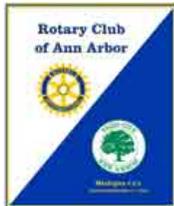


Harpoon for the Meeting of July 2, 2008

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**Happy New (Rotary) Year!**

## The Program for Wednesday, July 2, 2008

**Speakers:** Terry Allen & Barney Whittier, Lakeshore Rotary Club

**Topic:** Rotarians Bringing Safe Water to Latin America



For much of the world, clean, safe drinking like we have in Michigan is a distant dream. Southwest Michigan Rotarians are part of an effort to make that dream come true for children in the Dominican Republic. Using the simple, robust technology of bio-sand filtration, they have helped improve the lives of thousands of Dominican children. Our speakers, past presidents of the Lakeshore Club, will share the challenges and satisfactions of this remarkable Rotary outreach project.

**Host/introducer:** Elaine Alexander

**Song Leader:** Ingrid Sheldon

**Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer



Note: You are welcome to bring your checkbooks to this meeting as it will be your first chance to pay your dues for the 2008-2009 Rotary year. That payment is due by the end of July. With your dues bill, you will receive a statement that documents your cumulative giving to The Rotary Foundation through the "Every Rotarian – Every Year" Program. The new campaign kicks off in November but donations are welcome at any time. This year's invoice will also include a section that will serve as a reminder for your Community Service Assessment. This tax-deductible payment is due by the end of December. Finally, new for this year will be a section that invites you to make an additional donation to PolioPlus. See an article from the RI Convention at the end of this newsletter.

## Looking Ahead

**July 9** (Wednesday at noon) – Fellow Rotarian Jesse Bernstein, President/CEO, Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce will speak on, "Ann Arbor's Economy – Past & Present Realities, Future Hopes"

**July 16** (Wednesday) – no meeting this week. Enjoy the Art Fairs

**July 23** (Wednesday at noon) – Fellow Rotarian David Keren – Pathologist, Rotarian & Steep Terrain Trekker will recount the lessons he learned from ascending Mount Kilimanjaro

**July 30** (Wednesday at noon) - Oran Hesterman, President/CEO, Fair Food Foundation will present, “The Local Food Movement in Distressed Urban Communities”

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

Looking way ahead, your Social Committee has foreseen the current red-hot streak of the Detroit Tigers and has obtained tickets and a bus for Rotarians and their guests to attend the game against Tampa Bay in the afternoon of Sunday, September 28. The package price is \$35 per person. See Walt Hancock to make your reservation.

## News from the Meeting of June 25, 2008

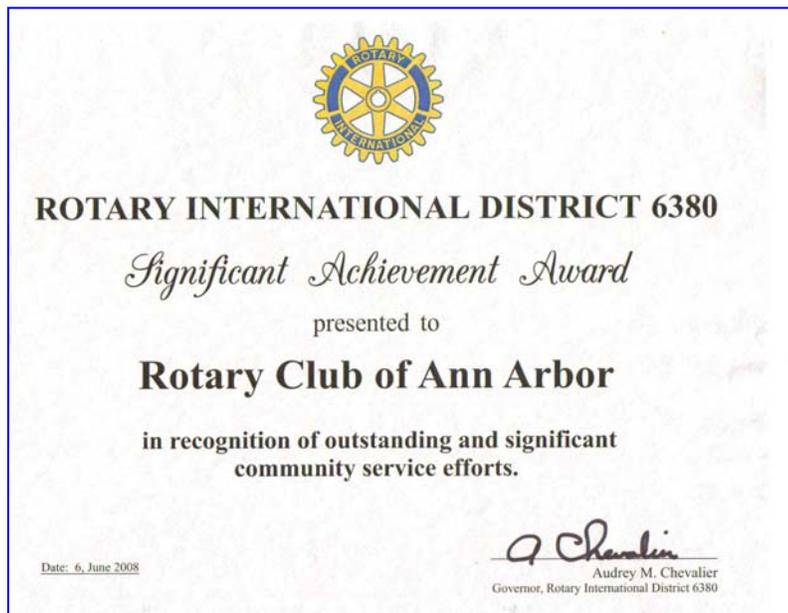
President Al read a letter from a teacher and held up a bundle of letters from Burns Park students thanking their

Rotary readers and the Rotary gift book we gave each student, M is for Mitten.

