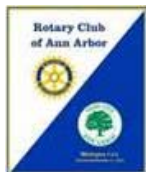


Harpoon for the meeting of February 11, 2009

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February is World Understanding Month

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Speakers: Brad Bowersox, Great Sauk Trail Council Scout Executive, & Ed Micklatcher

Topic: Centennial Celebration of Scouting . . . in Ann Arbor & Across the USA

Did you know that long trousers became part of the official Boy Scouts of America uniform in the 1940s? That scouts distributed 30 million door knob hangars to get out the vote in the 1950s? Or that BSA wrote the Russian Scouting Handbook in the 1990s and registered its 100 millionth Boy Scout early in the 21st century? Learn more from Rotarian Brad Bowersox and his Assistant Executive Director in a local report on scouting at the start of the centennial celebration of BSA's founding on February 8, 1910 as an organization promoting strong character, good citizenship and personal fitness for boys ages 7 to 17.

Special Note: No doubt Scouts are special people, and we have a number of Scouts in our Rotary family. Our own Walt Helmreich, who will celebrate his ninety-second birthday on February 13, will also celebrate his eightieth year in Scouting this year. Walt is an Eagle Scout and a member of the Executive Board of the Great Sauk Trail Council, BSA.

Host/introducer: Charlie Crone **Song Leader:** Terry Foster **Accompanist:** Tom Strode

Upcoming events

Feb. 11 – **New Members** are invited to meet in the Anderson Room with Steve Pierce and other members of Membership Development. The Committee wants to learn about your Rotary experience so far, collect ideas, and answer any questions that have come up since you joined in November. Please be there!

Feb. 15 - **Save the date**, Sunday, 6pm, for the first mentorship event; Cottage Inn on E. Williams; cost \$10 for pizza and pasta.

Feb. 18 - **Speaker: Peter Brown, Associate Publisher & Editorial Director, Automotive News** Speaks about “Why Detroit Will Never be the Same.”

Notes from the Meeting of February 4

The Social Committee has planned a day at the theater March 8 at 2 p.m. with light refreshments and social time before the play. Tickets for Civic Theatre’s production of “Stage Door” are \$15/person; please see Susan Smith Gray for tickets.

We need nominees for the Ambassador of Goodwill Award from our District. Phil Alexander is the man to see for more details.

Ed Weir presented a banner to the Huron High Interact Club. Two of the Interactors spoke of their activities.



With two matching grants from the Bill Gates Foundation and Rotary, can’t we have not one but two fundraising concerts in April to eradicate polio? After hearing from Andrea Bernardini of the concert planning committee, President Jim asked if we have 200 members willing to sell four tickets each in order to offer two concerts rather than just one. Sam Offen will mount an online poll to determine if the membership will support two concerts. Jim noted that the “sell” shouldn’t be hard if we believe in the cause. He was pleased to note the UM Health System is a lead sponsor.



Notes from the Program of February 4

Gloria Kerry introduced Susan Martin, president of Eastern Michigan University, on “EMU Today...Higher Education and the Michigan Economy.” With more than 200 academic disciplines on campus, the new president is “enthusiastic about our future.” The state is challenged economically, Susan said, but Michigan’s strong asset is its system of higher education. In Ypsilanti, she’s worrying about tuition freezes and budget cuts. She said 90 percent of Eastern’s enrollment is from Michigan, with 80 percent opting to stay in Michigan after graduation. “We’re stable after years of enrollment decline,” she said. As for whether she’s up for the job, well, “I’m a pretty tough cookie and I’ll give Eastern a go!”

Notes by Don Faber, Harpoon editor; Photos by Fred Buetler

Other Notes of Interest

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of February 4 included 128 members. Also present were two visiting Rotarians (PDG Neil Loney and Phil Weiss of Brighton), seven members of the Huron Interact Club (along with advisor Lauren Warren) and four guests. Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 34 members participated in meetings of five committees: Community Allocations, Golf Outing, International Outreach, International Humanitarian Projects and Rotate Your Food.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Brad Bowersox (Ann Arbor North on January 22) and Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on January 26).

Tax Letters have been Distributed: Letters documenting each member's donation(s) to the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment during the calendar year 2008 have been distributed. Many were handed out at the meeting of February 4. The rest of the envelopes were mailed out later in the week. Some members will not receive a letter since they did not make a qualifying donation in 2008. Note that these letters primarily cover Community Services Assessments and donations to the Permanent Endowment. Contributions as part of the Golf Outing were acknowledged individually last fall. Any donations to The Rotary Foundation in the Every Rotarian, Every Year or Polio Plus campaigns have been, or soon will be, mailed directly to the donors. If you have any questions, please contact John White.

Birthdays: Feb.10 – Collyer Smith; Feb 11 – Bob Pehlke; Feb. 13, Walt Helmreich; Feb. 14, Damian Farrell, Bob Meader; Feb. 15, John Rasmussen



Interact Day Gathering

In January, Interactors met at Groves High School, Beverly Hills, to learn about the goals of Rotary International and the humanitarian projects underway. The photo shows eight Interactors from Washtenaw County clubs who attended the event (3 from Huron, 2 from Pioneer, 2 from Saline and 1 from Skyline) along with their Rotarian advisors and District Governor Stan Sherman.

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, and 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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