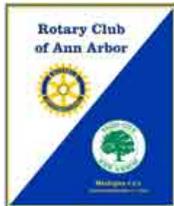


Harpoon for the Meeting of October 3, 2007

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**October is "Vocational Service" month on the Rotary calendar.**

### The Program for Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Speaker: Ray Rabidoux, President & CEO of Glacier Hills, Inc.

Topic: "Aging: Everybody's Doing It.....A Perspective on National and Local Trends, Challenges and Opportunities"

Fellow Rotarian Ray will summarize the most recent perspective on aging population trends and projections, along with national and state issues related to funding of Medicare and Medicaid. Ray will also provide an overview of program and service trends nationally, what is being anticipated as the Baby Boomers "age in" and how industry leaders and their Boards are balancing fiscal responsibility and strategies to prepare for the growth in demand for older adult services across the continuum.

**Introducer:** Steve Dobson

**Song Leader:** Russ Collins

**Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

### Looking Ahead

**October 4** – Deadline for new member candidates. Sponsors can submit the nomination forms to Agnes Reading or Tim Marshall, co-chairs of the Membership Development Committee. The next class is due to be inducted at our luncheon meeting on November 14.

**October 10** (Wednesday) - John Beilein, Head Coach. U-M Men's Basketball, will present, "Perspectives on Michigan Basketball, 2007--A Look to the Future"

**October 17** (Wednesday) - Melissa Kesterson, Executive Director, Project Grow Community Gardens will speak. Her topic is, "Project Grow: Growing Community"

**October 24** (Wednesday) – District Governor Audrey Chevalier will visit our club and address us after lunch.

**October 31** (Wednesday) - Jochen Schacht, Director of the Kresge Hearing Research Institute and U-M Professor of Biological Chemistry in Otolaryngology will ask, "Can You Hear Me?"

The complete program schedule for October programs is on-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/october.shtml>. The programs for November will be posted at the end of the October.

## **News from the Meeting of September 26, 2007**

There will be no meeting on Oct. 24 for the "Early Leavers" club. On that day District Governor Audrey Chevalier will make an official visit and we all need to be in attendance.

We signed a get well card for Ashish Sarkar who is recovering and at home.

John Rasmussen announced a service trip to Brazil Jan. 15-29. Space for three persons is still available. Note: More information is contained in an article later in this newsletter.

Among Barbara Debrodt's "Rotarians in the News" were Jim Reece who was interviewed on Ann Arbor radio about the upcoming visit of Russian restaurateurs, and Bob Dascola who was at the International Downtown Conference in New York City.

Nick Lacy briefed us on Rotarians going back to elementary school, i.e., serving as tutors at Angell School or Burns Park elementary. If you like tutoring reading or math, give Nick's bell-pull a good yank.

Bill Dunifon highlighted our "Rotary Works" series with a brief summary of how community allocations aid nonprofits, working around the theme of helping kids. Heidi Grix of the Red Cross talked about the youth community action team, and how Rotary funds its diversion portion, helping kids stay out of difficulty with the law. Young people need positive reinforcement, she said.

## **Notes from the Meeting of September 26, 2007**

Beth Fitzsimmons introduced Ronald M. Davis, president of the American Medical Association, speaking on "Rising Costs and Decreasing Access-Challenging Directions for U.S. Health Care." The AMA has a new logo and slogan, "Together We are Stronger." Ronald, a U-M graduate, said the new health care advocacy agenda for 2007 includes improving the quality and safety of health care; expanding coverage for the uninsured; improving public health; and reforming the Medicare physician payment system. He attributed the rising costs of health care to an aging population, unhealthy life styles, doctors practicing defensive medicine for liability purposes and administrative inefficiencies.



Ronald Davis

Everybody knows, Ronald said, there are 47 million Americans uninsured. In Michigan, 10.6 percent are uninsured, compared to 15 percent in the U.S. The AMA, he said, has a plan to expand coverage for children and low income families; long term, he favored a consumer-driven, market-based plan that reflects individual responsibility. He said the AMA was part of a broad-based political coalition that has found common ground on the issue. The big question is whether, and when, Congress will act on the health care plans out there. "Politicians are engaged on this issue, and there are many commonalities to the various plans. The climate is right to move forward," said Ronald Davis, concluding his informative talk.

President Al Burdi's "Thought for the Day" is, "an apple a day keeps the doctor away...but then so does NOT having health insurance!"

Notes prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor. Fred Beutler provided the photograph of our speaker.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 140 members. The cards with information on the visiting Rotarians and guests were misplaced so that information will be included in a future

Harpoon. Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 35 members participated in meetings of the Russian PEP, International Outreach, Golf, Rotaract and Directory Committees.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** September 30 – David Anderson and Anne Glendon; October 1 – Bill Martel; October 2 – Mary Sue Coleman; **October 3 – Fred Beutler;** October 4 – Chuck Rubin and October 5 – Steve Kesler.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Dale Berry (Lyon Area on September 26); Maurita Holland (Manistique on September 18); Nels Olson (Frankfort on September 12 and 19) and Evans Young (Swarthmore PA on September 21).



