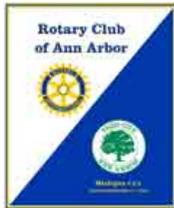


Harpoon for the Meeting of July 9, 2008 (no meeting on July 16 due to the Art Fairs)

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## The Program for Wednesday, July 9, 2008

**Speaker:** Jesse Bernstein, President/CEO, Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce

**Topic:** Ann Arbor's Economy – Past & Present Realities, Future Hopes

Beginning his third year as Chamber President/CEO, club member Jesse Bernstein will discuss Ann Arbor's past economic realities, current challenges (can you spell Pfizer, Rotarians?) and hopeful signs for the future. Jesse's perspective is informed by involvement with 1,400 Chamber members, chairing the Mayor's Downtown Marketing Task Force, and board membership with United Way and the Workforce Development Board. He disclaims special knowledge of Pfizer issues, but will take questions on just about anything else.

**Host/introducer:** Charlie Crone

**Song Leader:** Don Faber

**Accompanist:** Tom Strode

Note: Members attending this meeting will have a second chance to pick up their 1-2-3-4 invoices. Envelopes not picked up in person at this meeting will be mailed out. Your check for dues is expected by the end of July. A big thanks goes out to Joan Knoertzer and Ingrid Sheldon for paying up at the meeting! Received shortly thereafter via U. S. Mail were payments from John Atwater, Fred Beutler, Steve Dobson, Dave Gunderson, Bob Pehlke, Dave Schmidt and Dave Williams. We also received checks from two significant donors to the Golf and Tennis Outing.

## Looking Ahead

**July 16** (Wednesday) – **no meeting this week.** Enjoy the Art Fairs. Note: The Board will meet on July 15.

**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." This meeting is also your last chance to sign up for the trip to the Tiger ball game on Sunday, September 28. Although it seems like we should have plenty of lead time, we need commitments (and \$) early to nail down the tickets and reserve the bus. Spouses, guests, kids and grandkids are welcome.

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

## News from the Meeting of July 2, 2008

Bob Mull gave us a nice Independence Day-oriented invocation, followed by songleader Ingrid Sheldon's aquatic-minded song selections in keeping with our water theme.

Rotarians in the news included John Sepp, Claire Foley, Dave Keren, Mark Ouimet, Todd Roberts, Scott Huckestein, Fran Brennan, Charlie Crone, Cheryl Elliott, Bob Green, Dave McDowell, Bob Guenzel, Sandy Rupp, Jesse Bernstein, Hugh Morgan, David Sarns, Jim Reece and Dale Berry.

We learned of the death of Paul Tull, father of member Jody Tull DeSalis.

Commenting on Rotary International's convention, President Jim said the theme for Rotary this year is "Make Dreams Real." The statistic to keep in mind is 30,000 preventable deaths each day of children under five years of age.

Billing statements were handed out. New this year is a voluntary contribution to Polio Plus. Dues must be paid by the end of July.

If you would like to be a host for inbound Ambassadorial Scholars, see Jim Reece. We need you!

Our committee spotlight fell on Len Stenger, chair of the international humanitarian projects committee, who briefed us on a water project in Obraje, Ecuador, whose water supply is unprotected springs. Along with several partners including the Rotary Club of Quito, Rotarians are constructing two spring captations – a pump house and two small reservoirs.

## Notes from the Meeting of July 2, 2008



Terry Allen

Charles Jespersen

Elaine Alexander introduced Rotarians Terry Allen (Lakeshore) and Charles Jespersen (St. Joseph – Benton Harbor). Each is a past president of his club. Their subject was, "Rotarians Bringing Safe Water to Latin America." Using the simple technology of bio-sand filtration, southwest Michigan Rotarians are helping to bring safe water to a corner of the Dominican Republic. Bio-sand filtration is low cost, low maintenance, easy to make. Our colleagues from across the state have as a goal giving one bio-sand filtration unit per member to the children of the Dominican Republic. Terry Allen said a bio-sand filter produces "92-94 percent clean water; add chlorine and the percentage goes to 98 percent. And the cost of one is only about \$60." The filter produces one liter/minute, often shared by multiple families.

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

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 118 members. We had two visiting Rotarians (our speakers) and one guest. In conjunction with the luncheon, 14 members attended the meeting of the International Humanitarian Projects Committee.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** July 6 – Bob Swistock; July 7 – Brad Bowersox and Jim Martin; July 8 – Tom Sullivan; **July 9 – Jack Henke and Susan Lackey;** July 10 – Scott Westerman; July 11- Terry Foster and July 12 – Bruce Benz.

**Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians:** Brad Bowersox (Ann Arbor North on June 12 and June 16); Nels Olson (Frankfort on July 2) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME on June 24 and July 1).

**Monthly Report to the District:** we started the month of June with 319 members. During the month, we lost two members to resignations (Mary Jo Callan and Judy McGovern). Our reported attendance for the four meetings during the month was 50%.

**2008-2013 Strategic Plan now On-line:** President Jim has put his official stamp on the final version of the new Strategic Plan. The .pdf version (Adobe Acrobat document) is available from a link in the blue box on the home page of our website at <http://www.annarborrotary.org> or directly by going to: <http://annarborrotary.org/RotaryStrategicPlanFinal080702asapproved080624.pdf>. Directors and Committee Chairs should pay close attention to this document, especially the sections relevant to their responsibilities, since the plan will be put into action very soon. Thanks again to the committee who worked hard to assemble the plan and the other members who provided key inputs along the way.



