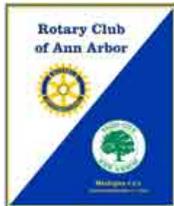


Harpoon for the Meeting of February 27, 2008

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

The Program for Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Speakers: Fellow Rotarians Scott Westerman and Doug Brouwer

Topic: Mission to Haiti

Late last year, our fellow Rotarians Scott and Doug and several other members of their church traveled to Haiti for an eight-day medical services mission. They gave service at a hospital and two traveling clinics and visited the only



Haitian degree-granting nursing school. Interacting with more than 250 "patients," they heard interesting and sometimes dramatic stories and observed first-hand what life is like in the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, including the effects of Hurricane Noel. Having returned deeply affected by the overwhelming challenges of just surviving in such a poor and riven country, they will share their impressions with us in words and photos.

Host/introducer: Paul Glendon

Song Leader: Henry Johnson

Accompanist: Deanna Relyea

Looking Ahead

March 5 (Wednesday noon) – Regular weekly luncheon. James Stewart, M.D., will speak to us on vascular disease

Full descriptions of the luncheon programs for March will be posted on-line shortly at:
<http://annarborrotary.org/march.shtml>.

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. Arrive by 1:00 and get a tour of the facility.

March 12 (Wednesday 10:30am-noon) – Orientation of our new members in the Pendleton Room. Current members are also welcome to attend, especially those who were unable to attend their own formal orientation session.

March 12 (Wednesday at noon) – Regular weekly luncheon. Our program will be the induction of new members.

March 19 (Wednesday at noon) – Fellow Rotarian Robert Mull will speak on the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

March 26 (Wednesday at noon) - Ron Shapiro, attorney & author, will discuss, “The Art of Negotiation.”

News from the Meeting of February 20, 2008

Jim Cook gave us an update on the Strategic Plan, setting May 20th as D-Day (deadline day) for final adoption of the club’s third five-year plan. Note: See additional information on the plan in an article later in this newsletter.

Karen Kerry’s “Rotary Minute” centered on Presidents’ Day and the issue of leadership. Did you know that Warren Harding was our only active, dues-paying Rotarian president (many other presidents were Honorary Rotarians)?



Adrienne Bortell, Paul Princen and Hayley Hoffman

Junior Rotarians Adrienne Bortell (Gabriel Richard), Hayley Hoffman (Greenhills) and Paul Princen (Community High) told us about themselves and their college plans. They were introduced by Mark Foster.

U-M Rotaractor Valerie Wang said her club would be holding a “Senior Send-off Dinner” on Friday, April 18. Sixteen graduating Rotaractors will be honored, including the charter members who formed the club in 2004. The Rotaractors are also planning a fundraiser on Sunday evening, March 30, to assist a Rotaract Club in Philippines on a joint project. Rotarians and guests are

welcome at both events. Contact John White for more information.

Rotarians in the news presented by Barbara Debrodt included Roger Fraser and Robert Albritton.

Notes from the Meeting of February 20, 2008



Rick Stites

Dan Romanchik introduced Rick Stites, President, West Washtenaw Business Association, on “Business on the Boulevards, Working for a Better Community.” Rick’s organization, 223 members strong, was once known as the Jackson Road Association. He said “great shopping, free parking and wonderful parks” characterized the WWBA. “We’re grass roots,” he said, “aiming to support and improve our community.” To that end, his group will be addressing such issues as public safety in Scio Township and water/sewer problems. He wanted to know – as do we – whatever happened to the big Paul Bunyan statue that graced Banfield’s Westside, formerly the Paul Bunyan restaurant? More about the association is their website (designed by Dan) at <http://www.wwba.biz>.

Our Thought for the day from President Al comes from Peter Drucker: “Success is not a matter of where you stand...but in what direction you are moving!”

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 121 members. We also had nine guests (including three Jr. Rotarians), three visiting Rotarian (Laurie Baumer of Lansing, Phil Lowman of Rochester and Deborah Nelson of Salinas CA) and one Rotaractor (Valerie Wang of U-M). In conjunction with the luncheon, a total of 48 members participated in meetings of seven (just like last week!) committees: Endowment Development, Interact, International Outreach, International Projects, Program, Rotaract and RYLA. Earlier in the day, twelve members of the Board of Directors met. Two other reports were also submitted; Endowment

Investment on January 31 (five members) and Endowment Trustees on February 11 (13 members).

