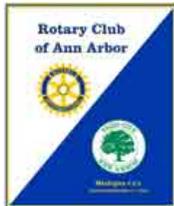


Harpoon for the Meeting of June 18, 2008

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**June is "Rotary Fellowship Month" on the Rotary Calendar. See some related articles later in this newsletter.**

## The Program for Wednesday, June 18, 2008

*We will be in the ballroom for this event with our usual menu and prices. Guests are welcome (our Rotaractors may be especially interested). President Al suggests a "maize-out" to show your support.*

**Speaker:** Rich Rodriguez, University of Michigan Head Football Coach

**Topic:** A New Season and a New Era for Wolverine Football

Questions abound when it comes to U-M Football, as a new season approaches with a new coaching staff, a work-in-progress stadium renovation and lots of new players at key positions. This is the day when you can hear in-person answers to the questions most on their minds, as new Head Coach Rich Rodriguez makes his debut appearance before our club. Don your maize and blue and put on your game faces, Rotarians, and come prepared to "listen up" and get the message.

**Host/introducer:** Bob Kerry (birthday boy)    **Song Leader:** Russ Collins    **Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

## Looking Ahead

**June 24** (Tuesday at 7:30am) – Since President-elect Jim Cook will be in Los Angeles for the RI convention on the normal date of the monthly board meeting, this is the rescheduled date. It will be held as usual at the Washtenaw United Way building on Platt Road. One key topic for this meeting will be the confirmation of the new strategic plan so please take a look at the final draft that was sent to members by email on June 13.

**June 25** (Wednesday at noon) - Al Burdi, Jim Cook . . . and others(?) will help us celebrate Presidents' Day at the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor. You will be treated to the passing of the gavel and probably the traditional hand-me-down shirt.

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

## News from the Meeting of June 11, 2008

Health issues: Member Art Holst is recuperating at home after surgery, and John Chevalier, husband of District Governor Audrey, is battling some heart problems. Keep them in your thoughts. Laura Lonergan, speaking for this year's Golf Outing Sept. 8 at Travis Pointe, said there was a need for gift basket ideas for the silent auction.

We met five more honored high school scholarship winners, as introduced by Milo White. Alex Pierson from Pioneer High will be attending Albion College in the fall; Gary Witherspoon from Community High is bound for the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. LisAurel Winfree, Greenhills High School, will be at Mt. Holyoke in the fall; Eleora Skinner, from Huron High, will be starting at Washtenaw Community College and then likely transferring to the U-M; and Laura Leach of Community High (not pictured) is looking for a career in social work.



This weeks' scholars, Alex Pierson, Eleora Skinner, LisAurel Winfree and Gary Witherspoon Mark Sept. 28 on your calendar as a Rotary Tiger baseball game outing.

Next week's meeting is in the Union ballroom, to accommodate a larger crowd eager to hear what U-M football coach Rich Rodriguez has to say.

## Notes from the Meeting of June 11, 2008



Carla Milarch

Barbara Bach introduced Carla Milarch, executive director of Performance Network, on what makes PerfNet tick and why it's different as a resident professional theater company, hiring professional union actors. "We start from scratch on every new show we produce," said Carla, "from our own Michigan talent pool." Carla walked us through the recent production of "The Baker's Wife," a show that cost \$112,000 to produce and ran for nine weeks. The steps of a production of this magnitude include casting of characters, hiring an artistic team and mapping a design process. "You don't need to live in New York or Los Angeles to be a successful actor," Carla said, citing Jeff Daniels of Chelsea's Purple Rose Theater. Carla took us right up to dress rehearsal ("nerve-wracking, comical to watch") and five preview performances of "The Baker's Wife." On PerfNet's demographics, she said "we market to a college-educated, intelligent theater audience."

President Al left us with this bit of repartee between Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill and the playwright, George Bernard Shaw, no mutual admirers. Shaw once sent Churchill some tickets for the first night of one of his plays. Churchill replied with a telegram, "Cannot come first night. Will come second night if you have one." To which GBS responded: "Here are two tickets for the second night. Bring a friend if you have one."

