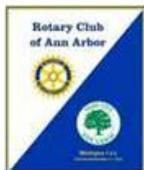


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## Program for January 14, 2009

**Speaker: James Steward, Director, U-M Museum of Art**

**Topic: Sneak Preview – A New Museum of Art for U-M & Ann Arbor**

After years of planning and construction, the dramatically expanded and restored U-M Museum of Art will reopen to the public on March 28, with more than double the total space, three times as much art on view, new educational and meeting spaces, and visitor amenities including a new Museum Store and Café. New partnerships with groups like UMS, Summer Festival and Ann Arbor Art Center will help make the Museum a multi-disciplinary center for the arts. Director James Steward will provide insight about what we'll find at the "new" Museum and the exciting reopening festivities.

**Host/introducer:** Mary Steffek Blaske **Song Leader:** Terry Foster **Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

### Upcoming events

**Jan. 21 - Speaker: Roger Myers, President/CEO, Presbyterian Village of Michigan**

Topic: *Golden Years . . . the Economic Powerhouse of an Aging Society*

**Jan. 21 – Committee meetings, 11 a.m., Anderson Room**

Publicity/Communication Committee (contact: Maurita Holland, [mholland@umich.edu](mailto:mholland@umich.edu))  
Social Committee

**Jan 28 - Speaker: John Ackenhusen, Club Treasurer & General Dynamics Executive**

Topic: *Seeing the Unseen . . . What is that Building with the Observatory Dome by I-94?*

**Jan. 29 - Social Club sponsors Wine, Women, and Song at Kerrytown Concert Hall 7:30.**

See Susan Smith Gray for tickets

**Feb 15 – 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 January 7

Jim Lester, longtime Club Treasurer, architect of our Endowment, and Honorary Paul Harris Fellow, submitted his resignation for health reasons, which the Board accepted with regret. All Club Members were invited to sign a card wishing him well.

Tom Roach, president of our Club in 1994-1995, died before Christmas. A moment of silence was observed in his memory

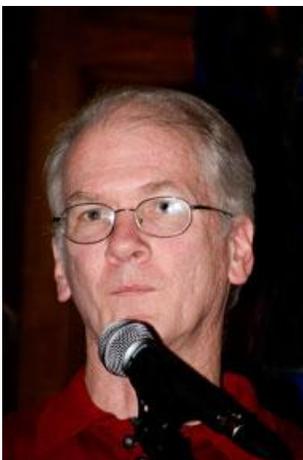
Susan Smith Gray, chair of the social committee, invited us to a closed dress rehearsal at the Kerrytown Concert House of the seventh annual Wine, Women & Song, featuring, among others, our own Shelley MacMillan and Deanna Relyea. Admission is \$15 for the 7:30 p.m. event on Jan. 29.

Our Junior Rotarians from Huron High School – Julia Tang, Julia Shi and William Liu – were introduced.

The Pioneer High Interact Club presented us with a \$600.00 contribution to Polio Plus, proceeds from their fund raiser at Mongolian Barbeque in December. Our Club presented them with their own Rotary banner.



## Notes from the Program of January 7



Spaulding Clark introduced John Godfrey, assistant dean, U-M Rackham School of Graduate Studies, on the topic “Internationalizing by Degrees...Graduate education at the U-M.” In outlining Michigan’s long term connection to China, he told of a woman he met there who had schooled in public health at Michigan and was working to eradicate malaria in her homeland. “There are many stories like this that can be told,” John said. The Big Ten, with U-M in the forefront, has played a leading role in the internationalization of education. He said the U-M ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the world by Times Higher Education of London. The U-M hosts nearly 6,000 international graduate students in its ranks, although there was a sharp drop in applications to Rackham after 9/11. John also described emerging trends in graduate education in Asia and Europe.

*Notes prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor; Photos by Fred Buetler*

## Other Notes of Interest:

### January is Rotary Awareness Month on the Rotary International Calendar

*Thoughts from Past President Al Burdi*

In addition to ushering in the new 2009 year, January is also Rotary Awareness Month. As RI President D.K. Lee recently reminded Rotarians from throughout the world, January is a time for all of us to pause from our busy schedules and reflect on how our Rotary values and our own actions influence public perceptions of Rotary and the community service roles of our individual clubs. January is a time to both reflect on our club achievements of the first six months in the Rotary year, and to renew and further energize our commitments to meeting the goals that lie ahead of us in the year's remaining months. Each of us in our own club took on an active role in crafting a new strategic plan that will shape the future of our club from 2008 through 2009 and beyond. In doing so, it was readily apparent that each of you kept a focused picture on the core and omnipresent Rotary values of service, fellowship, integrity, leadership, and diversity, that are so meaningfully woven throughout the fabric of our new strategic plan. And as President D.K. Lee also reminds us, we all are proud members of the family of Rotary and by keeping our core values alive and by renewing our commitment to the Rotary beacon of Service Above Self, we will build an even more vibrant club, a stronger Rotary and, a better world for all.

### International Humanitarian Project – Infant Cardiac Surgery in Guatemala

Every year, more than 1200 children in Guatemala are born with serious congenital heart defects. Unless they receive surgery promptly, they will die or suffer extreme disability. Fortunately,



Infant Cardiac Surgery

UNICAR (Unidad de Cirugia Cardiovascular), the only Central America facility capable of performing cardiac surgery on infants, is located in Guatemala City. At UNICAR, Professor Castaneda has initiated a program of cardiac clinical diagnosis and surgical treatment, including the training of Guatemalan health professionals. Professor Castaneda is superbly qualified in this role, since he retired as Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School and Cardiac Surgeon-in-Chief at Children's Hospital in Boston. In support of

this worthwhile humanitarian effort, the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor has partnered with the Rotary Club of Guatemala City to provide two complete sets of surgical instruments (including one for open heart surgery). The total cost of the project is \$17,000, of which the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor provided \$6940. The project has been headed by Prue Rosenthal, with the assistance of Jim Cook and Nishta Bhatia.

**Birthdays:** Jan. 12: Dale Auschermann; **Jan. 14: Ben Wylie;** Jan. 17: Dan Balbach, Paul Glendon

**Scholarship Awarded at WCC:** An Ann Arbor Rotary Club Scholarship was recently awarded to Kim Schulz. Kim is pursuing an Associates Degree in Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management. Although also working full-time in the food service industry, she has been on the Dean's list and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa (an international honor society at two year colleges).

**Tax Letters to Come Out in late January:** Club members will be receiving a letter in late January that can be used to document charitable giving to the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment during the 2008 calendar year. The primary donations to be documented will be your Community Services Assessment and any contributions to the Endowment's Permanent Fund. Thank-you letters recognizing donations made as a result of participation in the Golf Outing or the accompanying auction were distributed earlier. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation as part of the Every Rotarian - Every Year or PolioPlus campaigns are acknowledged by that

organization shortly after each gift is received.

**Meeting Statistics:** Attendance at the meeting of January 7 included 158 members. Also present were six Interactors, three Jr. Rotarians and two guests. Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 26 members participated in meetings of four committees: Distinguished Service Awards, International Projects, Program and Rotate Your Food.

**Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Spaulding Clark (Dexter on October 16).

**Monthly Membership Report to the District:** We started the month of December with 316 members (plus four honoraries). Following the resignations of Harv Grotrian, Jim Lester, Collyer Smith and Brian Tolle, we reported 312 members to the District. Average attendance for the three meetings during the month was 55%.



**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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