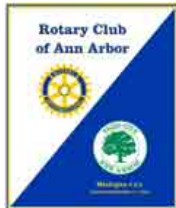


Harpoon for the Meeting of October 24, 2007

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

## The Program for Wednesday, October 24, 2007

**Speaker:** Audrey Chevalier, District Governor, Rotary District 6380

**Topic:** Challenges & Opportunities in Rotary Year 2007-08

Meet our dynamic and charming new District Governor from Chatham, Ontario. Since being Group Study Exchange co-chair when we hosted the GSE Team from Peru, she has ascended through the leadership ranks and now devotes herself full time to service above self as a DG. An engaging speaker with an important message, let's give her a warm and well-attended Ann Arbor Rotary welcome.

**Introducer:** ADG Manish Mehta

**Song Leader:** Dave Keosaian

**Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

Also, we are planning to have the 2007-2008 printed directories available on this day. Copies will be issued to officers, members of the Board of Directors and other Club Officials who are listed on the Committee pages. Other members will be able to purchase a copy for \$5. Look for a table in the hallway as you enter the meeting.

## Looking Ahead

**October 31** (Wednesday noon) - 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.

**November 7** (Wednesday noon) – Roger LeLievre will speak to us on “100 Years of Great Lakes Freighters.”

**November 8** (Thursday 6:00) – District 6380 Foundation Gala at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Details and a registration form are on the district website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>. A flyer is on our bulletin board.

**November 8** (Thursday 8:00) – Millie Danielson of the Social Committee has tickets for us to see “The Baker’s Wife.” They are \$10 apiece. See her at our upcoming luncheon meetings.

**November 10** (Saturday morning) – Fall Tree Planting. This will be our only tree planting event this fall so you won’t want to miss it. Terry Linden will have details, and sign-up sheets, at our upcoming luncheon meetings.

**November 14** (Wednesday noon) - Induction of New Members. We will have a class of six new Rotarians.

## **News from the Meeting of October 17, 2007**

Thanks as always to Jim Irwin, who led us in a memorable round of singing, capped by a song from the solomeister himself, to a rousing ovation at the finish.

Our "Rotary Minute" was humorously given by Karen (I am Woman!) Kerry, who gave us a short history of women in Rotary. Our own club accepted women in 1988. Note: according to club records (which are a bit sketchy going back that far), a total of 110 women have been members of our club. We currently have 70 women as members (23% of the total membership). Worldwide, about 77% of clubs have women members for a total of 15% of overall membership. In honor of DG’s Audrey’s visit, it should be noted that women serve as district governors in almost 10% of Rotary’s 532 districts.

Another round of tree planting is slated for Nov. 10, 8:30-noon. We’ll plant 75-100 trees under the tutelage of Ian Glassford and Terry Linden. Note: see article later in this newsletter.

We met our Junior Rotarians from Pioneer High, Benjamin Lehman and Dorothy Yarrington.

Among Rotarians in the news, as relayed by Barbara Debrodt, are Bettye Elkins, cited in the second edition of Michigan Super Lawyers; Patricia Garcia and Erik Bakker, named as officers to the Summer Festival Board; Peter Fayroian and Margie McKinley, elected to the Summer Festival Board; Bob Guenzel and Deb Polich, for heading up "Community and Culture"; and Joe Fitzsimmons and Mel Drumm, whose comments graced a story on the 25th anniversary of the Hands-On Museum.

## **Notes from the Meeting of October 17, 2007**



Melissa  
Kesterson

Bob Dascola introduced Melissa Kesterson, executive director of Project Grow. She said Project Grow was established in 1970. Its annual budget of \$45,000 funds a small staff that serves 10 sites in Ann Arbor. "We use organic and sustainable growing methods," said Melissa, "and there are coordinators at each site to provide administrative oversight." Gardening is also made available to kids, and to those needing wheelchair access. Project Grow offers educational classes through Ann Arbor Rec and Ed and other venues, Melissa said. "We also partner with WCC in getting organic gardening certificates." Among PG events are seed swaps, plant sales and tomato tastings. She said the benefits of community gardens are beauty, the vitality that comes from active recreation and the built-in stewardship from gardeners. She said there are Project Grow programs all over the country.

President Al's Thought for the Day comes from our esteemed poet laureate, the late Dick Emmons, who wrote: "I mow and feed and hoe and weed, Clean eaves and chop some wood. At dusk I'm ready to concede, A condo's looking mighty good!"

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor. Fred Beutler provided the photographs.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today’s luncheon meeting was 133 members. In addition, we were joined by seven guests and two visiting Rotarians (ADG Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor North and Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson). Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 15 members participated in meetings of the Program and Membership Development Committees. Earlier in the day, 13 members attended the Board of Directors meeting.

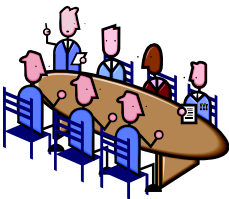
## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** October 23 – Jim Anderson, Sue Beutler, Tim Carrigan and Penny Fischer; October 25 – Doug Brouwer and October 26 – George Cress.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Millie Danielson (Ann Arbor Briarwood on October 12); Norman Herbert (Ann Arbor Briarwood on October 12); Mark Ouimet (Dexter on October 11) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME on October 9).



**Tree Planting: Build a Lifetime of Memories** [submitted by Terry Linden]: My heart feels warm every time I visit a park and see the trees we planted. And this will go on the rest of my life. I think this has a higher ratio of ongoing pleasure to time expended than anything I have ever done. Once again a tree planting service (SERVICE – That’s the story and we’re sticking to it) opportunity presents itself on Saturday, November 10 from 8:30am to noon, Olson Park (map & directions to follow). Please bring shovels, rakes, and maybe a pocket knife. (U of M plays away.)



**Report from the Board of Directors:** At its October meeting, the board accepted with regret the resignations of Tom DeGrazia, Pam Horiszny and Abbie Vander Meulen. Doug Freeth was granted a six month leave of absence and Fred Beutler’s request for Active-Exempt status was approved. Six candidates were elected to membership. They will be inducted on November 14. It also heard that our club is in good shape financially and learned that the value of our permanent endowment has rebounded and is again over \$1.4 million. Members of the board also voted to allocate an additional \$2,000 to \$3,500 for international humanitarian projects and \$500 to the Social Committee.



Members of the PEP and their “Diplomas”

**Our Russian Guests have Completed their Program:** A gala farewell party on October 19 hosted by Jim and Bonnie Reece marked the end of the two-week Productivity Enhancement Program (PEP) for our 13 Russian guests. For more information on this major club project, along with many photographs, please visit <http://www.rotaryrussian.com>.

**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 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/>

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