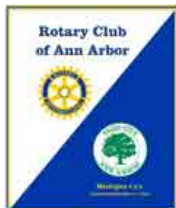


Harpoon for the Meeting of November 14, 2007

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

The Program for Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Speakers: Your Fellow Rotarians

Topic: Introducing our Newest Class of New Members

The Membership Development Committee has been hard at work assembling – from nominations submitted by current club members – another stellar group of new Ann Arbor Rotarians. Meet and greet and hear all about them as their sponsors introduce them to the Club.

Hosts: Tim Marshall & Agnes Reading

Song Leader: Jim Irwin

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

As we will be set up to take photos of each new member just before lunch, our current members are invited to update their photos as well. Please stop by the Rotary banner near the badge board as you come to lunch. Photographers Fred Beutler and Dave Felbeck will be there. We are working to get current color portraits of each member for posting in the on-line directory. Thanks.

Looking Ahead

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

November 21 (Wednesday noon) – Michael Finney, President & CEO, Ann Arbor SPARK, will present, "Advancing Innovation-based Economic Development in Ann Arbor"

November 28 (Wednesday noon) - Eric Booth, Actor, Author & Educator will speak on, "Transforming Community through Creativity"

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

News from the Meeting of November 7, 2007

Joanne Pierson announced the Rotaract Club charter dinner, November 16th at 7:00 pm. Club members are invited. See the article later in this newsletter.

President Al described our Club's commitment to youth in Ann Arbor through both the Stone School STRIVE Program and Junior Rotarian program through the high schools.

Ann Schriber then introduced six Stone School students in the STRIVE program; Travis Gardner, Samantha Cunningham, Stephon Scott, Michelle Ford, DeAndre' Brandon, and Andressa DaSilva. Daphne Slater is their counselor. Mark Foster introduced three Junior Rotarians; Sidge Hammel, Andrew Groves, and DeAngelo Webster who we will hear from next week.

Director Wayne Colquitt has Board responsibility for international service. This includes 4 functions; inbound and outbound ambassadorial scholars, international outreach which includes Group Study Exchange, and humanitarian projects. Len Stenger then presented a more detailed overview of our many humanitarian projects.

This year our Club will commit \$30K to these projects, often matched by both the District and Rotary International. We have completed a foot deformities project in Ghana, developed a library in a small Turkish village, and developed a reef to improve fishing in the Philippines. Len next told us about a number of projects being initiated to include health care, literacy as examples.

Notes from the Meeting of November 7, 2007

Don Faber introduced Roger LeLievre, the Ann Arbor News arts and entertainment writer who is also an avid marine photographer and historian. Roger is currently President of the Marine Historical Society of Detroit. Roger's talk about the history of Great Lakes shipwrecks was especially timely since almost all have occurred during November.



Roger LeLievre

Going back to November, 1905, two ships, the Crescent City and Mataafa, were blown ashore at Duluth. Fortunately the Mataafa was salvaged and continued to sail the lakes until 1960. Then the Bannockburn was lost in November, 1922 on Lake Superior. Lake lore is that her lights can still be seen on dark, stormy nights; hence the name "Flying Dutchman." The bad luck Cyprus was launched in September, 1907, sank in October, 1907, a somewhat short career.

During the Great Storm of November, 1913, the Hannah thought she could easily reach Port Huron because she saw the lightship ahead. Only the lightship had been blown off station so the Hannah instead landed up on the beach. No one ever explained why crew members from the Price were found dead but wearing lifejackets from the Regina.

Most spectacular was the sinking of the mighty Edmund Fitzgerald November 10, 1975 off Whitefish Point in Lake Superior; spectacular because the Fitzgerald was a modern, powerful ship with all the latest radar and radio equipment. She had plowed through the storm all day from Duluth toward the Sault Ste. Marie with U.S. Steel's Arthur M. Anderson not far behind. Fitzgerald's Captain Ernest McSorley reported to the Anderson's Captain Bernie Cooper that he had a bad list, requested help with his course because his radar was also lost. The radio beacon and lighthouse at Whitefish Point both experienced a power loss. The Anderson's First Mate, Morgan Clark told Cooper that the Fitzgerald appeared much too close to "6 Fathom Shoal" with only 36' of water depth, yet the waves were up to 30'. On board the Anderson, Clark called Cooper back to the bridge just as the Fitzgerald disappeared from the Anderson's radar. After repeated radio calls, Cooper reported to the Sault Coast Guard that, "I am concerned about the welfare of the Edmund Fitzgerald." Amazingly, Cooper then turned the Anderson around and prowled the storm-tossed lake all night. But, accompanied by Ford Motor's William Clay Ford, nothing was found.

President Al's Thought for the Day. "A ship in harbor is safe, ...but that is not what ships are for"

The News and Notes were prepared by ace reporter, Bob Buchanan. Fred Beutler provided the photographs.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 143 members. In addition, we were joined by two visiting Rotarians (John Hammond of St. Joseph Lakeshore and Tony Menyhart of Tecumseh) and twenty guests, including our Strive scholars and Jr. Rotarians. Before lunch, a total of thirty members participated in meetings of three committees; International Humanitarian Projects, Membership Development and Strive.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: November 14 – Joh Kang and Omari Rush; November 15 – Dave Krehbiel and James Steward

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Betsy Hammond (St. Joseph Lakeshore on October 18, October 25 and November 1) and Bryan Schindel (Ann Arbor North on September 13).