Past-President Ingrid Sheldon reported that our Club has received the District Significant Achievement Award from the District Governor for our community service efforts.

On his last day of presiding, President Al reported that the handle on his President's bag broke!

Karen Kerry's Moment for Rotary – “Make Dreams Real” is the Rotary theme for D. K. Lee, our incoming Rotary International president. D. K. is the first Korean Rotary president, a Korean industrialist who has been a major Rotary International donor. His advice to incoming President Jim is “Starting is half the task.”



Our District Significant Achievement Award

## Notes from the Meeting of June 25, 2008

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you for;  
Your gentle smile.  
Bringing sparkle to our meetings.  
Making Rotary one of life's adventures.  
You have been the complete president.

President Al reflected on the past year, a good year. His leadership blueprint seemed overly ambitious to some members at the start of the year. But look what happened:

- Membership is now 320
- The new strategic plan has been completed
- Leadership roles have been expanded
- Youth programming increased
- International outreach projects have increased
- Club venue now includes the Rotary Minute and Rotarians in the News
- The Presidential Citation Award was received in May, 2008

President Al stated that by working together, we can go wherever our dreams and visions take us. Presiding has been an honor and privilege. The strength of our Club lies in the committees and the Board. President Al thanked his wife and family for their constant support. Other comments:

- President Al will mail a map of how to reach the Union to the 30 members with low attendance.
- Mike Marich received a plaque inscribed, “Thou shall not covet the president’s agenda time.”
- Downs Herold received a three volume set of e-mails he sent to President Al over the year.
- John White received a year’s supply of parking passes (he usually receives a parking ticket!) plus a one year supply of advance Harpoons in recognition of continually preparing Harpoons of excellence. Were the parking passes real? (Note: they were not)
- Incoming President Jim Cook received the traditional Rotary shirt as the mantle of leadership along with his presidential pin, also a Rotary compass to stay on course.



President Al presents a plaque to Mike Marich



President Al gives Downs Herold the bundle of email messages



Incoming President Jim receives best wishes from President Al

President Jim then awarded Al his Past President’s pin and a plaque with a gavel.

President Jim next had several comments. 33,000 new presidents are inducted all over the world as a seamless transition this week or next week. Past presidents become “super Rotarians” who quietly continue their Rotary work. Past-president Al has been a superb steward of our Club. Attending a Rotary International convention is a heart-warming experience. PolioPlus remains the single major Rotary International priority. 350,000 cases per year are now down to 1,330 per year so polio elimination can be done.

Looking ahead, our strategic plan has been approved. No increase in dues will be necessary, thanks to performance of the endowment fund and the golf outing.

The News and Notes were compiled and reported by Bob Buchanan. Fred Beutler provided the photos.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today’s luncheon meeting was 123 members. We had one visiting Rotarians (Byron Hestevold of Marathon FL) and two guests. In conjunction with the luncheon, 23 members attended meetings of the Interact, Program and Rotate Your Food Committees. Twelve members of the Board of Directors attended their meeting on June 24.

Note: a review of the attendance statistics from the meeting of June 18 indicates we may have undercounted our guests. To ensure we have accurate counts for future plans regarding room selection, seating capacity and food service, please sign in your guests. The yellow sign-in cards and sticky name tags are at the check-in desk near the greeters each week. Thanks.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** July 2 – Budge Gere; July 3 – Bob Bachteal and July 5 – John Holland.

**Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians:** Neil Bidwell (Petoskey on June 4 and June 11); Phil Klintworth (Eunice NM on June 18); Bill Stegath (Escanaba on June 10) and Jack Walker (Damarsicotta-

Newcastle ME on June 3, June 10 and June 17).

