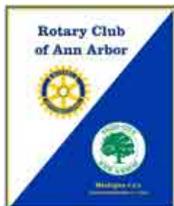


Harpoon for the Meeting of January 23, 2008

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

## The Program for Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Speaker: William Baker & The Dodworth Saxhorn Band

Topic: A 19th Century Brass Band . . . at lunch in Ann Arbor in the 21st Century!

One of the little known musical treasures of our area is The Dodworth Saxhorn Band, a 17-piece ensemble that performs sixty or more times a year all over the country, playing authentic antique brass and percussion instruments and wearing 19th Century costumes. Band leader William Baker will tell us the Band's story and the musicians will present a program of classic 19th Century songs, in the rich tradition of the town bands of the 1800s and quite in keeping with our own cherished tradition of "oldies but goodies" every Wednesday. To prepare for this prestigious gig, the Band provided music for Ken Burns' PBS "Baseball" and "Jazz" series and performed at the White House for the premiere showing of "Baseball."

Note: you can learn about the band in advance by going to its website at <http://dodworth.org/>

**Host/introducer:** Vic Rosenberg

**Song Leader:** Henry Johnson

**Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

## Looking Ahead

**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 at Colonial Lanes. All Rotarians and guests welcome. Sign-up information coming soon.

**February 6** (Wednesday noon) – Regular luncheon meeting. Speaker and topic to be announced. This date is also the deadline for nominations of new members. Nomination packets are available on-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/facts.shtml> or on paper in a pocket at the bottom of the badge board.

Full descriptions of January's luncheon programs are on-line at: <http://annarborrotary.org/january.shtml>. The programs for February will be posted at the end of January.

## News from the Meeting of January 16, 2008

Rotarians singing ragtime? Don Devine led us in group singing that will be remembered for a long time.



Joanne  
& Pete

Past President Downs Herold subbed admirably for current President Al while the latter is in the Far East.

Joanne Pierson said to mark down Saturday, February 2 from noon-2 p.m., for the Rotaract fundraising bowling event at Colonial Lanes. Note: Rotaract will celebrate its 40 year anniversary during Rotaract Week which will be March 10-16.

With the Anderson Room crowded to capacity and the anticipation of fire marshal concerns, perhaps we should make that worthy an honorary Rotarian and take care of our problems with a pre-emptive strike.



Lillian Estenson, Marshall Thomas and  
Harsha Panduranga

The board of directors reports the club is at 309 members, up from 305 last year at this time. And if you want to look far ahead, set aside Monday, September 8 for the annual Golf Outing at Travis Pointe.

We heard from Junior Rotarians Lillian Estenson, who's hoping for a career as a social worker; Harsha Panduranga, who's thinking about going into finance; and Marshall Thomas, who is open to being a novelist, poet or journalist.

## Notes from the Meeting of January 16, 2008



Bob Bolak

Bill Stegath introduced Bob Bolak, general manager of Ann Arbor Radio, on the topic "The Future of Radio in Ann Arbor and the U.S." Bob brought with him radio personalities Martin Bandyke, Brian Cowan and Sam Webb.

Bob oversees four stations with about 270,000 weekly listeners. He said of radio today, "listeners are not distinguishing between listening devices," meaning they can be tuned to Ipods or the Internet. Radio, he said, was "a theater of the mind." It's so powerful because it has the power of sound. It's a one-on-one medium in which you form word pictures in the mind. He played back for us Bob Ufer's call of the John Wangler to Anthony Carter TD pass in the closing seconds of the Indiana game years ago as an example of the power of radio to draw in listeners.



Martin Bandyke, Sam Webb & Brian Cowen

The future of radio? Well, content is what counts. Is it interesting? Is it relevant? How do you customize it? More than 90 percent listen to "terrestrial radio", while others listen to the Internet, satellite radio and MP3 players. For many of us, radio still recalls the "thrilling days of yesteryear" and a "hearty, Hi-Yo, Silver!"

Thought for the Day: Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.

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

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 140 members. We also had fifteen guests (including our three Jr. Rotarians) and one visiting Rotarian (Laurie Baumer of Lansing). Before the

luncheon, a total of 22 members participated in meetings of the Strive and Program Committees. Earlier in the day, 13 members attended the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** January 20 – Carl Gingles; January 22 – Lou Callaway and Ginny Geren; **January 23 – Norman Herbert** and January 26 – Randy Tisch

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Hal Flynn (Flint on December 7 and December 14); Betsy Hammond (Stevensville Lakeshore on December 20, December 27, January 3 and January 10) and Steve Oldstrom (North Greenville SC on January 18). Steve reports that the meeting was held at Greenville's Poinsett Club, a mansion

**Report from Wine, Women and Song on January 17** [submitted by Susan Smith Gray]: There were 55 Rotarians and guests present, not counting Shelley MacMillan (who was in the cast). While the ladies had planned to cover for Deanna Relyea, who was in hospital with pneumonia, they suddenly found they were minus yet another of their vocalists who came down with a temperature of 101 degrees. In true show business fashion, one never knew! The voices were terrific, with great piano accompaniment and many of the songs were tear jerkers. If you missed this event, do mark your calendars for next year. It is not to be missed!

