 2007

We welcomed assistant district governor Manish Mehta among us again.

“Glad to have you back from summer camp,” joshed President Al of our returnees. As for “your most memorable experience of the summer,” President Al may be quizzing us soon.

Bob Dascola wins the hooper award, for joining 57,000 others in trudging across the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day.

Congratulations to Art Holst, completing 50 years in Rotary! Art was a member of the Peoria and Albuquerque clubs before joining us in 2001.

Rotary’s two bowling teams are starting their season at Colonial Lanes and we wish the keglers all the luck in the world.



Phil Alexander, President Al and Elaine Alexander display the award

President Al urged us all to read the district newsletter (available at <http://www.rotary6380.org/> or on the bulletin board) and to share the successes of Rotary with the district folks (but not before contacting Harpoon first!)

Rotary’s Ambassador of Goodwill Award was given to Phil Alexander for making a vision happen, i.e. promoting world peace and understanding as a Rotarian. Phil and Elaine have logged many miles in pursuit of that vision and we congratulate both of them.

Bill Stegath mentioned a sign he saw near Escanaba: “Free beer for everyone over 80.” And then in smaller print, “must be accompanied by both parents.” Yooper humor.

## Notes from the Program from September 5, 2007

Scott Westerman, former superintendent of schools for the Ann Arbor School District, introduced the current superintendent (and fellow Rotarian) Todd Roberts, speaking on “Challenges and Opportunities facing Ann Arbor Public Schools.” Todd praised the work of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation in aiding the school district during tough times. The district receives 90 percent of its funding from the state, and Michigan is looking at a \$1.6-2 billion deficit for fiscal year 2008; another \$800 million deficit looms in the school aid fund. Local revenues of the school district are \$182 million, with expenditures totaling \$188 million.



Todd Roberts

Todd said “we’ve reduced costs by eliminating positions, privatizing the food service, consolidating services in the county and reducing property and liability insurance.” He said the district has a strategic plan to possibly put in place if budget cuts increase. So even though the short-term outlook isn’t so good, Todd Roberts is “very optimistic about the future of the school district. If good things can’t happen here, they can’t happen anywhere.”

And still on that optimistic note, he said the district’s rigorous academic emphasis has paid off in the number of Merit Scholarships Ann Arbor gets. “We have a variety of educational programs, an exemplary arts and music education program and we’ve made progress in closing the achievement gap in math and reading,” he said.

We might add that Todd has a real stake in Ann Arbor, with children attending local schools and another youngster on the way.

President Al's "Thought for the Day" comes to us from educator Derek Bok: If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

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

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 133 members. We had four guests and two visiting Rotarians (Laurie Baumer of Lansing and ADG Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor North). A total of 25 members of the Interact, Golf and International Projects Committees met before lunch.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays: September 10 – Roger Pohl** and September 15 – Pat Pooley.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Elaine and Phil Alexander (RI convention in Salt Lake City); Neil Bidwell (Petoskey on July 11, July 25, August 1, August 8 and August 15); Spaulding Clark (Ann Arbor North on August 30); Beth Fitzsimmons (Concord MA on August 16); Nels Olson (Frankfort on August 29); Bill Stegath (Escanaba on August 31); Tom Sullivan (Flint on June 27) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta Newcastle MA on August 28).



**Rotarians in the News** [gathered by the eagle-eyed Barbara Debrodt]:

Ann Arbor News: A letter to the editor by Dave Felbeck was published on August 24. Bob Green and Ben Wylie were pictured in the M Edition on August 30. David Sarns had a picture and article about his appointment to the Bank of Ann Arbor's Board of Directors both in the September 3 edition and also in the September issue of Ann Arbor Area Business Monthly. Josie Parker was given the KBF Award for her support by the Kerrytown Book Fair on September 8.

John Laird and his wife, Peggy, were listed as a founder of the Huron Valley Swim Club in a feature story September 3.

Ann Arbor Observer: The September issue noted that Maurita Holland and baritone Roger Chard were giving two benefit concerts for Deanna Relyea's Kerrytown Concert House September 8 and 9 for Deanna Relyea's Kerrytown Concert House. The Observer included also an announcement that Marsha Chamberlin's Libery Loft apartment is to be on view in the Old West Side Homes Tour on September 16.