**Thank-you notes from Community Service Awardees:** We received notes of appreciation from several organizations; Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, Ann Arbor YMCA and Summer Camp Scholarships.



**Report from the Board Meeting** [by Secretary Downs]: At the action-packed meeting of the Board of Directors on June 24 it was reported that Club membership at the end of May was 319. This is a total of eight more active members on record than in May of 2007. Letters of resignation were accepted from Judy McGovern and Mary Jo Callan (both citing business pressures). The Operating Fund cash on hand totaled \$36,215. The Endowment market value at the end of May was \$1,338,375. John White's '08-'09 contract was approved as were budgets for the Operating Fund and Community Service Fund for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Both budgets were built on the assumption that member dues and

community service assessments would not be increased from '07-'08 levels. The Club's third Strategic Plan was approved and will serve as the roadmap for the Club's programs and activities for the next five years. It was also approved that the Club would again offer a one for two match for members contributing to the Rotary International foundation as an incentive to obtain the Paul Harris Fellow designation. The Board also thanked David Williams for a job well done by appointing him to again serve as Sergeant at Arms for 2008-2009. The meeting closed with President Al Burdi thanking the Board and Members for the opportunity he had to serve this past year.



**2008-2009 Club Directory is Here:** The current edition lists details on over 32,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide. It is available at each meeting in the briefcase on the "Secretary's windowsill" in the Anderson Room. Downs Herold, Dave Williams or John White can help you find a club if you are planning to attend a meeting during a vacation or business trip. They can also give you a flag and pins for your visit. Since this 1 ½ inch thick volume may be somewhat daunting, many members find it just as convenient to look up other clubs on-line using the Rotary Club Locator

at <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/ridefault.aspx>.

**RI Convention Highlight Regarding PolioPlus** [from Merle Loch, Rotary Information Officer for District 6380]: Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

Here you see the most prestigious people in the whole world in our fight against the polio virus ... all gathered on the stage in Los Angeles to assure us all that we WILL fulfill our promise to the children of the world--WE WILL ERADICATE THE POLIO VIRUS !!



From left, Ann Veneman-Director of UNICEF, Dr. Margaret Chan-Director of WHO, Dr. Robert Scott -- Rotary International and Dr. Julie Gerberding -Director of The Center for Disease Control (PHOTO Rotary image by Monika Lee)

Representatives of the four spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative addressed RI Convention attendees and the media on Tuesday.

In introducing Chan, Gerberding, and Veneman, Chairman of PolioPlus, Dr. Robert Scott officially launched Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge, a three-year fundraising effort to match a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Scott emphasized that polio eradication will remain Rotary's top goal until the job is finished. After outlining the dramatic reduction in the number of polio cases and polio-endemic countries since 1988, Scott challenged the assembled Rotarians: "Who says we can't eradicate polio?" In concert with the launch were two tremendous boosts from the World Health Organization and the government of Canada. Dr. Margaret Chan, director-general of the World Health Organization, announced that WHO is making polio eradication the organization's top operational commitment "on a most urgent, if not an emergency, basis." Chan praised Rotary's conviction and big-thinking attitude for the reason

polio eradication is within reach. RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson announced on June 18 that he just received a commitment of \$60 million from the Canadian government toward polio eradication. "If we conquer polio, no goal is beyond our reach, and no disease is beyond our capacity. This is a battle we can't afford to lose."

Note: During the coming year, you can expect to hear more about our club can be a part of this historic effort.

**Piano Players Needed:** Our pool of available accompanists is becoming a little shallow and Larry Henkel of the Music Committee is seeking one or more piano players to add to the rotation. The ability to “sight read” is a plus. Although the adulation of your peers should be sufficient compensation, we can also offer you a reserved seat at a dining table. Contact Larry if you have any questions or would like more information.

**Links of Interest:** Below is a list of links to various websites that will be of interest to Rotarians.



**Make Dreams Real**

- **Rotary International:** <http://rotary.org/>. The RI home page has links to About Rotary, The Rotary Foundation, Club Locator and Member Access.

- **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/>

**“Making Dreams Real”**