**Project Update – Artificial Reefs in the Philippines** [submitted by the International Projects Committee]: The people who live on the archipelago islands of the Philippines subsist largely from the fish they catch in the surrounding seas. These fish congregate primarily on the coral reefs that abound near the islands. With an increasing human population, overfishing, and reefs dying due to global warming, the food supply of the population of these islands is threatened.

Our Rotary's project is to construct artificial reefs, or arongs, to increase the average fish catch. An arong is an indigenous fish aggregating device made of bamboo and coconut leaves installed under seawater to attract fish. This device which has been built and used by fishers since 1994 in Taklong Island National Marine Reserve in Guimaras proves to be economically viable, ecologically sound and socially acceptable.



Under the leadership of Don Devine, Len Stenger, and Ashish Sarkar, and with the partnership of the Rotary Club of Gumaca, we have obtained matching funds from Rotary International that have leveraged our contribution of \$6300 to a total project cost of \$15,000.

The twenty-four members of the Rotary Club of

Gumaca feel a level of ownership in the project beyond the money involved. Every member participated personally, eighteen being active in placing the arongs at sea.

Results reported informally have been very favorable. Some fishing yields have improved tenfold. The arong also seems to be effective as a breeding ground that increases the total fish population.

**Summary of Board Meeting:** The Club's Board of Directors held their first monthly meeting of 2008 at 7:30am, January 16. Membership at the end of the year was reported to the District as 309. Robb Woulfe's letter of resignation was accepted. The few members delinquent in their dues payments were contacted and they verified their desire to remain members and promised to see that their dues were paid promptly. Over 240 of our members have submitted their payment for their Community Service Assessments and over 182 have made contributions to the Every Rotarian Every Year campaign for the Rotary International Foundation. The Operating Fund was reported to be close to budget. Fluctuations in the stock market and interest and dividends resulted in a small decrease in the overall value of the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment, which showed a value at the end of December of \$1,408,018. Rotaract and Interact clubs are active on campus and Pioneer and Huron High Schools. Positive information has been received on the Success by 6 Initiative. The Board approved the Golf Outing for 2008. It will again be held at Travis Pointe Country Club. The date will be Monday, September 8. Work is progressing on the design for a revised club website which will tie more closely with the Harpoon to increase the flow of information

between committees, members and officers. \$500 was allocated to help cover non-travel expenses for the Brazil clinic where John Rasmussen, Fred and Sue Beutler, and Pat Pooley are currently visiting.

**New Rotary Club in the South Lyon Area** [a note from PDG Gerry Jackson]: “In three very short weeks we have the privilege of seeing our 53rd club, Lyon Area Rotary, charter in our district. We will also witness the induction of 23 brand new Rotarians into our district, all at once. What a wonderful testament to each of our own beliefs in the value of Rotary today. Please consider joining these new sisters and brothers as they celebrate becoming one of us on Saturday night, February 9, at the Tanglewood Golf Course. Details and on-line registration are available at the district website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>. This will be a spectacular celebration. Please also note they have priced the event so they will reach break even if they have 150 people so they do dearly need all of our support. Please also share this information with your Rotary clubs. Every Rotarian and their partner/spouse are welcome to attend and enjoy this event. Please join us and show these new Rotarians your excitement about Rotary and give them a great welcoming start.”



Stan &  
Serena  
Sherman

**District 6380 Notes for 2008-2009:** DG Audrey Chevalier has asked that the following information be shared with club members. Stan Sherman of the Royal Oak club (shown with his wife, Serena, in the photo at left) will succeed her as District Governor. His jacket will be navy blue (for those of you who wait in breathless anticipation each year for the fashion statement to be made by RI). The theme for the year will be “Make Dreams Real.” Our club will probably receive our official visit from DG Stan this fall.

**Lost and Found Department:** Left over from recent meetings are an insulated travel coffee mug and a single gold earring. The earring has sort of a woven wire design. Stop by the “Rotary Shares” table to check them out.

**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.
- **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”