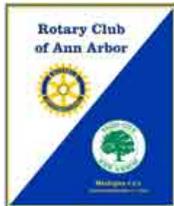


Harpoon for the Meeting of February 20, 2008

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

The Program for Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Speaker: Rick Stites, President, West Washtenaw Business Association

Topic: Business on the Boulevards, Working for a Better Community

The West Washtenaw Business Association has been serving businesses - and helping member businesses serve their customer communities - on the west side of Ann Arbor and out Jackson Road since 1959. It's been working to make our community a better place not just for businesses but everyone. WWBA President Rick Stites will tell us what the Association is doing currently to meet these objectives and what's on tap for the future.

Host/introducer: Dan Romanchik

Song Leader: Ingrid Sheldon

Accompanist: Deanna Relyea

Note: The Board of Directors will meet at 7:30am at the Washtenaw United Way Building on Platt Road. As offered by President AI, individual members are welcome to attend but please contact John White in advance.

Looking Ahead

February 23 (Saturday) – Success by 6 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. 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. Please contact Sian Owen-Cruise at 734-994-8100 x1277 or sowencruise@wuway.org if you would like to sign up and/or have questions. Success by 6 is on-line at <http://www.washtenawsuccessby6.org/>.

February 27 (Wednesday noon) – Fellow Rotarians Scott Westerman and Doug Brouwer will present, "Mission to Haiti."

Full descriptions of February's luncheon programs are on-line at: <http://annarborrotary.org/february.shtml>. The programs for March will be posted soon.

March 5 (Wednesday noon) – Regular luncheon meeting

March 9 (Sunday at 2:00pm) – “Moon over Buffalo” at the Arthur Miller Theater. Tickets are available from the Ann Arbor Civic Theater at \$12 each thanks to our Social Committee. Contact A2CT at <http://www.a2ct.org/> or 971-2228 and mention “Rotary” to make your reservation.

For those planning well in advance, our spring tree planting is scheduled for April 26. Coincidentally, this Saturday is also National Arbor Day.

News from the Meeting of February 13, 2008

The chocolates at our tables in honor of Valentine’s Day were courtesy of Scott Huckestein. The candy bore the Rotary logo.

We sang “Happy Birthday” to Walter Helmreich, ninety-one years young.

Reporting on international activities and the group study exchange, Spaulding Clark said a group from Turkey will need home stays beginning April 13. See his full request later in this newsletter.

Mark Foster introduced Junior Rotarians Adrienne Bortell from Gabriel Richard High School, Hayley Hoffman from Greenhills and Paul Princen from Community High.



Ryan Wagner



Dick & Lynn with President Al

Paul Glendon introduced Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Ryan Wagner who will be studying and working in public health in South Africa. Ryan gave us some background on him and the program and promised updates to us as his adventure unfolds.

A Paul Harris Fellowship was given to Lynn Elwell by husband Dick Elwell. See an article later in this newsletter on the topic of PHF awards for non-Rotarians.

Notes from the Meeting of February 13, 2008



John King

Maurita Holland introduced John King, U-M Vice-provost for Academic Information, on “Education in the Digital Age.” John discussed the causal mechanisms driving such new information technologies as computers, the internet and the World Wide Web and the implications of these changes for the U-M and for higher education. “All things that change,” said John, “run on the rails of things that don’t change.” He remarked on how education is essential to welfare and the material good of society. Every new technology, he said, puts information into the hands of the user. Information is transformative, and John sketched the extent to which it already is occurring. Here’s something to think about: By 2025 all the information in all the world’s libraries will be online.

President Al’s Thought for the Day comes from actress Katherine Hepburn: “Love doesn’t make the world go round...Love is what makes the ride worthwhile!”

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 134 members. We also had eleven guests (including three Jr. Rotarians) and one visiting Rotarian (Chris Delor of Ann Arbor North). In conjunction with the luncheon, a total of 44 members participated in meetings of seven (wow!) committees: Community Allocations, Directory, Golf, Membership Development, RYLA, Strategic Planning and Strive.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: February 18 – Griff McDonald and Chuck Olson; February 21 – Walt Hancock; February 22 – Brandt Coultas and Doug Paterson.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Fred Beutler (Santarem-Aldeia, Brazil on January 21); Sue Beutler (Santarem-Aldeia, Brazil on January 21); Brad Bowersox (Ann Arbor North on January 24 and January 31); Frode Maaseidvaag (Sea Cloud Cruise Ship on February 7); Steve Oldstrom (Pleasantville/Greenville, SC on February 14) and Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on February 12).

Steve, serving as a Roving Rotarian Reporter, submitted this story from his make-up: Today, February 14, I made up at the Pleasantburg/Greenville, SC Rotary club. This is Valentine's Day and romance is in the air. The club took advantage of this fact by auctioning a heart-shaped box of candy and a bouquet of flowers. The bidding on the flowers started at \$25. Before the bidding began, one Rotarian introduced his wife who was his guest. This couple have been married for 52 years. He bid on the flowers and once he made his first bid he may have felt that 52 years of marital bliss (and hoped for years of future bliss) required him to keep bidding. He ended up with the flowers but his wallet was lighter by \$40. Valentine's Day is often dangerous because too many flowers can be just as bad as too few flowers. Then there is the whole issue of dining out on Valentine's Day. The Lucky Steer or Ponderosa or some similar establishment just won't do. The world remains fraught with peril for the unwary.