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 142 members. We had three visiting

Rotarians (Laurie Baumer of Lansing, Byron Hestevold of Marathon FL and Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson) and one Rotaractor (Garrett Chapman of U-M). We also had 22 guests, including our five scholarship winners and a few parents. Just before lunch, 23 members attended meetings of the Social, Golf and International Humanitarian Projects Committees.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** June 15 – Al Storey; June 16 – Dallas Dort, Betsy Hammond and Dave Keosaian; **June 18 – Bob Kerry and Sandy Rupp;** June 19 – Todd Roberts.

**Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians:** Jim Martin (Milford on May 29) and Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on June 10).

**2008-2013 Draft Strategic Plan now out for Final Review:** Last week, the final draft of our club's strategic plan document was emailed to members. The plan will be presented for approval at the board meeting on June 24 so anyone with any comments, updates or corrections should get them to Jim Cook as soon as possible. Thanks to all who participated in any step of the process.

**Justice Maura Corrigan's Presentation Now Available:** Many attendees at the meeting of May 28 were taken by her presentation, "Living Large – Challenges Facing Michigan Children in Care." Thanks to Scott Westerman, we have a number of paper copies available. You can pick up one at the "Rotary Shares" table this week.

**RI Board adopts Future Vision Plan** [from an article by Janis Young in the Rotary International News of June 11]: At its June meeting, the RI Board adopted the Future Vision Plan for The Rotary Foundation, a far-reaching effort to simplify access to the Foundation, direct more resources to projects with high-impact and sustainable outcomes, and gain greater public recognition for the Foundation's work. The Board agreed to initiate the three-year pilot in July 2010 to focus resources and attention on Rotary's number one priority, polio eradication, and Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge. The Foundation will be sharing more information about the plan and its implementation throughout 2008-09 and will incorporate training for pilot districts into Rotary's standard training cycle.

Note: the entire article, complete with lots of related hyperlinks, is on-line at:

[http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/080611\\_news\\_boardadoptsfvp.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/080611_news_boardadoptsfvp.aspx)



**Fellowship project hits all the right notes** [excerpted from an RI news article by Maureen Vaught dated June 4]: Music is an integral part of Grenada's culture, and children in Grenada start learning to play instruments at a young age. But when back-to-back hurricanes hit the Caribbean island nation in 2004 and 2005, an unfamiliar silence fell over devastated schools.

The International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians is bringing the music back. In its debut humanitarian project, it donated \$2,500 to help rebuild the music program at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic School in Grenville. The school, which serves 500 students ages 5-15, lost all its musical instruments and books in the storms.

The International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians was founded in 1972. Its 400 members organize musical performances at Rotary functions, including RI conventions. As part of its mission to promote musical literacy, the group has started funding other school and community projects similar to the one in Grenada.

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**Join a Rotary Fellowship** [from the same article as above]: The International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians isn't the only show in town. There are more than 80 Rotary Fellowships. From sports and hobbies to professional interests, these groups draw members from around the world. They're just one more way Rotarians are promoting international fellowship, friendship, and service. Here is a quick look at four Rotary Fellowships. To see a complete list, go to Global Networking Groups database (go on-line to the article above and scroll down to these links).

### **International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers**

Even if you're not a scuba diver, check out this group's Web site for some amazing underwater photos. Members travel the world exploring the wonders under the sea. At each location, they work with local Rotarians to organize a

community service project.

### **International Home Exchange Fellowship of Rotarians**

As a member of this group, you'll have the opportunity to swap homes with other Rotarians and experience life as a native in a faraway city or country. Best of all, you'll make new, lifelong friends.

### **International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio**

Tune into one of the fellowship's 20 "nets" and find out what's happening around the world. As a member, you can take part in these on-air roundtable discussions found on frequencies emanating from Australia, Europe, India, South Africa, and the United States.

### **International Fellowship of Rotarian Physicians**

Use your skills to promote global health with other health care professionals. The group works with several partner organizations to provide medical assistance in underserved areas of the world.

**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/>

**“Rotary Shares”**