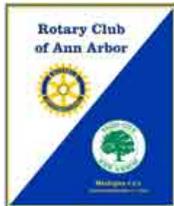


Harpoon for the Meeting of October 31, 2007

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

The Program for Wednesday, October 31, 2007

Speaker: Jochen Schacht, Director of Kresge Hearing Research Institute, Professor of Biological Chemistry in Otolaryngology at U of M

Topic: "Can You Hear Me?"

Dr. Schacht conducts research in China and Georgia regarding noise-induced hearing loss. He holds honorary professorships in US, Europe and Asia. Here at home, he also conducts research with the Institute of Gerontology about the "aging-ear."

Introducer: Ingrid Deininger

Song Leader: Ingrid Sheldon

Accompanist: Tom Strode

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.

Finally, this meeting will be your last chance to purchase tickets from Millie Danielson for our November 8 outing to see "The Baker's Wife." Late purchases may be made through the Performance Network box office at 663-0681.

Looking Ahead

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 the meeting on October 31.

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 24, 2007

In honor of our speaker, we sang the Canadian national anthem as well as our own.

John Ackenhusen's invocation recalled United Nations Day, and a remark by former UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld that "our world for peace begins in the private world of each of us...."



Benjamin
Lehman



Dorothy
Yarrington

We heard from our Junior Rotarians from Pioneer High, Benjamin Lehman and Dorothy Yarrington. Ben was active in National Honor Society and the Interfaith Hospitality Network; Dorothy helped to raise more than \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society through participation in Relay for Life.

Just for today, we honored our past club presidents by seating them at special tables. President AI said the former presidents "epitomized service above self."

Warm welcomes were given to the Huron High Interact Club; U-M Rotaract president; and to John Chevalier, First Husband, who was given a U-M hat to take across the border to Canada and home. "Nothing to declare?" (Wife Audrey, incidentally, is the first Canadian woman district governor in 6380's history.)

Don't forget Nov. 10 is tree planting day at Olson Park. Time is 8 a.m., dress accordingly and come armed with shovels, appropriate digging gear and a good attitude.

Notes from the Meeting of October 24, 2007



DG Audrey
Chevalier

Assistant district governor Manish Mehta introduced Audrey Chevalier, district governor, Rotary district 6380, who says her "life-changing event" occurred in 1996, when a job transfer took her from Chatham, Ont., to nearby Tilbury, where she joined the Tilbury Rotary Club. "I never regretted my decision to join Rotary," she smiled, as she recounted her rise through the leadership ranks. She said we deserved to know more about Rotary, citing the plenitude of good available speakers (Rotarians) and the value of such devices as a Rotary trivia question each week and a Rotary Minute.

Our goals, Audrey said, are still to eradicate polio, make peace possible, reconnect with the Rotary International alumni and meet our club's financial goals. "Each has to take the responsibility to see that Rotary prospers and grows," she said. And attending a Rotary International convention "will change your life forever," she promised.

Here are a few photos from DG Audrey's visit:



DG Audrey with President AI



and with Interactors & Rotaractors.



8 of the 16 past presidents present

President Al's "Thought for the Day" came via a special revelation from Paul Harris himself: "A Rotarian is someone who makes the world we live in a better and a happier place!"

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 129 members. In addition, we were joined by two guests (including John Chevalier, the District's "First Gentleman"), six Huron Interactors, two U-M Rotaractors and three visiting Rotarians (DG Audrey of Chatham Sunrise, Neil Loney of Ypsilanti, ADG Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor North). Earlier in the day, a total of 33 members participated in various meetings, including Strive, the Board of Directors, International Outreach and Rotaract.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: October 29 – Chuck Cares; October 30 – Tom Conlin, John Eman and Bob Foster; **October 31 – Duane Renken;** November 2 – Elaine Alexander and Charlie Crone; November 3 – Alice Irani.



Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Ray Hunter (Ebensburg PA on October 17); Jim Reece (Ann Arbor Briarwood on October 12); Dan Romanchik (Ann Arbor Briarwood on October 12); Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on October 16) and Bryan Schindel (Ann Arbor North on September 20).



District 6380 Newsletter for October: This month's district newsletter has been posted at www.rotary6380.com. Highlights are the flyer for the Foundation Gala on November 8, an introduction of the Group Study Exchange Team that is headed to Turkey in 2008 and dates for the upcoming Membership Seminars. The last page contains a table that lists each of the 52 clubs in the district along with their membership numbers and giving totals to The Rotary

Foundation. Trivia question: With 306 members, we have three times the number of the next largest club. Which club is #2 on the District 6380 list?



Qualifications to become a District Governor: In the wake of DG Audrey's official visit to last week's meeting, many members were surely wondering what it takes to become a district governor. The DG is an officer of RI nominated by the clubs of a district and elected by the convention of RI. The governor's term of office begins on 1 July and continues for one year or until a successor is elected.

Here are the highlights of personal qualifications as taken from the RI Manual of Procedure. At the time of selection, a governor-nominee must

- 1) Be a member in good standing of a club in the district. In addition, the club must be in good standing with RI;
- 2) Have served as president of a club and have completed seven years of membership in one or more clubs;
- 3) Demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability, physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties of DG;
- 4) Demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the RI bylaws.

At the time of taking office, the governor-nominee must have attended the governors-elect training seminar and International Assembly;



Interact Week is Coming Up: November 5-11 is the special Interact week in the Rotary World. Over 11,000 Interact Clubs around the world have the opportunity to specially be involved with their sponsoring Rotary Club and local Rotarians. This link, <http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/YouthPrograms/Interact/Pages/ridefault.aspx> will take you to the Interact home page on the RI Website. As of now, it appears that our two Interact Clubs (Huron and Pioneer High Schools) are planning to join in the Club's tree planning event on Saturday, November 10.

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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