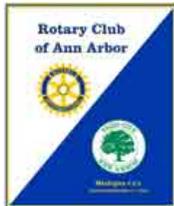


Harpoon for the Meeting of April 9, 2008

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April is "Magazine Month" on the Rotary calendar.

The Program for Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Speaker: Kevin Borseth, Basketball Coach

Topic: Building a New Tradition for U-M Women's Hoops

Get to know one of Ann Arbor's most prominent "turnaround artists." Coach Borseth will share his 366th day as U-M Women's Basketball Coach with us and describe what it's been like to bring the passion and enthusiasm from his remarkably successful twenty-one-year head coaching career (eleven at Michigan Tech, nine at U-W Green Bay) to a program that struggled badly for several years before his appointment.

Host/introducer: Dan Romanchik

Song Leader: Dave Keosaian

Accompanist: Maurita Holland

Note: This week will be your last chance to sign up for the U-M Senior Showcase on April 27. The Social Committee must turn in their unused tickets on Friday. Details are in the "Looking Ahead" section below. See Susan Smith Gray at the meeting or contact her by phone or email to make your reservations. Sponsors of new members are encouraged to invite them and, of course, spouses and other guests are welcome.

Looking Ahead

April 12 (Saturday) – District 6380 Assembly at Walsh College in Troy. This event is required for club presidents and presidents-elects and is open to other club officers and interested Rotarians. Details and registration information are on the district website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>. President Al has talked about car pooling so please contact him if you are planning to attend.

April 16 (Wednesday at noon) – The Group Study Exchange Team from Turkey will be here.

April 18 (Friday evening) - Rotaract Senior Dinner. Come support the Rotaractors and celebrate their graduating seniors at Melange at 7:00 p.m. Make your reservations at:

<http://uofmrotaract.wordpress.com/2008/03/26/rotaract-spring-banquet-senior-send-off-dinner/>.

April 23 (Wednesday at noon) – Marvin Pettway of U-M will present, “Tree Campus within a Tree City.”

April 25-27 (Friday through Sunday) – Rotary World Peace Summit in Windsor, Ontario. For details and registration information, go to <http://www.rotarypeacesummit.org/>.

April 26 (Saturday morning) – Tree planting. Southeast Area Park (NW corner of Platt and Ellsworth). Arrive at 8:30 with gloves and a shovel. Sign up at a luncheon meeting or contact Terry Linden at rtryterry@empireofideas.us or 662-7559. Spouses and guests are welcome to join us for digging, drinks and donuts.

April 27 (Sunday at 4:00) – U-M Senior Student Showcase at Mendelssohn Theater. The Social Committee has reserved space for club members and their guests. Tickets are \$17 each. Susan Smith Gray will be hosting light refreshments afterwards. Contact Shelley MacMillan at shelleymacmillan@mac.com to make your reservations.

April 30 (Wednesday at noon) – President-elect Jim Cook will lead us in a discussion of our Strategic Plan

Program details for the April luncheon meetings are on-line at: <http://annarborrotary.org/april.shtml>.

News from the Meeting of April 2, 2008

The club needs about 90 people to sign up for the next tree planting on Sunday, April 26, 8:30 a.m., at Southeast Area Park.

Our club was prominently featured in the most recent District newsletter. Check it out and learn more about ourselves.

Joanne Pierson announced the Rotaract Senior dinner would be April 18th at Melange. Dinner tickets are \$25.

Susan Gray, sporting appropriate headgear, said she had 50 club tickets to sell to a Tigers game on Sept. 28. (Hint: That’s nearly World Series time!)

Notes from the Meeting of April 2, 2008

We heard from Ambassadorial Scholars Enrico Bertocchi from Italy and Jun Usaka from Japan. Introduced by Marsha Chamberlin, Enrico is a graduate student in mechanical engineering. As such, it appears that career-wise,



Enrico
Bertocchi



Jun Usaka



he won’t be going into his father’s cheese export business. Enrico gave us an interesting capsule history of Italy, along with a primer on Italian politics. And no, he doesn’t want to be president of Italy. Introduced by Jim Reece, Jun Osaka said his impressions of Ann Arbor and the United States were that we

were “kind, outgoing people.” Jun, who wants to be a Rotarian and start his own business, helped to plant trees with Rotarians at Olson Park while he was at the Ross School of Business at the U-M. He reflected on the different views of company between the U.S. and Japan.

