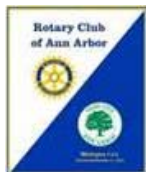


## Harpoon for the Meeting of March 11, 2009

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### ***March is Literacy Month on the Rotary Calendar***

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### **Program for March 11, 2009**

**Speaker: W. Scott Westerman, EMU Dean Emeritus & Former AAPS Superintendent**

**Topic: Sex, Religion, Race & Much More – Ann Arbor Public Schools, 1960-71**

Will Hathaway reminded us a few months ago of how Ann Arbor uniquely coped with turbulent times that were the Sixties. Then as always, what happened in the community at large profoundly affected life and learning in its public schools. Our own Scott Westerman worked for the Ann Arbor Public Schools from 1960 to 1971, the last four years as Superintendent. With the help of *Ann Arbor News* headlines, he will discuss major controversies and challenges the school system dealt with in those years, leaving lots of time for questions and comments from others whose own memories will be revived by his comments.

**Host/introducer:** Henry Johnson **Song Leader:** Don Devine **Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

#### **Upcoming events**

**March 11 - Committee meetings**, 11 a.m., Anderson Room

**Social Committee:** Susan Smith Gray, [smithsms@umich.edu](mailto:smithsms@umich.edu)

**Golf & Tennis:** Greg S. ([stejskalmi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stejskalmi@sbcglobal.net)) and Claire ([ctfoley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ctfoley@sbcglobal.net))

**March 15** – Deadline for GSE Applications for Exchange to Japan

**March 15 - Annual Rotaract Bowling Fund Raiser**, 2:00 PM at Colonial Lanes. The cost is \$20 for bowling, shoes, pizza and soft drinks. This is a fun afternoon for a very worthy cause. Checks gratefully accepted – write them to “A2 Rotary Foundation” and note Rotaract.

**March 18 - Luncheon Meeting: Speakers: Ingrid Sheldon, Lori Sprague and Rotary Presidents Galore** on “A Cavalcade of Rotary in Washtenaw County”

**March 27 - Community Allocations Deadline:** Final date for applications for this year's grant funding cycle. Interested 501(c)3 organizations will find the application materials and program details on the club's website, [www.annarborrotary.org](http://www.annarborrotary.org). Questions to Heidi Grix at [Heidi.Grix@wc-redcross.org](mailto:Heidi.Grix@wc-redcross.org)

**April 24 – Polio Plus Benefit Concert:** Round up your friends and colleagues to support polio eradication and enjoy a great evening. Details below.

#### **Notes from the Meeting of March 4**

Ken Fischer's invocation recalled some of Abraham Lincoln's thoughts on education – particularly appropriate given our speaker today.

The King of the Hardwoods, Kegler Dick Elwell, announced the annual Rotaract Bowling Fundraiser would be March 15, 2-4 p.m., at Colonial Lanes, \$20/person.



President Jim thanked Scott Westerman for filling in so ably last week while Jim frolicked in warmer climes.

Tony Nam introduced Junior Rotarians (left to right) Jessica Zhang, Colleen Macke, and Nathan Patel, from Pioneer High. We look forward to their further introduction at next week's meeting.

#### **Distinguished Service Award Goes to Paul Glendon**



Past President Al Burdi presented Cathi Duchon, who had the honor to give the club's Distinguished Service Award to Paul Glendon, for "an indelible record of longstanding achievement to our community." Paul (pictured right with his family) received a standing ovation.

#### **Program from the Meeting of March 4**

Cynthia Wilbanks introduced our speaker, University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman, on "Leading a World Class University in Interesting Times." These are anxious times, the



president said, but we shouldn't overlook areas of progress. She cited three – keeping Ann Arbor vibrant, the physical growth going on and the expansion of U-M's research portfolio. President Coleman urged us to visit the U-M Museum of Art as a community resource. There will be patients in the new Mott Hospital by 2012, she said. And the purchase of the Pfizer property will, she predicted, stimulate new business. Collaboration with Michigan State and Wayne State makes the future look bright. "We have coastlines, worlds of potential and an industrial infrastructure in place," President Coleman said. After her talk, she took questions on student loans,

architectural firms on campus, quotas in programs, technology exiting Michigan and her vision of a global university.

