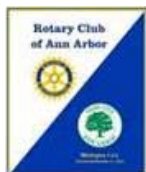


Harpoon for the meeting of January 28, 2009

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January is Rotary Awareness Month on the Rotary Calendar

IN THIS ISSUE:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE EXTRAVAGANZA!!! Wine, Women and Song Thursday
Kerrytown Concert House, 7:30 pm – Don't miss this very special evening!! See Susan Smith Gray
for tickets; smithsms@umich.edu or phone (734) 834-0374.

Polio Plus Benefit Concert Scheduled for April 24 – Details below

New Members Sought – Deadline is February 25

Program for January 28, 2009

Speaker: John Ackenhusen, Club Treasurer & General Dynamics Executive

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

This area has been a home to remote sensor development for decades, starting with post-World War II research projects at U-M and continuing through various corporate incarnations including ERIM and Veridian. Today remote sensing is the focus of work at General Dynamics Michigan Research and Development Center in Ypsi Township, with our own John Ackenhusen prominent in its executive ranks. John will explain how remote sensing enables observation of things we can't touch and often can't see, through tree canopies, across great distances through cloud cover, even beneath the ground.

Host/introducer: Downs Herold **Song Leader:** Don Devine **Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

Upcoming events

Jan. 28 – Committee meetings, 11 a.m., Anderson Room

Rotaract: Joanne Pierson, jpierson@umich.edu)

Rotate Your Food: Paul Yhouse, pyhouse@umich.edu

Jan. 29 – "Wine, Women & Song" social event. See note above

Feb. 4 – Susan Martin, President, Eastern Michigan University, "EMU Today"

Host/Introducer: Gloria Kerry

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 21

The Board announced that we now have 312 members, up from 309 a year ago, and that financially we're in good shape.

Susan Smith Gray from the Social Committee invited us to a dress rehearsal of Wine, Women and Song at the Kerrytown Concert House Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15/person.

Recent Rotarians in the news, as presented by Gae Miller, include Todd Roberts, Wendy Correll, David Osler, Mark Ouimet, Fritz Seyferth, Claire Foley, Chris Barry, John Sepp, Cheryl Elliott, Jess Bernstein, Joe Marr, Dave Felbeck, Bob Holmes, Amy Goodman and Art Williams.

We noted with great sadness the passing of Anna Maria List, one of our Huron High School Interactors. She gave much to her family, her friends, her school and our community.

Tony Nam introduced our newest Junior Rotarians from Community High. They are: Augusta (Gussie) Askew, Emma Tolman and Mollie Ruth.



PROGRAM: Henry Johnson introduced Roger Myers, President/CEO of Presbyterian Village of Michigan, on "Golden Years...the Economic Powerhouse of an Aging Society." Yes, we Rotarians in our golden years hold the hammer, economically speaking. Seniors own 77 percent of all assets in the U.S. and have more disposable income than any other population group. Roger helped to burst some myths, especially the ones that seniors don't spend money, that they're disengaged and that they hate technology. Locally, the AARP rates Ann Arbor number one among healthiest communities for seniors. Roger urged speaking out, being catalysts and generally working to show how the aging population should be at the center of economic development planning.

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

Other Notes of Interest:

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of January 21 included 139 members. Also present were three visiting Rotarians (Kim Clugston of Dexter, John Hammond of Lakeshore and Phil Weiss of Brighton), three Jr. Rotarians and three guests. Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 59 (wow!) members participated in meetings of five committees: Interact, Membership, Publications, Program and Rotate Your Food. Earlier in the day, the Board of Directors met. Seventeen Rotarians were present, including all the current board members, our President Nominee and all three "directors-in-waiting."

Birthdays: Jan 26 – Randy Tisch; Jan 27 – Jim Irwin, Geoff Larcom; **Jan 28 – Mike Dubin, Sonia Gill;** Jan 30 – Ingrid Sheldon; Feb. 1 – Steven Votaw.

Polio Plus Benefit Concert – End Polio in Our Lifetime!

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 24, 2009 to help Rotary International Polio Plus campaign meet the Gates Foundation's challenge grant and eradicate polio. This work is even more

important now that the Gates Foundation has made a second matching grant of \$255 million with Rotary pledged to raise another \$100 million!

Three Men and a Tenor will perform that evening at 7:30 p.m. at Skyline High School. This is a joint project with the other seven Rotary Clubs in Washtenaw County. There are only 800 seats, so reserve your tickets early! How can you do that? Talk to Joanne Pierson or Andrea Bernardini, our Club's Planning Committee reps, or President Jim or ADG Ingrid. Tickets are \$30 general admission or \$50 preferred seating (with a bit of a tax credit!).

How else can I help you ask? Let Joanne or Andrea know that you will be a sponsor of the event and/or help solicit sponsorships.

How else can I still help? Tell Joanne and Andrea that you will lend a hand.

With your help, we can do this – end polio in our lifetime!

Another Award for Our Club: Director Karen Kerry attended a "Membership Summit" hosted by District 6380 on January 17 at Berkeley. In addition to lots of ideas and suggestions, she returned with a certificate entitled, "Membership Development and Extension Award." It cites our club for bringing in the most new members of any club in the district during the 2007-2008 Rotary year.

Applications for the GSE 2009-10 with Japan are due to the GSE District co-chairs by March 15, 2009. The District 6380 GSE team will leave September 30, 2009 for District 2550 which is about 60 miles north of Tokyo. The team will spend one month in D 2550 and depart back to the US on October 30th. Team leader and members will be home hosted by Rotarians in D 2550 and have several vocational visits and do some sight seeing while there. (The team from D 2550 will come to our District April 25 to May 24th, 2010.)

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Fred and Sue Beutler (Ypsilanti on December 22; presented info on some of our international humanitarian activities); Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on January 12); Spaulding Clark (Dexter on January 22); Penny Fischer (Ann Arbor North on December 11 and January 15); Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore on December 18 and January 8) and Mark Ouimet (Dexter on December 18 and January 15, Chelsea on January 20).

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 website with background material and current information including the current Annual Report, Strategic Plan, New Member Nomination Form, Committee Descriptions, Club and Golf Outing brochures, synopses of upcoming programs and an archive of current and past Harpoons. Find our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=57896502278&ref=ts>

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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