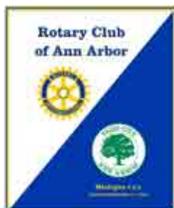


Harpoon for the Meeting of January 30, 2008

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

The Program for Wednesday, January 30, 2008

Speaker: Stephen Reading, Entrepreneur, Pilot (& Spouse of Agnes!)

Topic: Angel Flights . . . Service Above Self Taken to a New Level

Angel Flight is a nationwide organization of private pilots who donate time, airplanes, and all expenses to fly people from remote areas to hospitals and doctors, then home again. Recipients of these airborne errands of mercy often are too ill to travel any other way and/or unable to afford reliable transportation for critically needed medical attention. Stephen Reading is one of these pilots, as well as a successful local business owner and beloved spouse of Rotarian Agnes. He will tell us more about the project and share some of his own angelic piloting experiences that have made him such a committed volunteer.

Host/introducer: Bill Dunifon

Song Leader: Ingrid Sheldon

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Looking Ahead

February 2 (Saturday) – Rotaract Bowling Fundraiser at Colonial Lanes from noon to 2:00pm. All Rotarians and guests welcome. Make your reservations with Rotaractor Valerie Wang at valeriecwang@gmail.com. The price is \$20. This day is also "Interact Day." District 6380 is hosting an event in Southfield. Information and registration information is on-line at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>.

February 6 (Wednesday noon) – Judy Vindici, Development Director at Starr Commonwealth, will present, "Changing the Lives of Troubled Youth." 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.

February 13 (Wednesday noon) - John King, U-M Vice Provost for Academic Information will speak to us on the topic, "Education in the Digital Age."

February 14 (Thursday evening) – The Social Committee has arranged for Rotarians and their sweethearts to enjoy a champagne reception as a part of the Michigan Theater's Valentine's Day Celebration. Details later.

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

News from the Meeting of January 23, 2008

Interim head coach Downs Herold again subbed admirably for President Al, who is practicing Burdi diplomacy in Hong Kong.

Among our guests were Manish Mehta, assistant district governor, and Elaine Didier, a past president of our club. The national anthem to open our meeting was rendered 19th century style by the Dodworth Saxhorn Band.

Rotarians recently in the news were Russ Collins, Mark Ouimet and Peter Allen; a recent Junior Rotarian, Marshall Thomas also made the news.

Joanne Pierson reminded us of the Rotaract-Rotary bowling fundraiser, coming up Feb. 2 at Colonial Lanes.

Karen Kerry's Rotary moment was related to Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. We were asked to measure our progress in race relations.

Notes from the Meeting of January 23, 2008



The Dodworth Saxhorn Band



Vic Rosenberg introduced William Baker and the Dodworth Saxhorn Band, founded in 1985 and based in Ann Arbor. The Dodworth Saxhorn band plays 19th century music on 19th century instruments in 19th century costumes. They collaborated with Ken Burns on the latter's highly acclaimed TV special "Baseball." Soloist and emcee Ted Badgerow led us in singing "Goober Peas" but most of the time we were content to listen to this local

musical treasure do what it does best. In closing, Bill Baker said, "all we ask is your heart and minds," while seeking support for the group's goals. The band is on-line at <http://www.dodworth.org>.

Thought for the day from interim President Downs: If nobody cares about Jimmy Crack Corn, why did he write a song?

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 129 members. We also had fifteen guests (including the band members) and three visiting Rotarians (ADG Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor North, Robert Reizner of Jackson and Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson). We were also honored to be joined by Elaine Didier, a past president of our club. Before the luncheon, a total of 24 members participated in meetings of the Strategic Planning, International Outreach and Rotaract Committees.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: January 27 – Jim Irwin and Geoff Larcom; January 28 – Mike Dubin; **January 30 – Ingrid Sheldon;** February 2 – Adam Kozma and Donald Smith

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Steve Oldstrom (Greenville-Pleasantburg SC on January 24). Steve reports with his makeup card that the club has a 100% attendance requirement. Our club's expectation is 50%.

January District Newsletter Now On-line: District 6380's January newsletter has been posted on the website at

<http://www.rotary6380.org/>. Some highlights are DG's Audrey's suggestions for New Year's resolutions, a list of important Rotary dates, reports on some membership successes, highlights of some youth programs, updates on water projects, announcement of a World Peace Scholarship opportunity and plea for more articles from district clubs.



WCC Foundation Awards the Latest Ann Arbor Rotary Club Scholarship: We have just received word that this fall's award will go to Athanasius Obi. He is working toward an associate's degree in pharmacy technology at WCC with the ultimate goal of becoming a pharmacist. The notification letter from WCC will be available on the "Rotary Shares" table at the next luncheon meeting.

Rotary Bowling Report [submitted by kegling correspondent Paul Glendon]: Since last report, the hard tryin' Hawaiians of the Rotary Gold squad have been on a rampage. Coming into last Thursday's action they occupied sixth place (again, sports fans, that's in a 14-team league), a mere one and one-half points behind their friendly rivals of Rotary Blue. Bowling against the then-third-place team, your Gold heroes captured 33.5 out of forty possible points and moved into second place in the league. Captain Bob "Snipper" Dascola led the way with his Service Club League career-best performance: a 563 series featuring a high game of 211. Chuck "The Professor" Olson was close behind, with a high single game of 208. "Sweet Lou" Callaway also had a good night (bright new bowling ball and all), and each of those three keglers captured all four available points in head-to-head competition. As for the Blue team, not so good; they met the same fate as Gold did a few weeks earlier, losing decisively to the Kiwanis team and they now trail the Gold team by 18.5 points. But stay tuned, Rotarians – as in national politics, "change" is the watchword in the Service Club Bowling League.



Polio Eradication Program Gets a Booster Shot [from a TRF article]: Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio have gotten a \$2 million boost from a Rotarian diamond and jewelry magnate. Harshad Mehta (a distant relative of our ADG Manish Mehta, hopefully?), a native of India who is a senior partner in the Belgium-based Rosy Blue diamond and jewelry company, has pledged to donate the money to Rotary's polio eradication efforts over the next three years. Mehta, the largest Indian donor to The Rotary Foundation, was inspired to make the commitment after learning about the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication. In the final push to stop polio, Mehta urges Rotarians not to give up. "We must further strengthen our resolve as we are so close to the ultimate goal," he says. "Any slackening at this point will result in a total loss of all the time, effort, and money put in over the past years."



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"