Barbara notes that "Rotarians in the News" will typically not include media mention of Rotarians who are covered in connection with their public responsibilities, people such as John Hieftje, Brian Mackie, Bob Guenzel, Todd Roberts and Mark Ouimet. They get enough ink! If you encounter a news item that you feel would be worthy for this article, please contact Barbara with details. Clippings may be posted on the bulletin board at the meeting.

**2007-2008 Printed Directory Coming Soon:** The Directory Committee is looking for your inputs and any thoughts of features that are missing or may be desirable additions. Please contact Cynthia Sorensen, committee chair, or John White.

**Thank-you Note from the Ann Arbor Art Center:** We recently received this note regarding the Community Service Grant they received in June. They are using the fund for their "ArtMakers Teens Program." The letter is available for review on the Rotary Shares table at next luncheon meeting.

**The September Rotarian Magazine:** Each member should now have received their own copy of this issue. The cover story, "The Four-Way Test: Still Ticking after 75 Years" provides interesting history and valuable insight into this foundation of ethics for Rotarians. Note: John White would also appreciate any copies of this issue that don't find their way into your archives or to a prospective member.

**Concert Outing on September 29** [info provided by Susan Smith Gray, Social Committee Chair]: There will be a lecture by Arie Lipsky at 7:00pm. The concert begins at 8:00pm with choirs from Huron, Pioneer, South Lyon,

Greenhills and Ypsilanti High Schools singing choruses from Die Meistersinger and Lohengrin. Then we will listen to Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 played by Arthur Green. Finally hear orchestral excerpts from Wagner's The Ring Cycle performed by the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. For tickets, call 734-994-4801 and ask for ones reserved for the AA Rotary Club at \$15 each. If you sponsored a new Rotary member within the last two years, please consider bringing that new Rotarian and his/her spouse or significant other. Hope to see you there!

**Russian Casual Dining Management Program now has a Website:** Rotarian Jim Campbell of the Briarwood Club is helping our club with this effort by serving in the role of Media Coordinator. He wants us to know of a website that has been created for this project. It can found at <http://www.rotaryrussian.com>. If you have any comments or questions, you can contact him at (734) 645-7600 or [jcampbell@annarbornews.com](mailto:jcampbell@annarbornews.com).

**A Note about RYLA:** The following article was excerpted from a message from Merle Loch, our district's Rotary Information Officer, as part of the celebration of September as "New Generations Month."

Let's examine RYLA. Just what is this? It stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. How did it begin? In 1959, Rotarians from Queensland, Australia selected outstanding young people from their communities to attend a weeklong conference hosted by the Rotary Club of Brisbane. The teenagers participated in an agenda filled with social, cultural and educational activities. The club was so impressed with the students and the students were so enthusiastic in their praise of how it had helped them with their personal growth that soon other clubs in Australia heard about this RYLA and began similar programs.

And so RYLA spread across the Rotary world and in 1971, the RI Board of Directors adopted RYLA as a Rotary Youth Program. Today teenagers in many countries attend RYLA conferences to learn about leadership, decision making, goal setting, good citizenship, conflict resolution and other life skills taught to them by accomplished business, community and political leaders.

In addition, each year now, Rotary clubs and districts nominate local RYLA alumni to attend the International RYLA held in conjunction with the Rotary International Convention. In June, in Salt Lake City, several hundred participants from 25 countries were present. Many of whom report that they are going home to join a Rotary Club and continue service projects in their own communities, country and the world.

Here in District 6380, the RYLA's are being held each year at Ridgetown College in Ridgetown, Ontario. Students (grades 9-11) from both sides of the border have been attending these sessions since 1987. They spend a week-end living in the college dormitories. Every year the raves and reviews are outstanding!

The next RYLA will be held in May 2008. Rotarians are encouraged to volunteer as counselors. Perhaps YOU would like to have an outstanding Rotary experience? Try it--You'll like it!

Note: Wayne Colquitt has been our club's representative to RYLA for the past several years.

**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/>

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