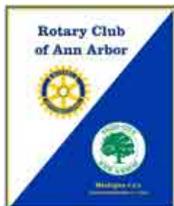


Harpoon for the Meeting of January 16, 2008

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**January is "Rotary Awareness Month" on the Rotary calendar.**

## The Program for Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Speaker: Bob Bolak, Ann Arbor Radio General Manager

Topic: The Future of Radio in Ann Arbor and the U.S.

With the onslaught of new technology and delivery systems, is radio as we know it a thing of the past? Is the golden age of radio over? How has the local radio landscape transformed over the past several years? You'll hear answers to these questions and much more as Ann Arbor Rotarian Bob Bolak, 20-year veteran of both the programming and management sides of radio and general manager of the four Ann Arbor radio stations, shares his insight and perspective on the constantly changing radio landscape.

**Host/introducer:** Bill Stegath

**Song Leader:** Don Devine

**Accompanist:** Tom Strode

## Looking Ahead

**January 17** (Thursday evening) – Our Cultural Sampler Series continues with "Wine, Women and Song" at the Kerrytown Concert House. Call KCH for reservations at 769-2999

**January 23** (Wednesday noon) – William Baker of the Dodsworth Saxhorn Band will tell us about the 19th Century Brass Band in the 21st Century

**January 30** (Wednesday noon) - Stephen Reading, Entrepreneur, Pilot (and husband of Agnes!) will present, "Angel Flights . . . Service Above Self Taken to a New Level"

**February 2** (Saturday afternoon) – Rotaract Bowling Fundraiser

Full descriptions of January's luncheon programs are on-line at: <http://annarborrotary.org/january.shtml>.

## News from the Meeting of January 9, 2008

January is Rotary Awareness Month. Tim Marshall, co-chair of from Membership Development Committee urged all to invite a non-Rotarian to a club lunch. The deadline for the next new member class, he said, is February 6. Information for prospective sponsors is available on-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/facts.shtml> or on paper in a

pocket at the bottom of the badge board.

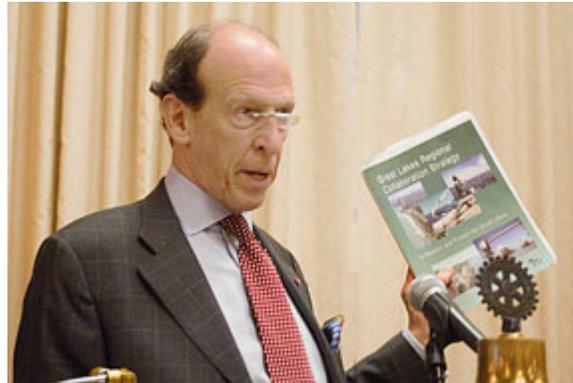
On behalf of the Social Committee, Shelley McMillan invited members to a closed dress rehearsal of "Wine, Women and Song" at the Kerrytown Concert House (<http://www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com/>). The date is Thursday, January 17. Reception is at 7:30 p.m., the concert is at 8 p.m. Contact KCH at 769-2999 for tickets.

Our first Junior Rotarians of 2008 were Lillian Estenson, Harsha Panduranga and Marshall Thomas of Pioneer High.

Rotarians in the news recently included Mel Drumm, Steve Dobson, Scott Westerman, Todd Roberts, Joan Doughty (wife of Brian Mackie), Ed Petykiewicz, Greg Stejskal and Cheryl Elliott.

## Notes from the Meeting of January 9, 2008

Sam Offen introduced the team of John Austin, George Kuper and Chris Grubb on the subject "Environmental and Economic Benefits of Great Lakes Restoration." An independent Brookings Institution study recently concluded that \$26 billion of public investment in Great Lakes restoration by federal and state government would yield at least \$50 billion in long term economic benefits to the region, and another \$50 billion of additional short term



John Austin, George Kuper and Chris Grubb

economic activity. The Great Lakes, all agree, are central to our economic identity. That said, the challenges include fixing the plumbing (sewage outflow); curbing

invasive species; restoring lost wetlands; and containing sediment contamination. John Austin, one of the study's authors, said other challenges included a "weak entrepreneurial culture, a brain drain and redundant industrial infrastructure."

Our assets, however, number among them innovation, high education and a natural infrastructure for high quality of life. "We're home to the largest network of learning institutions that produce a huge amount of talent," John said. Bottom line: We must be good stewards of our fresh-water resources and employ common sense solutions on the problems that clearly aren't rocket science in complexity.

President Al's Thought for the Day comes from that noted late night philosopher, Jay Leno: "May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions."

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

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 148 members. We also had THREE guests and three visiting Rotarians (Laurie Baumer of Lansing, Ann Dougherty of Mt. Carroll IL and Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson). Before the luncheon, a total of 20 members participated in meetings of the Social and International Projects Committees.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** January 14 – Ben Wylie; **January 16 – Heidi Grix;** January 17 – Dan Balbach and Paul Glendon; January 19 – Dan Stewart

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Steve Oldstrom (Greenville Pleasantburg SC on January 10). He reports that two of his tablemates had 44 and 46 years of perfect attendance. Mark Ouimet (Dexter on December 13).

**Our Club's Bangalore Van Project:** An amputee in India usually faces a miserable life of poverty. To help these unfortunate people Rotary Bangalore Midtown has carried on a "Limb-a-day" project in association with Karnataka Marwari Youth Federation (KMYF) by providing free artificial limbs to those in need. Most of the amputees in the Bangalore area live in small villages nearby; they find it difficult to come to the KMYF center in Bangalore to obtain their prostheses. The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor has provided a van jointly with KMYF to transform the lives of many by providing limbs at their doorstep.



When the van was purchased, the equipment required for the van was also ordered. A doctor and technician/driver essential for the project were trained to travel with the van. Rotary clubs in rural areas are being contacted to coordinate the trips the van makes. The trial runs/ tests have been completed and the

van is now in use. This project, partnered by the Bangalore Midtown Rotary Club, is directed by Prue Rosenthal, Jim Cook and Phil Alexander. The total project cost is \$24,600, of which Rotary of Ann Arbor is contributing \$5,700.

**Rotary Bowling News:** Faithful readers of the *Harpoon* Sports Page will have been wondering what happened to our bowling teams since their head-to-head encounter in mid-December. To summarize:

The annual Service Club League bowling season is divided into two parts with separate standings. The first part of the 2007-08 season ended December 27. The Rotary Gold team rebounded nicely from its trouncing by the Blue team on December 13 with strong performances on December 20 and 27 and finished in sixth place. The Blues, alas, had a slight swoon after their intra-club triumph and finished twelfth out of fourteen teams. But President Al of the Blue Team finished #1 in the league for individual winning percentage, having won almost 66% of his games. Dan Romanchik of the Gold Team was eighth in those individual standings, with a winning percentage of 61%.

The Gold Team got out of the starting gate for the second part of the season fast and occupied second place for one week, but ran into a Kiwanis buzz-saw in week two and fell to seventh place. The Blue Team's performance has been steadier, winning 21 of 40 points the first week and 29.5 the second, and they're in fourth place heading into week three. Individual highlights last week were an even-600 series by Peter Wright of the Blue Team, who had single games of 234 and 225, and single-game scores of 224 and 196 by Paul Glendon and 200 by Chuck Olson of the Gold Team, and 197 by Blue Captain Dick Elwell.

**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 our 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”**