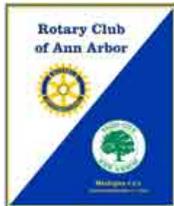


Harpoon for the Meeting of November 7, 2007

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November is "The Rotary Foundation" month on the Rotary calendar.

The Program for Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Speaker: Roger LeLievre, Ann Arbor News Arts & Entertainment Writer

Topic: Memorable Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes

In addition to his arts/entertainment beat at the News, Roger LeLievre is an avid marine photographer and historian who has served as a seaman on Great Lakes freighters. Editor and publisher of "Know Your Ships," an illustrated field guide to vessels of the Great Lakes, he also is president of the Marine Historical Society of Detroit. He will regale us with tales of one of the most colorful and tragic aspects of the history of the Great Lakes.

Host/Introducer: Don Faber

Song Leader: Henry Johnson

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Looking Ahead

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. If you are planning to attend, please contact John White or President Al so that we can facilitate car pooling.

November 8 (Thursday 8:00) – The Social Committee hopes to see you and your guests at "The Baker's Wife." Millie Danielson is no longer selling tickets but there may be some left. Contact the Performance Network box office at 663-0681 or <https://secure.performancenetwork.org/cgi-bin/tm.cgi>.

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

November 14 (Wednesday noon) - Induction of New Members. We will have a class of six new Rotarians. We will also be taking new photos for the directory this day, not only for the newest members but also for current ones. Although is too late for this year's printed version, we are looking to update our on-line directory with color photos. If your on-line photo is in black-and-white, bring your best smile. Thanks.

November 15 (Thursday evening) – The U-M Rotaract Club is holding dinner to celebrate the anniversary of their charter. Members of our Club are invited to join them. See the article later in this newsletter.

The complete schedule for November luncheons is on-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/november.shtml>.

News from the Meeting of October 31, 2007

Ingrid Sheldon led us in a “be-witching” songfest. Still at the podium, she gave a report from the 2008-2009 Nominating Committee. Note: The official posting of the committee’s proposal can be found later in this newsletter.



The book from
DG Audrey

District Governor Audrey Chevalier reported her visit went off “spectacularly.” President Al attended a campaign breakfast for United Way and came away impressed with how the community is pulling itself together. In the photo at left is shown the cover of a children’s book, “Because I Love You,” that DG Audrey presented to us upon her visit. It reminds us of “literacy,” one of Rotary’s program themes. The book has been given to Josie Parker as a donation to the Ann Arbor District Library.

Millie Danielson gave a final reminder of Rotary’s attendance at the “Baker’s Wife” on November 8, a Performance Network production.

For Community Spotlight, Bill Dunifon presented Mary Steffek Blaske of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra who spoke of the benefits of Rotary funding a series of free “Kinder Concerts.” Learn more about the symphony at <http://www.a2so.org>.

And in another Community Spotlight, Jim Reece thanked the many Rotarians who helped to make the Productivity Enhancement Program (PEP) the success it was. Our eleven Russian guests were sponsored, organized and entertained by Ann Arbor Rotary. The website for that project is <http://www.rotaryrussian.com/>.

Notes from the Meeting of October 31, 2007



Jochen Schacht

Ingrid Deininger introduced Jochen Schacht, director, U-M Hearing Research Institute, speaking on “Can You Hear Me? – Our Precious Auditory Sense and How We Can Lose It.” Did you know 35 million Americans are hearing impaired, and two million Americans are completely deaf? Jochen said the economic impact of hearing impairment is \$30 billion/year. What can go wrong with our hearing? Well, genetic disorders account for some hearing loss; excessively loud noise is a factor. “Recreational noise exposure poses health risks,” Jochen said.

By age 69, 44 percent of the population has hearing loss; by age 70-79, that figure rises to 66 percent. Hearing loss is due to aging. What happens in our ear when we lose our hearing?

Jochen said our hair cells do the hearing and that noise, age and drugs destroy hair cells and once they’re destroyed, “they’re gone for good.” But help is at hand with the proper hearing aid and with consultation with a good audiologist. Five million Americans wear hearing aids, another 15 million need them but don’t wear them, Jochen said. So how to protect hair cells? Avoid noise and old age! Jochen’s humorous presentation was well received by Rotarians who now have a better appreciation of their hearing.

President Al’s Thought for the Day was “My best Witches go out to you for a safe and pleasant Halloween night!”

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 147 members, well above our 130 average. In addition, we were joined by six guests and a Rotaractor (Noam Kimelman from U-M). Before lunch, seven members attended a meeting of the Internal Financial Procedures Committee.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: November 4 – Tim Gretkierewicz, Ed Weir and Karen Wixson; November 5 – Dave Schmidt; **November 7 – Dave Mathews;** November 8 – Howard Cooper; November 9 – Nick Lacy and November 10 – Joe Fitzsimmons.



Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Mel Drumm (Howell on October 1); Hal Flynn (Flint on September 28 and October 21); Amy Goodman (Marquette on October 15 and Ishpeming on October 16) and Agnes Reading (Ann Arbor Briarwood on October 12).



Monthly Attendance Report to the District: After the resignations of Tom DeGrazia, Pam Horiszny and Abbie Vander Meulen, we finished the month of October with a total of 306 members (including our three honoraries). The average reported attendance for the five meetings during the month was 51%.

Five Star Attendees for October: The following 37 members were present for each of the five meeting in October: Elaine Alexander, Bruce Benner, Joel Berger, Fred Beutler, Sue Beutler, Bob Buchanan, Al Burdi, Wayne Colquitt, Flip Connell, Jim Cook, Andy Dahmann, Lee Danielson, Millie Danielson, Bob Dascola, Bill Dunifon, Don Faber, Jack Henke, Norman Herbert, Maurita Holland, Dave Keosaian, Gloria Kerry, Karen Kerry, Rollie Leeds, Laura Lonergan, Dave Matthews, Dave McDowell, Sang Nam, Sam Offen, Mark Ouimet, Agnes Reading, Jim Reece, Dave Schmidt, Ingrid Sheldon, Len Stenger, Al Storey, Dave Williams and Evans Young.



Nominating Committee Report: At the October 31 meeting, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Past President Ingrid Sheldon, reported to the membership the results of the committee's deliberations and work. The committee, composed of Past President Downs Herold, current President Al Burdi, Ingrid Deininger, John Eman, and Deb Polich, enthusiastically presented the following slate for 2008-2009 and thanked these individuals for being willing to serve the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor in this very special way:



- President-elect: Jim Cook (He is willing to continue on his Rotary leadership path.)
- President nominee (2009-2010): Lou Callaway
- Directors (two year term: 2008-2010): Mark Foster, Karen Kerry and Len Stenger.

In addition, the following persons agreed to continue their service:

- Secretary: Downs Herold, Club Treasurer: John Ackenhusen, Endowment Treasurer: Dave

Keosaian. Per the Club's bylaws, nominations are open from the floor. The election will take place during the Club Assembly at the luncheon meeting on December 5.



Membership Directory: Although the main sale is over, copies of the 2007-2008 printed directories are still available to members. See John White. The listings in the on-line directory at <http://www.annarborrotary.org> are virtually current but will be completely updated just after the new member class is inducted on November 14.



Interact Week is Here: 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. 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. Find out how youth around the globe celebrate World Interact Week at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/071101_news_interact.aspx



Rotaract Club Dinner Coming Up [a message from Joanne Pierson, Rotaract Liaison]: Calling all Rotarians...to join us in celebrating the anniversary of the chartering of our Rotaract Club! The Rotaractors invite you to attend their annual Charter Dinner on Thursday, November 15 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Cottage Inn on William Street. Come and get to know this fine group of future Rotarians! RSVP to Valerie Wang at evalerie@umich.edu.

Lost and Found Department: Stop by the “Rotary Shares” table across from the badge board in case you may have left something behind at a past meeting. A recent addition is a gift card to Sweetwaters Café. See John White for that one.

Time for Bill #2 on Your 1-2-3 Invoice: November kicks off the “Every Rotarian, Every Year” campaign of The Rotary Foundation. Each Rotarian is invited to donate (\$100 suggested). The donations accumulate to the point where the member can achieve a Paul Harris Fellowship. During the past 50 years, over a million people have contributed \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation, earning the designation of Paul Harris Fellow. This milestone represents a total of \$1 billion that has been at work making a profound difference in peoples’ lives around the world. Paul Harris Fellows and the gifts they represent enable The Rotary Foundation to be one of the great humanitarian and educational foundations working for world peace and understanding. The 1-2-3 invoice you received in July contained a summary of your past giving and the amount needed to achieve your first or next level. Please review the #2 to see where stand as you consider making a donation. You may contact John White for the information if you don’t have the invoice close at hand. For details on the work of The Rotary Foundation, go to <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/TheRotaryFoundation/Pages/ridefault.aspx>.



Highlights from the October Rotarian Magazine: RI President Wilf Wilkinson leads off this month’s issue with the statement, “The Rotary Foundation is the engine that drives Rotary’s international humanitarian service.” He goes on to talk about all the programs that would not happen without the donations to TRF. Later in the issue is a feature article on what TRF can accomplish at ascending levels of funding. A short article announces the redesign of <http://www.rotary.org>, the RI website. A key feature is an enhanced Club Locator.

Email Scam Focuses on Rotarians [from the Rotary Newsroom]: Rotary International has learned about a new email phishing scam targeting Rotarians. The scam e-mail claims that a deceased Rotarian has left money to the e-mail recipient to be donated to philanthropic efforts. The sender, who claims to be the executor of the will, then asks for the recipient’s personal information, including a copy of the individual’s passport and driver’s license, in order to claim the inheritance. You can read more at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/071031_news_scam.aspx.

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/>

“Rotary Shares”