**Monthly Attendance Report to the District:** After the resignations of Jim Berlucchi and John Hieftje, we finished the month of September with a total of 309 members (including our three honoraries). The reported attendance for the month was 52%.

**Joanne Pierson's Invocation from September 26:** As many of you know, I spent my summer vacation getting seven weeks of radiation and chemotherapy for squamous cell carcinoma of the throat and neck. Every day before I got up from the radiation table I gave thanks. I gave thanks that I was being treated at one of the top medical centers in the country. I gave thanks that my radiation oncologist is one of three setting the head and neck cancer treatment protocols for the country. And, I gave thanks that as the medical bills approached six figures, the bottom line "what M-Care member may owe" read \$0. This is the context for the invocation I wrote for today.

Every Day

By Joanne Marttila Pierson

Every day I give thanks...

To live in a community where hospitals - both  
Have leaders who took the Hippocratic Oath,  
Whose research and practice and clinical trials  
Have potential to turn our tears into smiles.

Every day I give thanks...

That I was treated by leaders in the field  
And we're confident positive outcomes they'll yield;  
That I am insured and could be worry-free  
To concentrate on healing rather than the money.

Every day I pray...

For all those in need  
That we'll create a system where they too indeed  
Will have accessible medical care  
That to all is beneficial and fair.

Every day I pray...

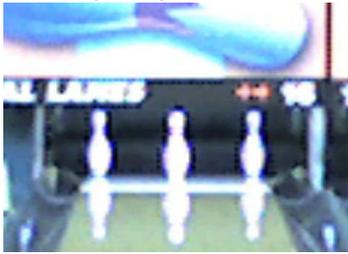
That all that is available to me  
Will be ensured to each person in our fine country;  
That our leaders will be guided by the 4-way test  
And our outcomes for all will be the very best.

Every day - give thanks and pray.

**Parking Problems Last Week?:** On September 26, the surface lot on Thompson south of the structure was closed to anyone not willing to pay \$9 to enter. This problem for us occurs every once in a while when a special event is held nearby on campus. One alternative for nearby parking are the four-hour meters on Division. It is a short walk

from there to the Union but you will need to have a small handful of quarters with you.

**Rotary Bowling Report** [submitted by Paul Glendon]: In Week 4 of the 2007-08 Thursday Night Service Club Bowling League, both our teams turned in strong performances. Rotary Gold (the Hawaiian squad - Don Ho,



The daunting 5-7-10 split

patron saint) began the night in fifth place (out of 14) and took 28 of 40 points to move up to third or fourth in the league standings. Chuck Olson led the way, taking all four points from his opponent, who carries a 210 average. Chuck also faced a challenge nobody on either team had seen before: a 5-7-10 split (see photo). He put forth a manly effort to convert it, but alas, didn't. Captain Bob Dascola also had a good night; he was highest over average on the Gold team. Paul Glendon was a laggard for the first two games and won only one point all night, but finished strong with 222 in the third game, highest single game score on either team. Rotary Blue did almost as well, taking 27 of 40 points, led by Captain Dick Elwell's 605 series, which made him highest over average on that squad. They also moved smartly up the standings, but exactly which position they held when the evening began is information your reporter thinks it best not to reveal.

**Trip to Brazil in January** [an opportunity presented by John Rasmussen]: Greetings Rotarians. Would you rather be in sunny Brazil when it's winter here? This will be my fourth trip to the Amazon as a Rotarian. I will be your guide with help of local Brazilian guides. We plan to visit three cities, Manaus-Sao Sebastian Square, Santarem-the river boat city with a cruise on the Amazon and Belterra, the site of Henry Ford's former rubber plantation. New Brazil travel dates of January 15 - 29, 2008 are tentative. We are applying for a Rotary Volunteer Service Grant for travel expenses for a group of 4 to 6 to travel to Brazil to see RI project sites and children's centers serving youth. Travel cost for 12-14 days including round trip air fare, lodging (except Miami 1 night and Manaus 2-3 nights) is \$2,450 to \$2,950 including meals and an Amazon cruise. With a grant, the cost could be reduced by \$1,000. Please contact John at [A2Appraisal@aol.com](mailto:A2Appraisal@aol.com) for additional information and a reservation form.

**Trip to Kenya in March 2008** [a reminder from Phil Alexander]: The "I Care Kenya 2008 Adventure Tour" - help hundreds of people see better, feel better and live healthier lives. If you would like to help you may contact Nelson Edwards of the Livingston Sunrise Rotary at (517) 223-9988 or [eyecare@cablespeed.com](mailto:eyecare@cablespeed.com). Details are on the District 6380 website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>.

**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. One of the latest additions is the posting of the RI Strategic Plan for 2007-2010.



- **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 a link to the website for the Russian visitors, 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"**