President Al’s Thought for the Day comes from philosopher Lin Yutang: “The world is a book...and those who do not travel read only one page!”

The News and Notes were compiled and reported by Don Faber, Harpoon editor. Fred Beutler provided the photographs.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 144 members. We had two visiting Rotarians (John Hammond of Lakeshore St. Joseph and Neil Loney of Ypsilanti) and three guests. A total of 16 members attended two committee meetings (Golf and International Humanitarian Projects) just before lunch.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: Brenda Herman owns the distinction of being the only member with a birthday this week!



Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians: Neil Bidwell (Key West Sunrise on March 28); Tom Conlin (San Miguel de Allende – Midday, Mexico); Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore St. Joseph on March 27) and Mark Ouimet (Dexter on March 27).



Get Ready to Rotate (your food, that is) [from Chris McMullen]: The 2008 Rotate Your Food Summer Canned Food Drive is scheduled for June 2 – 14. The food drive committee is hard at work recruiting businesses and organizations to participate in this year's drive. If your business/organization is interested in placing a bin in your establishment to collect non-perishable food for Food Gatherers—our county's food bank/food rescue program--please e-mail committee member Greg Stejskal at stejskalmi@sbcglobal.net. We are hoping to exceed last year's collection of 4,361 pounds of food (enough for 2,908 meals). The need for food assistance in our community is urgent with some of Food Gatherers' partner agencies reporting as much as a 50% increase over 2007 in the number of people seeking food. If you would like to help out with this project and join the food drive committee, contact Committee Chair Steve Kesler at skesler@umich.edu.

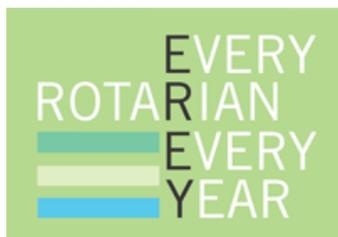
April "Rotarian" Magazine features the \$100 Million Challenge: In this issue, Robert Scott, chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees and the International PolioPlus Committee, outlines Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge in response to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant. Also in the magazine are articles related to Rotary and technology. Since April is Magazine Month on the Rotary calendar, there is also a summary of the worldwide range of Rotary periodicals. The Rotary World Magazine Press consists of 32 magazines from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia and Europe. A total of 23 languages are used.



World Peace Summit Coming Up [a reminder from Spaulding Clark]: On April 25-27, 2008 the Rotary World Peace Summit will be held in Windsor, Ontario. This is an opportunity to learn, share, celebrate and create world peace initiatives. If interested in attending this nearby event, more information and registration details can be found on the internet at <http://www.rotarypeacesummit.org/>.



Our On-line Directory Needs Color Portraits: Mentioned last week was that the on-line directory is essentially up to date. While that may be true for the contact information and professional affiliations, there are still a number of photos that are in black-and-white. We are trying to break into the 21st century by replacing those with color shots. If you have a recent head-and-shoulders portrait you would like to have appear in the directory, please send it to John White or bring it to a meeting. In the near future, we will be announcing the opportunity to have a new photo taken at an upcoming luncheon meeting.



Paul Harris Fellows to be Recognized: As a part of our luncheon meeting on May 7, we will honor over two dozen members who have earned Paul Harris Fellowships during the 2007-2008 year. Half of the awardees will receive the award for the first time. Although the big push on the "Every Rotarian – Every Year" campaign is in November, donations are accepted throughout the year. Thus, there is still time to qualify. If you are interested, please contact John White for details on how you can earn a fellowship for yourself (or give one to someone else as Dick Elwell did recently for his wife, Lynn).

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 53 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://uofmrotaract.wordpress.com/>
- **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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