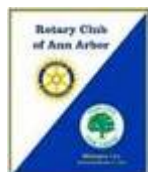


Harpoon for the Meeting of December 17, 2008

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December is Family Month on the Rotary Calendar

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Speaker: Joel Slemrod, U-M Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy

Topic: The Economic Outlook – Can Tax Policy Save the Day?

President-elect Obama's tax and other economic proposals during the campaign were designed for a world very different from the one he will confront in January. In response to that reality, he has outlined a massive stimulus program to take effect immediately upon assuming office. How do these proposals address the short- and long-term issues facing the United States? Joel Slemrod – Paul W. McCracken Collegiate Professor of Business Economics and Director of the Office of Tax Policy Research at the Ross School of Business – will discuss the economic outlook and tax and economic policy design challenges in 2009 and beyond.

Host/introducer: Jim Reece

Song Leader: Ingrid Sheldon

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Upcoming events

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

Jan. 7 – Luncheon meeting: John Godfrey, Assistant Dean, U-M Rackham School of Graduate Studies. Topic: Internationalizing by Degrees - Graduate Education at U-M

Jan. 14 – Luncheon meeting: James Steward, Director, U of M Museum of Art. Topic: "UMMA Re-imagined"

Notes from the Meeting of December 10

Jesse Bernstein's invocation urged a heartfelt goodbye to 2008, a year that has Michigan economically reeling.

Norman Herbert and Brooks Sitterley reminded us how important our contribution to the Endowment Development Committee is.

Junior Rotarians chair Tony Nam introduced our newest Junior Rotarians from Pioneer High, **Cameron Burden and Ignatius Chen; Tola Masha** couldn't be with us today.

Notes from the Program of December 10

Scott Westerman introduced his first cousin, Ken Westerman, director of the Pioneer High School Choirs, whose youthful charges presented a fine holiday concert of works by Purcell, Ralph Vaughn Williams and Samuel Barber. A quartet consisting of Alyson Halpert, Ashley Park, Tim Van Riper and Robbie Eisentrout sang the Bach "Alleluia" to everyone's satisfaction. The choirs departed to a standing ovation after their 30-minute program.

The question posed by President Jim as the meeting closed was, "How many choir directors does it take to change a light bulb?" The answer is, "Nobody knows, because nobody's watching the choir director."



Ken Westerman



Lined up for the entrance



The magnificent Choir

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

Other Notes of Interests

Birthdays: Dec. 15, Joe Marr; Dec 18, Robben Fleming; Dec 20, Lee Danielson, and Paul Wright.

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of December 10 included 134 members. Also present to hear the magnificent Pioneer choirs in the ballroom were 19 guests and three visiting Rotarians (Jeff Crowder of Chelsea, Laura Lonergan of Novi and Phil Weiss of Brighton). Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 23 members participated in meetings of the Membership Development and Internal Financial Procedures Committees.

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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