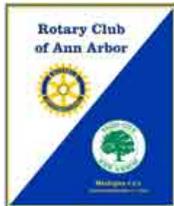


Harpoon for the Meeting of February 6, 2008

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**February is "World Understanding Month" on the Rotary calendar.**

## The Program for Wednesday, February 6, 2008

**Speaker:** Judy Vindici, Development Director, Starr Commonwealth

**Topic:** Changing the Lives of Troubled Youth

Founded almost a century ago by a visionary young man named Floyd Starr in a ramshackle barn on forty acres in Albion, Starr Commonwealth has long been one of the nation's most respected child and family service agencies. Using a strength-based, peer empowerment model, Starr now provides a broad range of programs from residential treatment for delinquents to specialized foster care and supervised independent living, with three regional facilities in Michigan and two in Ohio. As another group dedicated to "helping youth succeed," Ann Arbor Rotarians should find special meaning in the Starr Story. Note: Starr Commonwealth is on-line at <http://www.starr.org/>.

**Host/introducer:** Todd Roberts

**Song Leader:** Shelley MacMillan

**Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

Note: 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.

## Looking Ahead

**February 9** (Saturday evening) – The charter dinner for the Lyon Area Rotary Club. All Rotarians and guests are welcome. Reservations can be made online by February 2 at the District website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>.

**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. The reception starts at 6:45pm. The movie, "Bringing up Baby" with Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn, begins at 8:00pm. A synopsis of the film can be found near the end of this newsletter. The tickets are free but you must reserve them by contacting Laura Barnes at 668-8397 x31 or [lbarnes@michigantheater.org](mailto:lbarnes@michigantheater.org) by Friday, February 8. Mention "Rotary" and give her your mailing address. The tickets will be mailed to you.

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

## News from the Meeting of January 30, 2008

Proving he'd been to the Far East, President Al returned with flags from the Rotary Club of Kowloon.



Julie Steiner

For Community Spotlight, Bill Dunifon introduced Julie Steiner, executive director of Interfaith Hospitality Network, Alpha House, a nonprofit our Rotary Club has supported with its Community Services Grants.

Dave Keren representing the social committee urged us to set aside the date of Sunday, March 9 for a matinee of Ann Arbor Civic Theatre's "Moon over Buffalo." Rotarians get in for \$12. Details will be in an upcoming Harpoon.

Joe and Beth Fitzsimmons will be honored Feb. 7 as part of Spectrum's Toast of the Town series with its Spirit Award.

Nishta Bhatia updated us on Success-By-Six and asked for volunteers for designated times in the future. Details are in an article later in this newsletter.

We met Junior Rotarians Sarah Godway and Emily Gause from Huron High School. We will hear from them next week.

## Notes from the Meeting of January 30, 2008



Stephen Reading

Bill Dunifon presented Stephen Reading, spouse of Agnes, an entrepreneur and pilot who takes service about self to a higher level as a pilot with Angel Flight. This is a nationwide organization of pilots who devote time, planes and expenses to fly people in need to hospitals and doctors. "We're never grounded," said Stephen of his group's "10,000-15,000 missions per year in the United States." Stephen makes many runs to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester MN, but other destinations may be Johns Hopkins, Sloan-Kettering and the U-M Hospitals. Stephen said his flight plans may go awry at times, but it's clear he gets enormous satisfaction from his missions of mercy.

President Al's Thought for the Day comes from another aviator, Orville Wright: "The sky's the limit...when your heart is in it."

The News and Notes were compiled by Don Faber, Harpoon editor. Fred Beutler provided the photographs. Note: The photos of the Dodworth Saxhorn Band were taken by Peter Wright, not Bill Dunifon as originally credited.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 123 members. We also had 16 guests (including two Jr. Rotarians) and three visiting Rotarians, all very familiar to us (Laurie Baumer of Lansing, John Hammond of St. Joseph Lakeshore and ADG Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor North). In conjunction with the luncheon, a total of 17 members participated in meetings of the Strategic Planning and Golf Outing Committees.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** February 4 – Nishta Bhatia and Dewey Noland; **February 6 – Chris McMullen and Steve Oldstrom;** February 7 – Steven Thoms and February 8 – Millie Danielson.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** President Al (Kowloon on January 23); Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on January 15, Dexter on January 17 and January 24) and Steve Oldstrom (Greenville North SC on February 1).

**Condolences to Jill Arnold:** Margaret (Marge) Brinkerhoff passed away on January 30. She was Jill's mother and the wife of deceased Rotarian and former Club President ('67-'68) Jim Brinkerhoff. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. There will be a sympathy card available for signatures on the "Rotary Shares" table at the upcoming luncheon meeting. Her obituary is on-line at <http://www.legacy.com/annarbor/DeathNotices.asp?Page=Lifestory&PersonId=102567844>.



