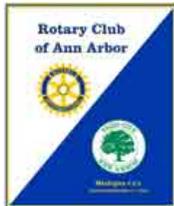


Harpoon for the Meeting of June 4, 2008

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**June is "Rotary Fellowship Month" on the Rotary Calendar. Promote fellowships with other members.**

## The Program for Wednesday, June 4, 2008

**Speaker:** Walton Hancock, U-M Emeritus Professor of Engineering

**Topic:** Hospital Cost & Quality Improvements Using Contemporary Systems

There are 6747 hospitals in the U.S. with an average per diem rate of \$1,756. They have systems to admit patients, schedule operating rooms, assign nursing staff, perform ancillary tests and schedule outpatients. If they would use contemporary methods, they could reduce their budgets by over 30% and improve quality! Brother Rotarian Walt Hancock will present specifics of these methods and how they can - and need to be - applied to bring about significant improvements in American health care.

**Host/introducer:** Brooks Sitterley    **Song Leader:** Ingrid Sheldon    **Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

## Looking Ahead



**June 2 - June 14** - "Rotate Your Food" campaign. Drop-off points at various local businesses and organizations. The locations are on a list available from the home page of the Club website. The direct link is: <http://annarborrotary.org/RotateYourFoodFlyer2008.pdf>. Please bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting on June 4. Thanks to those of you who got us off to a good start with your donation last week.

**June 11** (Wednesday at noon) - Carla Milarch, Executive Director, Performance Network will speak to us on the topic, "Be Inspired - the 2008-09 Season at Performance Network Theater"

**June 18** (Wednesday at noon) – Rich Rodriguez, University of Michigan Head Football Coach will present, "A New Season and a New Era for Wolverine Football." We will be in the ballroom for this event with our usual menu and prices. Guests are welcome. Note: The presentation by fellow Rotarian Jesse Bernstein originally scheduled for this day will be rescheduled.

**June 25** (Wednesday at noon) - Al Burdi, Jim Cook . . . and others(?) will help us celebrate Presidents' Day at the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

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

## News from the Meeting of May 28, 2008

With Russ Collins at the musical controls, we sang a trio of popular Michigan songs, to the great satisfaction of the membership.



Counselor Daphne Slater, center, is surrounded by our eight Strive Scholars.

We thanked the Union luncheon staff for all their fine work in our behalf, and called forward two of their members for recognition.

We welcomed Bob Ause, Flip Connell and Bob Green into the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor Sustainers' Society of individuals giving a total of \$1,000 or more to the Permanent Fund of the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment.

Carolyn Shear and Ann Schriber gave a brief history of the STRIVE program and introduced Daphne Slater, Stone School Counselor and eight STRIVE scholars. They are Valerie Pafford, Nicole French, Halima Abdullah Al Basir, Michelle Ford, Sarah Demeter, Shayna Chauncey, John Lymon III and Tierra Tafoya. Congratulations to these young achievers!

## Notes from the Meeting of May 28, 2008



Justice Maura Corrigan

Carolyn Shear introduced Maura Corrigan, Michigan Supreme Court Justice, on the topic of "Challenges facing Michigan children in care." She said the vast majority of children in the state's child protection system are tracked to low income jobs. "The great events of the world," she said, "are not battles or earthquakes but babies." Maura said child welfare today is a "cultural catastrophe" with so many broken homes due to divorce, child abuse and other issues. We need to break the cycle of poverty, disadvantage and crime. What can we do? We can steer parents to non-adversarial proceedings, get at the underlying issues of jail and crime and establish "baby courts" aimed at stopping abuse and neglect of babies. "We need to collaborate across inter-departmental lines in Michigan," Maura said, "and we need a cultural change that comes from society" if we're seriously going to address Michigan children at risk.

President Al's Closing Thought for the Day comes from former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop: "Life affords no greater responsibility – no greater privilege – than the raising of the next generation!"

The News and Notes were compiled and reported by Don Faber. Fred Beutler provided the photos from the meeting.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 137 members. We had one visiting Rotarian (John Hammond of Lakeshore St. Joseph) and 19 guests, including our Strive students and their counselor. Seven members attended the meeting of the Rotate Your Food Committee.

## Other Notes of Interest

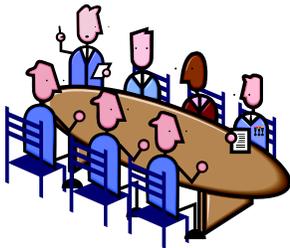
**Birthdays:** June 1 – Phil Alexander and Ashish Sarkar; **June 4 – Peter Allen and Ingrid Deininger** and June 5 – Shelley Macmillan and Jim Reece.

**Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians:** Brad Bowersox (Ann Arbor North on May 7 and May 21 and Saline on May 14).

**Monthly Report to the District:** During the month of May, our club did not lose or gain any members. Average attendance for the month was 50%.

**Rotarian Magazine for June:** The current issue should be in your mailbox by now. This edition is the third annual “Rotary in Pictures.” It contains photographs from all other the world showing Rotary at work. Also contained in this issue is summary of membership statistics. As of December 31, 2007, Rotary had 1,216,964 members in 32,814 clubs. As of February 29, Rotaractors numbered 163,415 over 7,105 clubs and there were 258,865 Interactors in 11,255 clubs.

**May Board Meeting and 08/09 Planning Retreat Report** [from Secretary Downs Herold]: The May 20th meeting of the Board of Directors was the first part of the agenda for the Board’s Annual Retreat. It was reported that Club membership at the end of April was 319. This is an increase of seven over the 312 active members on record in April of 2007. Leaves of Absence were approved for Mel Drumm and Shelley MacMillan (business pressures). The Operating Fund cash on hand totaled \$41,692. The Endowment market value at the end of April was \$1,353,429 reflecting the recent market upturn. Charlie Crone, Dave Gunderson, and Bob Swistock were reappointed to two-year terms as members of the Endowment Board of Trustees. The Endowment Trustees’ recommendation to distribute \$53,250 in accordance with the club’s distribution policy, from the Endowment earnings in 2008-2009 was approved.



The Board also approved the recommended list of 19 project grants selected by the Community Allocations Committee from the 42 proposals received from area non-profits. The total allocation for the approved projects was \$51,480. President Al encouraged steps to be taken to appropriately publicize in the media our club’s numerous 07/08 success stories, including but not limited to those dealing with honors and scholarships awarded to youth in our community.

Turning to matters of the 08/09 Planning Retreat, the remainder of the evening was spent reviewing and discussing proposed budgets for the Club’s Operating and Community Service Accounts. President-elect Cook presented a list of potential club priorities for 2008/09 that will be reviewed with Directors and Committee chairs prior to the June Board meeting. Account budgets and priorities for 2008-2009 will be presented for approval at the June meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Don Riddell to Visit our Club on June 4:** Don Riddell was named recipient of the First Annual Brymer Williams Award at our recent District Conference in Chatham, Ontario, for Don’s work promoting and sponsoring Ambassadorial Scholars. Don feels this is one of the many great Rotary International Foundation programs, and is looking forward to sharing his award with the members of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club. Don will be joined by our Governor, Audrey Chevalier.

Don Riddell initially joined Rotary in Yuma, Arizona in 1982, later became a Grosse Pointe Rotarian in 1987, serving as President 1993-94, joining Troy Rotary in 1999, and serving as President 2001-02. Don is currently assisting PDG Gerry Jackson on the District Membership Committee. Don has spent his career in the Road Construction business, and enjoys meeting Rotarians wherever he goes. Don looks forward to meeting Ann Arbor Rotarians and guests on June 4th.

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Wrapup** [from Committee Chair Robert Albritton]: “I would like to acknowledge this year’s RYLA committee members. They are Amy Goodman, Todd Roberts, Omari Rush and Dave Keren. I also would like to thank Wayne Colquitt for his ongoing guidance. We sponsored 15 students from

Ann Arbor, 8 from Pioneer and 7 from Huron. They attended the 23rd Annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference (RYLA) at the University of Guelph, Ridgetown, Ontario, May 9,10,& 11, 2008. In addition to our 15 students, we also provided transportation for 5 students from Dexter, 3 students from Saline, 3 students from Ypsilanti and 1 student from the Chelsea Rotary Club. The RYLA program is a mix of feature speakers, group discussions, and leadership skill-building activities. The students were very appreciative of this leadership training opportunity provided by the various Rotary Clubs.”

**Photos from Peter Wright:** Here are a couple shots from our roving director:



On May 30, Interactors from Huron and Pioneer High Schools joined with Rotarians at Gallup Park to celebrate the year.



On May 29, the two Rotary Bowling Teams held a “committee meeting” at the Zukey Lake Tavern to cap off the season.

**Lost and Found News:** Here’s what we have right now: Men's black nylon jacket, 'Dickies' large. Women's long black indoor jacket, 'Tamotsu' size 12. We also have a member who reported that he went home with the wrong jacket. He will be bringing it back this week. Let John White know if you are missing your jacket so he can get it back to you.

**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 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,

Golf Outing brochure, 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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