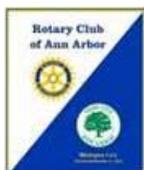


Harpoon for the Meeting of November 26, 2008

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November is Rotary Foundation Month on the Rotary Calendar

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Speaker: Rob Van Der Voo, U-M Professor of Geology

Topic: Geology for Rotarians - the Continuing Birth of the Himalayas

Journey across the ages, beginning 100 million years ago when the Indian subcontinent separated from a larger land mass and drifted northward for 50 million years until it collided with Asia, producing the Himalayan mountain belt and "the roof of the world," the Tibetan Plateau. Prof. Van Der Voo will discuss this ancient (and more recent) geological history plus current evidence of earthquake activity and GPS measurements showing that the Indian-Asian convergence is still in progress.

Introducer: Ingrid Deininger **Song Leader:** Jim Irwin **Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

Upcoming events

Dec 3 – Rotaract Meeting, 11:00 am. Committee Chair Joanne Pierson reports 12 Rotarians have agreed to be mentors, but she still needs 10 more

Dec. 3 – Our luncheon meeting will be the annual Club Assembly.

Dec. 10 – Our luncheon meeting will be held in the Ballroom where we will hear from the Pioneer Choirs. Plan to bring a guest or two.

Dec. 14 – Social Outing: Art Center Holiday Evening

Holiday Shopping with Rotarians! Enjoy Light Refreshments: 5:00 - 7:00pm

Gingerbread House Construction for Children and Grandchildren: 4:00 - 7:00pm

(Make reservations for Houses @ \$10 each by 12/6 with Marsha Chamberlin)

Dec. 17 – Our last regular luncheon meeting of the calendar year.

Dec. 24 & 31 – No meetings – Enjoy the Holidays

Feb 15, 2009 – Polio Eradication National Immunization Day -Immunize in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India. More information will be posted on our website.

Notes from the Meeting of November 19

Song leader Henry Johnson, designated “chief hippie” by President Jim, led us in “Where have all the flowers gone?” in honor of our speaker’s topic.

By the time you read this issue of the Harpoon, our final fall tree planting will be history. We’ll report on how many Rotarians dug how many holes in the ground at Sugarbush Park Nov. 22.

The Rotary Minute delivered by Karen Kerry was followed by the presentation of Paul Harris Fellowships to Howard Cooper, David Anderson and John Debbink. Ann Arbor Rotarian Dewey Noland, now living in Maine, was also included in this group. Congratulations to these men. We expect that over twenty more Rotarians will be so honored in the spring. Those awards are in process.

Notes from the Program of November 19

Sam Offen introduced Will Hathaway, education consultant, speaking on “The Turbulent Years:



How the U-M and Ann Arbor Survived the ‘60s Student Protests.” Will examined the factors that enabled the U-M and the City to emerge relatively unscathed from the period of violent student protests. Thanks to U-M President Robben Fleming, the students came to be more involved in critical decision-making. Member Henry Johnson, at the time vice president for student affairs, recalled Fleming as “having a broader view” and that programs of social change were “creatures of the Fleming administration.” Key events were the Welfare Mothers’ March, the 1969 South University riots and the 1970 Black Action Movement strike. Easy student access to Fleming and the fact the U-M Regents backed him up helped to reduce the level of violence here.

Art Holst’s pre-election invocation on “America’s Promise”

A Federal judge in Lancaster, Pa. was addressing a group of immigrants about to receive citizenship:

“You came into this court room as citizens of various foreign sovereignties, German, Italian, English, Polish: words will be spoken, a ceremony will be performed, and you will walk out as American citizens. In somewhat the same way as a man and woman come to be married; words are spoken, a ceremony is performed and the whole lives of two people are changed. There is a new loyalty, a new obligation, a new hope. But don’t be deceived! Every right begets a corresponding duty. We promise you the pursuit of happiness, we do not promise you happiness. We promise you equality of opportunity, we do not promise you riches. We promise you freedom of speech, we do not promise you wisdom. We promise you liberty, we do not promise you peace.” And that, concluded Art, “to you Rotarians is the real promise of America.”

Notes and Art’s Invocation provided by Don Faber, Harpoon editor; photo by Fred Beutler

Board of Directors Meeting

At the meeting of the Board of Directors on November 20, the Club membership at the end of October was reported as 305. Twelve new members were inducted in November bringing our active membership level to 317. Bryan Schindel's resignation was accepted with regret. The Operating Fund balance and expense activity was reported to be close to budget with cash on hand totaling \$32,883. The turbulent stock market has negatively impacted the value of the Club's Endowment; details will be reported at the Club Assembly on December 3. The Endowment market value at the end of October was \$913,027. The Board approved a motion waiving the Club's one fund raiser per year policy so that we can actively participate in co-hosting a spring Polio Plus benefit concert with the other Rotary Clubs in Washtenaw County. The Board also approved covering the registration and travel expense for President-elect Callaway and Administrator John White to attend a Large Club Conference so that they can obtain information helpful for our Club's operation as well as data allowing us to benchmark our activities with other Clubs with membership exceeding 150. The Board also approved the purchase of club banners for both the Huron and Pioneer Interact Clubs.

Interact Update

The Interact Clubs at Pioneer and Huron remain active and involved. Pioneer earned over \$500 toward the Rotary Polio Campaign at their Mongolian Barbeque Fundraiser. Pioneer Interact is also assisting Rotary with our tree planting projects. Huron Interact participated in Fall Chore Day, sponsored by Neighborhood Senior Services, on November 8. Interact students helped senior homeowners rake leaves and get their yards cleaned up and ready for winter. Huron Interact is also collecting books as part of a book drive supporting the residents at Green Baxter Housing. A great group of high school students continuing to put "service above self".



Every Rotarian Every Year

The Club has received this certificate for participation in the Rotary International Every Rotarian Every Year Campaign. At the Rotary District 6380 Foundation Gala Nov. 13, it was reported that our club again came in first in total giving in the District; we gave \$37,200. However, we finished 20th in per capita giving, so we have some areas in which to improve

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: Nov. 25, Dave Keren; Nov. 27, Rick Reid; Nov. 29, Cynthia Sorenson; Nov. 30, Pete

Richards; Dec. 1, Frank Cambria.

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of November 19 included 135 members. We also had three guests and one visiting Rotarian (Tony Menyhart of Tecumseh). Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 21 members participated in meetings of the Program, Interact and Endowment Committees. Earlier in the week, a total of five members met on the website and Harpoon and seven members attended the Rotaract Charter Dinner on Sunday, November 16. Also, one member participated in the District Finance Committee on November 18. Finally, twelve members of the Board met on the morning of Thursday, November 20.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Bob Pratt (Bloomington MN on October 6). Bob reports that his daughter is president of that Club.

Second Fall Tree Planting Another Success: Despite the chilly weather on the morning of Saturday, November 22, a swarm of over 50 well-bundled city workers and volunteer tree planters planted about 90 trees in Sugarbush park on the northeast side of Ann Arbor. Fueled by coffee, cider and donuts, the 17 Rotarians and dozen or so Interactors on hand leveraged their considerable energy by bringing along spouses, children, grandchildren, friends and dogs. Here's a group shot. Action photos may appear in an upcoming harpoon.



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/>

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