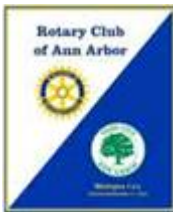


Harpoon for the Meeting of October 15, 2008

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The Program for Wednesday, October 15, 2008

Speaker: Dan Long, Music Education Consultant

Topic: The History of Music in the Ann Arbor Public Schools We see and hear fine examples of music education and performance in our schools when the Pioneer and Huron Choirs serenade us. Learn more about these nationally-recognized programs from a person who played a great part in them for many years. Want to know what the first Ann Arbor High School fight song was, or who Harry Frieze, Calvin Cady, Albert Stanley, Juva Higbee, and William Champion were? Dan Long will tell all in a trip through the historic halls of the AAPS Music Program.

Host/introducer: Joan Knoertzer **Song Leader:** Don Faber **Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

Upcoming events

October 22 - Stan Sherman, District Governor, Rotary District 6380, speaking about "Making Rotary Dreams Real in District 6380"

October 29 - Noam Kimelman, President, U-M Rotaract Club, talks about "Rotaract Plans and Programs for 2008-09"

Notes from the Oct. 8 Meeting

In this day of bank failures and market crashes, it's good to remember the words of Sage Stegath (Bill, that is) who said "a nickel ain't worth a dime anymore."

News flash: Judge Libby Hines of the 15th Judicial Court was elected to a three-year term on the American Judges Association Board of Governors. In September, Judge Hines was appointed to the AJA Executive Committee for the 2008-09 term.

The target date for the presentation of the new member class is Nov. 12.

Notes from the Oct. 8 Program

Al Burdi introduced K. Sue O'Shea, professor of cell and developmental biology, U-M Medical School, on the topic "Stem Cells 101 – A Rotarians' Introduction to Stem Cell Biology."



Embryonic stem cells can form all tissues and have unlimited ability to divide, whereas tissue stem cells are very rare, difficult to identify and have limited ability to divide. There are, of course, pros and cons to using these types of cells. Stem cell research holds promise of bone marrow transplants for leukemia; nerve cells for sufferers of Parkinson's; heart muscle cells for heart disease; and Pancreatic islet cells for diabetes. Sue O'Shea said the long-term solution is research in ALL types of stem cells and that we should "keep an open mind on stem cell biology. Nobody is going to be cloning embryos." She said Prop. 2 on the November ballot (the Stem Cell

Initiative) will allow donations of embryos in fertility clinics that would otherwise be discarded and would also allow government funding of stem cell research.

Notes prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor; photo by Fred Beutler

Other Notes of Interest

Shredding Needs Addressed: Thanks to the Rotarians who offered their home shredders to help us get rid of sensitive files that are no longer needed. With upwards of 100 pounds to shred, that would have been a big imposition. Fortunately, Steve Oldstrom spotted an announcement from Recycle Ann Arbor (www.recycleannarbor.org) that they are offering free shredding at their drop-off station on October 17 and 18. Their press release notes that "secure document shredding has been the most requested service in the past two years."

Historic moments -- A tradition of song is born (from *Rotary International News*, 8 October 2008)

The tradition of singing at Rotary club meetings began in 1905 with Rotarian Harry L. Ruggles, of the Rotary Club of Chicago. New Rotary clubs formed, and the practice of singing at club meetings caught on. Ruggles's company published an unofficial *Book of Songs* -- a collection of patriotic tunes, familiar standards, and Rotary songs (many penned by Rotarians) -- to help clubs make singing a regular part of their meetings.



The first official edition of Ruggles's songbook, *Songs for the Rotary Club*, was published in 1920 and provided lyrics only. Editions with musical notation appeared in 1925. Later editions offered advice on incorporating music into Rotary club meetings. The 1933 book of songs encouraged Rotarians to add singing to their weekly meeting agendas. The 1935 edition advised clubs to sing prior to lunch and to select a song leader on the basis of personality, not musical talent. Walter R. Jenkins of the Rotary Club of Houston (pictured at left at the 1942 RI Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA *Rotary*) served as the official song leader at RI Conventions from 1931 to 1966. For more Rotary history, visit [Rotary History and Archives](#).

Birthdays: Oct 12 – Nick Rutan, Carl Schmult; Oct. 16 – Karen Valvo
Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the October 8th meeting included 137 members, 7 guests and 3 visiting Rotarians; Laurie Baumer from Lansing, MI, Dick Rosenfeld from Jackson, MI and Wim de Ruyter from Monnhickendam, The Netherlands. 14 members participated in meetings of the Community Allocations, Internal Financial Audit, Membership and Social Committees.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Hal Flynn (Saline on October 2 and Flint on October 3); Mark Ouimet (Dexter on September 11 and September 25, Chelsea on September 30); Bryan Schindel (Ann Arbor North on May 29, September 11 and September 25) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME on September 16 and September 23).

LOST AND FOUND: An olive Liz Claiborn jacket was left on the coat rack. It is in the cubby of the sign-in table which is stored in the closet across the hall from the Anderson Room. It will be on the Rotary Shares table on Wednesday.



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”