**Volleyball, Anyone?** Karen Kerry is assembling a Rotary team to participate in the Ann Arbor Recreation League this fall. She is planning on the Co-Rec C Division which plays on Monday nights at local middle schools. This level of play is primarily recreational but the matches are officiated so basic volleyball skills are a plus. Contact Karen for details.

**Rotarian Magazine for July:** The latest issue should now be in your hands. The President's message highlights the new theme of "Make Dreams Real" and relates statistics related to preventable deaths. Two major articles describe Rotary in Korea and fighting polio door-to-door in Nigeria. Also announced is the first \$40 million of the Gates Foundation challenge grant has been disbursed to WHO and UNICEF to carry out immunization activities in the four remaining polio-endemic countries – Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan.

**District 6380 Newsletter for June is On-line:** This last newsletter during DG Audrey's term includes several pages of thank-yous. Our club and some of our members are included in her praise. Our club is also mentioned for its work in an article about the Bangalore Van Project and for several awards. Dan Romanchik's experiences as a first-timer at the Rotary International Convention are included, as well. You can read the entire issue via a link on the District website at <http://www.rotary6380.com> or directly through this link: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/NewsBulletin/1933/NEWSLETTERJUNE2008.pdf>



D.K. Lee

**Rotary on YouTube?** The answer is yes! In fact, type "Rotary International" in the search box on <http://www.youtube.com> and you will find over 500 files available for viewing. Even "Biosand filter" brings up two dozen videos. Here are two that may warrant your attention. One is by our new RI president, D. K. Lee, in which he unveils the 2008-09 theme, "Make Dreams Real." D.K.'s speech is from the 2008 International Assembly, which was held in January in San Diego. The International Assembly is an annual training event for incoming RI district governors. Here's the link: <http://www.youtube.com/v/dsJjiThnAHY>. Another video (actually a radio broadcast supplemented by old film) is the address that Paul Harris made to the 1933 RI Convention. His speech was heard around the world and is a must for Rotary history buffs. The link is: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdSjq-cZk6k>. On a related note, the July Rotarian Magazine has an article on YouTube.



**The 2008-2009 RI Theme Brochure:** Following is the message from RI President D.K Lee that is the text from the new brochure:

"A hallmark of Rotary service has always been Rotarians' commitment to doing what needs to be done. Every day, in tens of thousands of communities, we look around us to see how and I where we can best help others.

The help we provide responds to many situations and takes many forms. On a club level, we might take books to a school, help a disabled person with errands, or volunteer in a jobs program. Together with other clubs, we are capable of projects with greater reach. And the participation of our entire network of clubs, along with the support of The Rotary Foundation, has allowed us to commit to our primary and most ambitious goal: the global eradication of polio.

When choosing our service projects, we do our best to work in ways that will have the most positive, and most lasting, impact. But to ensure a better world for many generations, we must begin by taking care of our youngest

generation. This is why, in 2008-09, I will ask Rotarians everywhere to focus on the most precious resource of every community: our children.

Every child deserves the chance at a healthy life. Unfortunately, every day, some 30,000 children under the age of five die from preventable causes. When I first learned this statistic, I thought that surely there had been a mistake, and the number was an error. Unfortunately, it was not. Every day, around the world, children die needlessly of pneumonia, measles, and malaria. Thousands die every day from the lack of a most basic resource: clean water. And many more die from a combination of factors, in which malnutrition and poverty play major roles.

I would like to see reducing the child mortality rate become a key goal of club and district service projects in the year ahead.

This is why the RI theme for 2008-09 is Make Dreams Real. Food and water, health care and schooling, the chance at a long and full life -this is the unrealized dream of too many children. In 2008-09, I ask you to Make Dreams Real for these children and their families, and to work with me toward the Rotary dream of a happier, healthier, and more peaceful world.

The great majority of childhood deaths occur in the developing world, and that is where the most work must be done. But every single Rotary club can also do its part to help keep the children in its own community safe and well. Even in the wealthiest countries, there are children without access to medical care. Every day, children die for want of simple technology such as smoke detectors, bicycle helmets, and car safety seats. And in every part of the world, children still face the threat of polio and remain at risk until we keep our promise of making the world polio-free.

As a parent, I know how precious our children and grandchildren are to us. We love them, care for them, and protect them as well as we are able. As a Rotarian, I believe that we also have a responsibility to love, care for, and protect the children in our communities -and everywhere in the world.

For the last few years, RI's presidents have chosen to continue a consistent set of service emphases, focusing every year on projects in health and hunger, water, and literacy. There has been a good reason for this decision.

These are areas where true progress can be made with the wise use of Rotary resources. These are also areas where the need is tremendous, and the ability of Rotarians to help is great.

I plan to keep these three emphases but to ask the entire family of Rotary to make a special effort, in this Rotary year, to focus on projects that will make a difference in the lives of children. To this end, each one of these three emphases is inextricably linked with the others. Safe and available water immediately and drastically reduces a child's risk of death from waterborne illness - the cause of 6,000 deaths daily. Good nutrition is necessary for healthy growth and improves a child's resistance to disease. And the ability to read and write gives a child a better chance at raising the next generation in prosperity and health.

Rotary is a truly global network of volunteers. Our structure allows us to partner with clubs around the world, combining the skills and resources necessary to supply the right help in the right place at the right time. Our organization is uniquely able to tackle a goal as ambitious as a reduction in the child mortality rate - but only if we work together. If we take full advantage of our own resources, and those available to us through other clubs and our Rotary Foundation, then we will have the potential to make a real difference - and to Make Dreams Real for the world's children."

**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 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, Strategic Plan, 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/>

**“Make Dreams Real”**