Condolences to the Marich Family [a message from Secretary Downs to the membership]: I am saddened to report that Mike Marich's wife, Zelma, died yesterday (November 8) after a long and valiant battle with liver cancer. I am sure all of our Rotarians extend our deepest sympathies to Mike and his family on the loss of their loving wife and caring mother. I'll forward further details regarding her funeral and memorials as they become available." Note: Here is a link to the obituary that appeared in the Ann Arbor News on November 11:

<http://obits.mlive.com/AnnArbor/DeathNotices.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=97685278>



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 cvalerie@umich.edu.

Rotarians in the News [as collected and reported by Gae Miller]: Our recent meetings have been so packed with good things that we have not been able to recognize some of our members. So, to catch up for the past month or so, here is what we have noted about our newsworthy members:



- Libby Hines has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the American Judges Association. She currently serves on the AJA Board of Governors and also chairs the AJA's Access to Justice Committee. She is known locally for creating a countywide "Street Outreach Court", as we learned about at one of our recent meetings. On Oct. 7, the A2 News also featured Libby in a Q&A article about her work.

- Cheryl Elliott and Susan Katz-Froning were panelists at Barton Hills on Oct. 18 at the Michigan Leaders Speak program entitled "The Non-Profit Revolution".

- Barbara Bryant was honored with the Warren E. Miller Award for Meritorious Service to the Social Sciences at a banquet given by the Inter-University Consortium for Political Social Research on Oct. 19.

- The Washtenaw County Chapter of the American Red Cross thanked their officers and donors in an A2 News ad on Oct. 27, including Mark Ouimet, Chair of their Executive Committee; Jim Cook, Vice-Chair; Chris Conlin, Secretary; Ann Schriber, member and other Rotarians Herb Amster, Bruce Benz, Steve Dobson, Joe and Beth Fitzsimmons, Ann and Paul Glendon, Heidi Grix, Pam Horiszny and Doug Weber. Donna Duvin of the Red Cross was also featured by the A2 News on Nov. 4 in a Q&A article about the "Red Cross educating on service expansion."

- Ann Schriber had a Letter to the Editor published on Oct. 28 congratulating Major John Hieftje for his efforts to preserve green space in Ann Arbor.

- Sam Offen was pictured in the Oct. 29 edition of The University Record, as he welcomed about 300 alumni who majored in Journalism back to the newly renovated Stanford Lipsey Student Publications building.

- Maurita Holland was recognized in the Regents Roundup section of The Oct. 29 edition of the The University Record as she retired this fall. She joined the U-M in 1972. (Maurita did let us know that retirement is not working quite as she had planned and she continues to spend some time at the School of Information.)

- Ken Fischer will be among an impressive group of Presenters and Special Guests at the "Deals of the Year" banquet on Nov. 9.

Watch for more newsmakers at upcoming Rotary meetings.

Interact Background [from PDG Merle Loch, District 6380 Information Officer]: Just what IS Interact and when did it come about? In the early 1960's a group of five Rotarians developed Interact---a service club modeled along the lines of a Rotary club but for boys AND girls who were in grades 9-12. "Interact" is a contraction of the words international and action. The clubs usually meet in a high school and have a teacher and a local Rotarian as advisors. Often Interactors and members of the local Rotary club work together on service projects or the Interact clubs come up with their own ways to do Service Above Self. In today's high schools, students are often required to do community service to qualify for National Honor Society as well as for admission to college. The Interact program has grown to almost 200,000 members in 107 countries. District 6380 is proud to have 23 active Interact Clubs.

Special Interact Program [submitted by Ed Weir]: To help celebrate World Interact Week (Nov. 5 – 11), the Huron High School Interact Club incorporated a special program into their regular club meeting on Monday November 5. The program was intended to give the Interact students a better understanding of all the youth programs that are part of the Rotary family and supported by our Ann Arbor Rotary Club. Our Rotary Club is fortunate to have a talented group of leaders representing our youth programs. The following Rotarians each provided the students with insight and information about the respective Rotary youth programs that they represent: Tony Nam – Jr. Rotarians; Robert Albritton – RYLA; Valerie Wang (U-M Rotaractor) – Rotaract; Milo White – High School; Scholarships and Jim Kosteva – Youth Exchange. The Interact students enjoyed hearing about all of the opportunities that are available to them through our Rotary Club. The Interact committee would like to thank all of the participants for generously sharing their time and knowledge with our Interact Club.



“Every Rotarian – Every Year” Update: Donations in response to section #2 on the 1-2-3 annual invoice are rolling in. Many Rotarians made their contribution to this program along with their dues payment so we have a good start. So far, we have submitted about 110 checks. These donations, thanks to the Club’s one-for-two match, have resulted in 17 Paul Harris Fellowships. Seven of our members will be first-time fellows. The actual awards will be made at a meeting in the spring.



Manual of Procedure 2007: As you might expect with an organization with 1.2 million members, there are a great number of procedures and processes. These are documented for Rotarians in the Manual of Procedure. It is billed as “A Reference Manual for Rotary Leaders.” A new version comes out every three years. Our club has just received its paper copy for 2007. See John White if you would like to take a look. He can also email a copy to you as a .pdf file. That version is very handy since it can be stored on your computer and searched electronically.

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. The 2008 Convention in Los Angeles now has



its own website at <http://www.rotary2008.com>.

• **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/>