GSE Visitors Need Rotarian Hosts [submitted by Spaulding Clark]: During the month of April, District 6380 will host a Group Study Exchange team coming from Turkey. The visit will be coordinated by the two Washtenaw area Assistant District Governors, who are in the process of preparing a schedule that will incorporate activities on the part of all eight Rotary clubs in the area. The GSE visit to our area will take place from Sunday, April 13th to Sunday, April 20th. While many details of the visit have yet to be worked out, our club has

been asked to provide three club members willing to host one of the visiting team members in their homes for four days, from Sunday, April 13th to Thursday, April 17th. The GSE team is composed of two women and three men, whose professions include an economist; a research assistant in the field of international relations; a chemical engineer; an architect; and a civil engineer. If you would be interested in hosting a visitor, or would like more details, please contact Spaulding Clark (734-761-8519) or Bill Dunifon (248-227-1808) as soon as possible.



The Ann Arbor Rotary Club Scholarship at WCC: In 1997, our club established an endowment account with the Washtenaw Community College Foundation and pledged a total of \$10,000 over the ensuing five years. After a matching amount from an anonymous donor and other contributions, the first scholarship was awarded in 2003. Since then, a total of nine full semester scholarships (currently worth around \$800) have been given to worthy students. The latest award went to Anthanasius Obi who is working toward an

associate's degree in pharmacy technology with the ultimate goal of becoming a pharmacist. He is the husband of another WCC student, father of three and is working full-time as a pharmacy aide. The value of endowment is now \$41,000 and the Foundation draws off about 5% per year for the scholarships.



PBS Documentary on Health to be Previewed in Ann Arbor on March 12: The Washtenaw County Public Health Department is pleased to be one of 100 local health departments nationwide that is screening previews and hosting discussions around the PBS documentary, "Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making us Sick?" The four-hour series, to be broadcast

nationally beginning in late March, examines our nation's alarming socio-economic and racial disparities in health—and searches for their causes. For more information, see <http://www.unnaturalcauses.org/>. Community leaders are invited to a sneak preview of the first installment of this documentary on Wednesday, March 12, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at the Michigan Theater. After the one-hour screening, a panel of five local leaders will share their unique perspectives on the documentary which will be followed by approximately 15 minutes of Q&A from the media and audience members. This sneak preview is limited to 200 individuals and is by invitation only. Those in attendance will include the media, local politicians and leaders from the healthcare, business, faith, and advocacy communities. Local radio personality Lucy Ann Lance will moderate the screening to assure it runs smoothly. To coincide with the national broadcast of the documentary, screenings of the remaining three segments, followed by community dialogues, will be held at the downtown Ann Arbor District Library on three succeeding weeks (3/20, 3/27 and 4/3 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm) for interested members of the general public. Rotarians that wish to attend this event should contact Cindi Reames by February 29 at reamesc@ewashtenaw.org or 734-544-3059.



Paul Harris

Paul Harris Fellowships for Non-Rotarians: As we saw with the Elwells at the meeting last Wednesday, a Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) can make a wonderful gift for non-Rotarians, especially individuals who have been supportive of the ideals and goals of Rotary. For example, we have spouses who plant trees, tutor children and open their homes to visiting PEP participants or GSE team members. We have co-workers who process messages, juggle business calendars, type letters, send emails and maintain files, all on behalf of Rotary. Each of these persons may be worthy of PHF recognition. If the prospective donor is already a PHF, he or she may have earned some Foundation Recognition Points that can be used to reduce the amount of the cash donation needed to award someone else. More information is available on-line at

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/DonorRecognition/IndividualRecognition/Pages/PaulHarrisFellowRecognition.aspx> but please contact John White before sending in any

forms or making any donations. He will help with the processing and will ensure you get any appropriate Club matching funds.



District 6380 Charters the Lyon Area Rotary Club [based on a note from DG Audrey]: On Saturday, February 9, a wonderful evening was enjoyed by many Rotarians, friends and special guests from D6380 to witness and celebrate the official chartering of the Lyon Area Rotary Club, the 53rd Rotary Club in District 6380. Twenty-four new Rotarians were formally inducted and welcomed into the district. Tamra Ward, a founder and the secretary of the new club, was surprised with not only one Paul Harris Fellowship but became a multiple Paul Harris that night.

Audrey suggests that our members drop in on one of their meetings to meet the group and say welcome to the district. They meet on Thursdays at 7:30am at the Senate Coney Island, 25900 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. Note: One of the PHFs was donated by our club as a chartering gift.

Donate your Rotarian Magazines: Thanks for those of you who have donated your magazines but we still need a few more recent issues to distribute to the new members that will be joining the Club on March 12. If you have one or more to share, please drop them off with John White. You can also give them to the attendance takers or leave them on the “Secretary’s windowsill.” Thanks.

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, Member Access and the RI Annual Convention.



• **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/>

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