## **Rotary Bowling Update**

Good news, sports fans: the Rotary Gold Bowling Team has regained its Mojo over the past three weeks and climbed to sixth place in the twenty-team Thursday Night Service Club League standings. This past week the Golden boys took 26 of 40 points from one of the other service club teams, Civitan. Captain “Sweeney Bob” Dascola set the tone with a career-high 242 in the first game of the match, the highest single game score on either of the two Rotary teams this year. Chuck “The Professor” Olson was close behind in that game and crossed the recreational bowlers’ threshold of excellence with a 608 three-game series, striking out (three strikes in the tenth frame) in game three to secure that achievement. The other Gold Team stalwarts that evening were Dan “Scrapiron” Romanchik, Bill “The Liberator” Stegath (subbing for President-elect “Sweet Lou” Callaway) and Paul “The Hammer” Glendon. The week before, two other subs led the Gold Team to a 30.5-point victory: Jack “Redbelly” Walker, more than ninety points over his average for the evening, and “Big John” White, who subbed for Chuck Olson with a 608 total identical to Chuck’s the following week. The Rotary Blue Team didn’t do so well this past week, except for Captain Dick Elwell, who took all three games from a considerably younger (and dare we say, better looking?) distaff opponent who carries a higher average. The two Rotary teams will face each other this week. The action will begin in earnest at 6:45 p.m. at Colonial Lanes. Fans are encouraged to bring Rotary banners, noise-makers and giant “We’re No. 6” Styrofoam hands to wave at our heroes of the hardwood. *(Courtesy of Paul Glendon)*

## **Other Notes of Interest**

**Meeting Statistics:** Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of March 4 included 136 members. Also present were two visiting Rotarians (Jeff Crause and Manish Mehta, both of Ann Arbor North) and two U-M Rotaractors (Julie Davidson and Kelly Murawski). We also had 19 guests and three Jr. Rotarians. Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 37 members participated in meetings of six committees: Golf Outing, International Projects, Membership, Publicity, Rotary Youth Exchange and Success by Six. Also reported for attendance credits were offsite meetings on Endowment Strategy (three members on February 20 and five on March 4) and one on Financial Strategy (five members on March 5).

**Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Brad Bowersox (Ann Arbor North on February 19) and Todd Kephart (Bonita Springs FL on February 18).

**Birthdays:** March 9 – John Hieftje; March 10 - Vic Stoeffler; March 12 – Howard Deardorff; March 13 – Robert Allen, Carolyn Shear; March 14 – Andrea Bernardini; March 15 (Beware!) – Mel Drumm; Henry Johnson; Karen Kerry

## **Polio Plus Benefit Concert – End Polio in Our Lifetime!**

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. the Gates Foundation has made a second matching grant of \$255 million with Rotary pledged to raise another \$100 million! There are only 800 seats, so reserve your tickets early! Tickets are \$30 general admission or \$50 preferred seating (with a bit of a tax credit!). Contact Joanne ([jpierson@umich.edu](mailto:jpierson@umich.edu)) or Andrea ([bernardiniaad@hotmail.com](mailto:bernardiniaad@hotmail.com)) for more information.

**Monthly Membership Report to the District:** We started the month of February with 312 members (plus four honoraries). Following the resignations of Doug Brouwer, Ray Fitzgerald,

Fiona Greenland and Dewey Noland, we reported 308 members to the District. Average attendance for the four meetings during the month was 47%.



**Social Committee Scores another Smash Success:** Thanks to the ticket-selling and culinary efforts of the Social Committee and the performing skills of the Ann Arbor

Civic Theatre, a total of 44 Rotarians and guests enjoyed a light lunch and a production of “Stage Door.” A special treat for the attendees was seeing fellow Rotarian Pete Richards “on the boards” as Dr. Randall, father of an aspiring actress. In the scene at left, he is visiting her at the Footlights Club, a boarding house for young women in New York City.

**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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