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: February 24 – Bob Dascola; February 25 – Steve Dobson; February 27 – Art Williams; March 1 – Mary Steffek Blaske and Cynthia Wilbanks.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Al Burdi (Ann Arbor North on February 21); Steve Oldstrom (Greenville Pleasantburg on February 21) and Mark Ouimet (Dexter on February 14). Here's another report from Steve Oldstrom: The Pleasantburg club has what they call "Happy Bucks." Members can rise and tell whatever they wish for one dollar or more. One member, 90-years old, arose to tell us that exactly 60 years ago he opened his hardware store and he hasn't had one moment of peace since that time! Folks who are planning to go into business for themselves might keep that cautionary thought in mind.

Community Services Grant Application now Available: Our Community Allocations Committee has completed its application format for the 2008 grant process. The package is on-line from the home page of the Club website at <http://www.annarborrotary.org/> or directly at <http://annarborrotary.org/GrantApplicationPackage2008.pdf>. The theme is "Helping Kids Succeed." Completed applications are due on March 28. Last year, a total of \$50,460 was awarded to 19 local agencies. There were 50 applicants altogether.



February Board Meeting Report [as summarized by Secretary Downs]: At the meeting of the Board of Directors on February 20 it was reported that Club membership at the end of January was 308. Bob Hatcher and Marlys Schutjter were granted medical leaves of absence. Letters of resignation were accepted from Jud Hoffman (out-of-town employment), Lou Young (travel in retirement), Chuck Allmand (health) and Douglas Paterson (business pressures). Requests for reinstatement to membership were granted to Pam Horiszny and Loren Rullman. The Operating Fund cash on hand totaled \$53,143. The Endowment market value at the end of January was down to \$1,328,557 reflecting the recent market turbulence. It was reported that the Endowment Fund's performance compared favorably with industry benchmarks. Upon recommendation of the Membership Development Committee, a total of 16 candidates for membership were approved and will be invited to the March 12 orientation and induction meeting. A major portion of the meeting was devoted to a review and discussion of the Club's Mission and Vision statements as listed in the last Strategic Plan. All agreed that the Mission statement was still applicable but several vision areas were identified as needing updating for the new (2008-2013) Strategic Plan now being prepared.



Strategic Planning Committee Update: Headed by President-elect Jim Cook, this committee is taking some big strides toward the update of this plan which will carry us for the next five years. On March 4 and 5, the committee will be conducting a series of focus groups with past presidents, former members, newest members and youngest members to help the club understand how it can better serve its members, itself, our community and all of Rotary. Key inputs are being sought from participants on the impact that Rotary has had on them personally, the current structure of meetings and committees, how Rotary has benefited our community and the international community and future areas on which we should focus. Invitations have been emailed out to candidate participants. If you feel you qualify in one or more of the categories and have not yet received the email, please check your spam folder or contact John White. Also, note that the club's usual annual club-wide, on-line survey will be postponed this year in favor of its use for gathering and processing inputs to the strategic plan.

Rotary Bowling News [from Kegling Korrespondent Paul Glendon]: The hard-tryin' Hawaiians (so known because of their flowered shirts) of Rotary Gold tried even harder last Thursday and won all three games and 34 of 40 points. Captain Bob "Snipper" Dascola took the night off to attend a function for Detroit Thanksgiving Parade



volunteers. Bill "The Astronomer" Stegath filled that spot in the lineup, joined by the other four usual suspects: Dan "Scrapiron" Romanchik, "Sweet Lou" Callaway, Paul "The Hammer" Glendon, and Chuck "The Professor" Olson. Everybody exceeded their average for the evening and Scrapiron, Hammer and The Professor all had 200+ games. Their night's work moved our Rotarians up to 4th place in the 14-team league at the mid-point of the second half of the '07-08

season. Their Rotarian brothers in Blue, under the leadership of Captain Dick Elwell, have not fared as well, but their spirit is strong and they're expected to make their own move up in the standings during the remaining weeks of the season. Fan support, alas, continues to be meager. The last non-bowling Rotarian to put in an appearance at Colonial Lanes on Thursday evening was Past-Prez Ingrid during her '06-07 term of office. By the way, contrary to Karen K's dismissive remark during the Rotary Minute last Wednesday, this is not a men-only activity . . . but efforts to recruit a distaff Rotarian kegger so far have not been productive. Perhaps next season?

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.

Lost and Found: We still have a gold earring, black "Greek fisherman's" cap and two travel coffee mugs. Owners can stop by the Rotary Shares table to pick them up.

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, the RI Annual Convention and the upcoming International Peace Forum in Windsor (on-line at <http://www.rotarypeacesummit.org/>).

- **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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