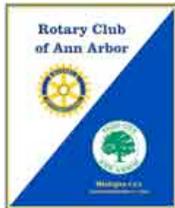


Harpoon for the Meeting of August 20, 2008

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## August is "Membership and Extension Month" on the Rotary Calendar

### The Program for Wednesday, August 20, 2008 (Back at the Michigan Union)

**Speaker: Dan Romanchik, KB6NU**

**Topic: It's Not Your Grandfather's Ham Radio Any More**

You may think of amateur (ham) radio as something your grandpa did sitting in front of racks of vacuum-tube radio equipment. But Rotarian Dan Romanchik, known in amateur radio circles by his KB6NU call-sign (and as "Scrapiron" to his Rotary Gold bowling teammates), will show us how amateur radio is thriving in the age of Internet despite this stereotype. A past president and current board member of ARROW, the local amateur radio club, Dan also will discuss some exciting ham radio happenings in the Ann Arbor area.

**Song Leader:** Russ Colliins

**Accompanist:** Tom Strode

### Looking Ahead

**August 27** (Wednesday at noon) – Our speaker will be Ed Steinman, Environmental Activist/Volunteer. His topic will be, "Demonstrating & Documenting Environmental Issues in Flight." **Note:** This day is also one of the "move-in" days for West Quad so expect extreme congestion around the Union. Consider walking, public transportation, carpooling and drop-off/pickup as suggested alternatives.

Complete descriptions for the meeting above are on the Club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/august.shtml>.

### News from the Meeting of August 13, 2008

Many Rotarians brought guests to the lunch and tour of Ann Arbor's newest high school, Skyline High on N. Maple Road. Sample comments overheard were: "So open and airy!" "This is just great!" and "Where do I go to enroll?"



After a delicious lunch, School Superintendent Todd Roberts in opening remarks thanked Ann Arbor and Rotary for “caring enough” to make Skyline a reality. School Principal Sulura Jackson praised the master teachers who will promote the learning environment. “We are ready to become a model high school in the country,” she said.

Our short business meeting with Maurita Holland presiding was given as “momentous” because last week’s was the last Harpoon published by John White. John was given an ovation for his many years of service to Rotary as publisher of the Harpoon. (see Help Wanted Ad below). Rotarians then split into four tour groups; we learned from our tour leaders that all sports teams will play a ninth grade schedule this year. The state-of-the-art gym seats 1,800, and the equally impressive auditorium has room for 800. The pool has a retractable wall to accommodate swim meets.

## Notes from the Meeting of August 13, 2008

Skyline is exceptional in many ways, not least because it is heated and cooled geo-thermally, with many miles of pipes five feet underground, utilizing an anti-freeze-like liquid to raise or lower temperatures. The result is big energy savings. Retention ponds on site hold water so that it never leaves Skyline High; some of it goes to irrigate athletic fields. In an event, no water carrying salt and whatever from the parking lots goes to the Huron River. Excellent acoustics characterize the band, orchestra and choir facilities while the third floor media center was billed as “a class without borders in the Internet café.” Sara Duvall, who runs the media center, said “we rely on outside data bases for information. Kids in the 21<sup>st</sup> century need instruction technology experts, tech support people and a strong career center staff. Kids today,” she said, “want to produce. It’s all about producing knowledge and sharing it.”



Learning takes place in academic towers – Skyline High – get it? Still, among all the glitz we did spot one low tech feature – a manually operated pencil sharpener.

Notes prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor. Photos by Fred Beutler

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 108 members. We only had one visiting Rotarian but did have 27 guests. No committee meetings were held in conjunction with the luncheon

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** August 18 – Tom Dickinson, Harv Grotrian; **August 19 – Mal Lowther;** August 25 – John Atwater, Doug Freeth, Tom Strode, Jody Tull;

**Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians:** Brad Bowersox (Ann Arbor North on July 17 and July 31); Maurita Holland (Manistique on August 4); Robert Mull (Clinton on July 29) and Steve Pierce (Houghton on August 7).

**Committee Chairs' Reminder:** Past President Al needs your committee reports for the Annual Report. Please note that: [1] the format of the 07/08 Annual Report will be similar to that of the previous year; [2] your reports should stay within the space limits used for the 06/07 annual report; [3] please transmit your reports to him as WORD documents; and [4] contact Al at any time with questions should you have special needs or features.

**Help Wanted: Harpoon Publishers:** *Qualifications:* a) Feeling a little guilty for not doing enough to contribute to the club's activities. B) Able to contribute a couple hours a week (you pick the time) for a couple months a year. c) Computer skills at a "cut and paste" skills level. d) Hidden desire to become part of the "media" or get your name in the paper. *Duties:* Paste stories, articles and photos provided by club beat reporters into Harpoon template. Send out the completed document to Harpoon e-mail distribution list, It is expected that this work will be done on a rotating basis with other members. *Compensation:* Like the Mastercard ad, the satisfaction derived from helping your club will be priceless. Questions regarding the opportunities offered by this position should directed to Maurita Holland or Don Faber. Opportunities like this don't come around very often. Act Now ! Training is available.

**Survey of our Programs and Speakers** [from Sam Offen, Chair of the Survey Committee]: In an effort to get a better sense of which programs members really enjoy, the Program Committee would like to know what you think of individual programs and speakers. We will be including a brief survey each month in the Harpoon to ask your opinions of the previous months' programs and speakers. Please take a few moments to share your views with us so that the Program Committee can serve you better. Here's the link:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=karWZDgJYwq68\\_2bZj5jEWig\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=karWZDgJYwq68_2bZj5jEWig_3d_3d).

**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, 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"

**Published by: Downs Herold who asks?**

**Why is the Alphabet in the order it is ? Is it because of the Song ?**