**Monthly Attendance Report to the District:** After the resignation of Robb Woulfe, we finished the month of January with a total of 308 members (including our four honoraries). The reported attendance for the month was 51%. As of last July 1, our club also had 308 members which put it in a tie for 51<sup>st</sup> in the world, out of over 32,000 clubs. We were tied with Iowa City and not far behind Grand Rapids (319). The nearby Toledo club (424) is shown in 17<sup>th</sup> place. Seattle (640) is the largest club with Fort Worth (572), Birmingham AL (563) and San Diego (549) not too far behind. Madison (505) and Columbus (430) are the two Big Ten cities that have clubs with more members.



**February is World Understanding Month:** Here are some suggestions from RI on how to promote the internationality of Rotary: Invite an ambassadorial scholar, peace scholar or youth exchange student to speak at a weekly meeting. Promote your club's most recent world community service project to your local media. Promote Rotary's involvement in the eradication of polio. Invite groups that have participated in international humanitarian trips to speak to your Rotary club.

**Volunteer for "Success by 6"** [a message from Nishta Bhatia]: As you know, our club gave \$10,000 in 2007 to "Success by 6." This money was raised at the Golf & Tennis Outing last September. As the program moves from a planning to an implementation stage there are opportunities for us to be involved as volunteers. Briefly, they are:

1. Publicity Days in Manchester, Chelsea, Dexter, and Willow Run. Volunteers are needed to help spread the word about training sessions being set up for The Family, Friend, and Neighbor Childcare Providers. The first round will be on Saturday, Feb 23rd to post information in Manchester, Chelsea and Dexter. Six people are needed, two for each town. There will be a training session of about an hour here in Ann Arbor and then volunteers will drive to these towns to distribute information to local businesses—grocery stores, convenience stores, gas stations, etc. The second round of this effort will be on Saturday, April 5th in Willow Run. Four to five volunteers are needed for this.
2. Support for Teen Childcare Provider Trainings. The training will be provided to teenagers who do babysitting over the summer months. Two to four volunteers are needed who are willing to spend the day at the training sessions to create a warm and inviting training environment for the teenagers, this will include serving snacks, meals, and chatting. These sessions will be on Saturdays, 17th and 31st of May and Saturdays, 7th and 14th of June.
3. Participation in Medical Practice Outreach Team. The plan is to form teams of community volunteers who can take the message out to the area medical practices and individuals that early diagnosis and referral of children with developmental delays is crucial to the remediation of problems to avoid special education referrals in later years. Training will be provided—please stay tuned for further details.

Please contact Nishta Bhatia at 994-0317 or [nishtagb@aol.com](mailto:nishtagb@aol.com) if you would like to sign up and/or have questions. Success by 6 is on-line at <http://www.washtenawsuccessby6.org/>.

**"Thirsting to Serve" International Conference in Grand Rapids:** [Thirsting to Serve.org](http://www.thirstingtoserve.org) is a non profit, tax exempt corporation established the leadership of Rotary International District 6290 (west side of Michigan) to financially support water projects of Rotarians. It is holding a conference in Grand Rapids on Monday, February 25. The event runs from 9:00am to 4:15pm. Registration is available on-line at <http://www.thirstingtoserve.org>. Following the event, Eileen Heasley, our district's Water Resource Coordinator, has invited attendees to a "Water Champion's Afterglow." There is no extra charge but please contact her in advance (248-689-5634 or [ehesley@wideopenwest.com](mailto:ehesley@wideopenwest.com)) so that she can plan for enough room.

**Endowment Tax Letters are in the mail:** A letter to each member documenting his or her contributions to the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment in 2007 was mailed out on January 31. If you haven't yet received your letter or if you have any questions, please contact John White. Note that these letters cover only donations to the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation or ones made as a sponsor of the Golf Outing have

been acknowledged separately. Club dues are generally not deductible for tax purposes so they are not included.



Valerie Wang receives a pin from President Al



Rotaractors and Rotarians pose for a group photo

**Rotaract Bowling Fundraiser a Success** [a report and photos from Downs Herold]: Nine Rotary members bowled. Three others came to witness the spirited competition and 16 Rotaractors participated as around \$200 was raised for Rotaract Projects. The #4 team led by Peter Wright, with Lou Callaway, Al Burdi, Downs Herold and Rotaractor Garrett Chapman rolled the team high score for the day of 639. Dick Elwell had the high game for the day of 174. A great time was had by all.

**Synopsis of “Bringing up Baby”** (our Valentine’s Day Social Event): Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant star in this inspired comedy about a madcap heiress with a pet leopard who meets an absent-minded paleontologist and unwittingly makes a fiasco of both their lives. David Huxley (Grant) is the stuffy paleontologist who needs to finish an exhibit on dinosaurs and thus land a \$1 million grant for his museum. At a golf outing with his potential benefactors, Huxley is spotted by Susan Vance (Hepburn) who decides that she must have the reserved scientist at all costs. She uses her pet leopard, Baby, to trick him into driving to her Connecticut home, where a dog wanders into Huxley's room and steals the vital last bone that he needs to complete his project. The real trouble begins when another leopard escapes from the local zoo and Baby is mistaken for it, leading Huxley and Susan into a series of harebrained and increasingly more insane schemes to save the cat from the authorities.



**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”**