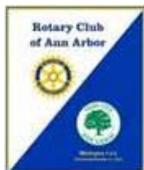


## Harpoon for the Meeting of March 25, 2009

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

#### **IN THIS ISSUE:**

**Spring Fling Tickets Still Available!**

**Sing Out Against Polio – Lyrics Below**

**Help Wanted: April 21 – 28 GSE Team from Australia in Ann Arbor**

### **Program for March 25, 2009**

**Speakers: Membership Development Co-Chairs Agnes Reading & Charlie Crone**

**Topic: A Cavalcade of Brand-New Ann Arbor Rotarians**

Proud as we are of our long history and tradition as one of the oldest and largest Rotary Clubs in the USA, in some ways the strongest part of that tradition is our club’s capacity for self-renewal. In this spirit, we will welcome another strong group of new Ann Arbor Rotarians, nominated and sponsored by current members who will introduce them to us. Be sure to attend and welcome our newest members into the club we love.

**Host/introducers: Sponsors Song Leader: Ingrid Sheldon Accompanist: Maurita Holland**

#### **Upcoming events**

**March 25 - Committee meetings, 11 a.m., Anderson Room**

Rotaract: Joanne Pierson, [jpierson@umich.edu](mailto:jpierson@umich.edu)

**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 1 Program** – Presentations by our Ambassadorial Scholars

**April 1 and 8 – Rotate Your Food:** Collection of non-perishable foodstuff at our Meetings. The Community wide drive runs March 23 – April 4. Be generous – our neighbors are hungry.

**April 5 – Spring Fling at Hands On Museum, 5 – 7:30 pm:** Bring family and friends to celebrate Spring with Rotarians. Hands On Museum will have all exhibits open and Explainers at

many. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit one of SE Michigan's greatest spots for interactive learning about the world around us. Moveable Feast will cater the event. Make your reservations with Susan Smith Gray at the regular noon meeting or call 734-834-0374 ([smithsms@umich.edu](mailto:smithsms@umich.edu)). Adults \$35, children ages 6 - 12 \$15, and children 5 and under are free. Rotoractors \$15 each.

**April 21 – 28 GSE Team:** During the week beginning Sunday, April 21st, the visiting GSE Team from Australia will be in the Washtenaw area, and our club is responsible for several days of activities during their stay. Transportation is needed for evening of April 21, and afternoons of April 22 and 24. Contact Spaulding Clark for details [esclark@comcast.net](mailto:esclark@comcast.net).

**April 24 – PolioPlus Benefit Concert:** Andrea Bernardini reminds us about the concert at Skyline High School, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7: 30 pm. In addition to ticket sales, concert sponsors are important to making the concert a great success. Contact Joanne Pierson, [jpierson@umich.edu](mailto:jpierson@umich.edu) or Andrea Bernardini, [bernardiniad@gmail.com](mailto:bernardiniad@gmail.com) with leads to potential corporate or individual sponsors. Tickets are available at the Hospitality Desk. Andrea really would like to know how many will attend by next week. **Get into the spirit by reprising the pep song – see below!**

### Notes from the Meeting of March 18

President Jim reported that,

- Past President Anne Glendon is recovering at home from surgery
- John Holland is recovering from a heart attack
- Larry Hastie's wife has had a setback from a stroke

All need our support and heartfelt prayers for a fast recovery.

A significant number of Rotarians have not yet paid their **Community Service Allocation**; President Jim urged that these be paid. This non-payment problem occupies too much Club management time. Do it!

Information is available at the hospitality table about the new Michigan scholarship program for foster home children under the guidance of our Bob Holmes.

Todd Kephart described the Rotate your Food donation program conducted by the Food Gatherers Committee at the next 2 meetings, March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Good foods to donate are non perishable but protein containing nutritional foods, especially important in these difficult days.

### Notes from the Program of March 18



President Jim introduced the other Rotary Club Presidents in the Washtenaw County area.

Jerry Wilczynski reported on the Chelsea Club. This is a 24 – 30 member Club that meets at the Common Grill on Tuesday at 12:15 pm. Their major fund raiser is their Cash Bash, a dinner and raffle of cash prizes. Last year they awarded 2 STRIVE scholarships to Chelsea High School students. Community activities are support for the St. Louis Center for disabled people plus a new bridge at Veterans Park.

Laurie Sprague, Assistant District Governor, described the Dexter Club, her home club with 32 members, which meets on Thursday mornings, 7:30 am at Terry B's. Their major international project was a shelter box for Myanmar following the typhoon. Foreign student exchange is a major activity.



David Blough (former member of our Club) talked about his Saline Club, 34 members, which meets at Travis Point Thursdays at noon. The Saline Club was founded in 1929. Their main fund raiser is participation at the Saline Fair. Their Feagan Challenge allows about 100 children to shop at Meijer's each year for Christmas gifts. This year they will award 4 scholarships, one of which will be a STRIVE scholarship. Internationally they support a flying medical mission in Guatemala. They will also nominate an Ambassadorial Scholar for our District.

Les Heddle reported that his Ypsilanti Club is 91 years old, and was the first club sponsored by our Club. Their main service project is high school scholarships. The Club has started a foundation with 4 endowed scholarships and is working to fund 2 additional scholarships. Their major fund raising event is a Sunday pancake breakfast. Under the leadership of John Barfield, the Ypsilanti Club has given a total of 150K to PolioPlus. The Ypsilanti Club is small, membership is a challenge due to economic downturn in the area. They meet Monday noon at the Marriott.



Other Clubs in the area are Ann Arbor North, Ann Arbor Sunrise, and Milan.

*Notes by Bob Buchanan Photos by Fred Beutler*

## **Other Notes of Interest**

### **March Board Meeting Report:**

At the meeting of the Board of Directors on March 18 the Club membership on February 28th was reported at 308. Active Exempt membership status was granted to Donald C. Smith and a letter of resignation from Al Bamsey was accepted with regret. A revised version of the Club's policy on solicitations at Club Meetings or otherwise directed at Club Members and a new policy on Sharing Non-Rotary Information with the Club Membership were adopted. A new policy establishing an Emeritus classification for Members "retiring" from club membership was approved as was the description for a Rotary Cares Committee to be formed under the Membership Committee grouping. The International Humanitarian Projects Committee was given approval to continue with plans to work with five other clubs in providing funding for the Los Torres Water Project in Mexico, and to not wait a year to hopefully obtain matching funds from Rotary International. To delay the start of the project would mean missing the opportunity to collect and store water during the upcoming rainy season. The Endowment Treasurer reported a decrease in the fund's market value due to the declining value of the worldwide equity markets.

The Operating Fund's expenses are projected to exceed income by over \$12,300 due to the recent addition of several unbudgeted items. This projected deficit will be adequately covered by the Operating Fund's reserves that totaled over \$30,000 at the beginning of the fiscal year. Previous to the meeting, by e-mail vote, the Board approved the nominations for 13 new members brought forward by the Membership Development Committee.

**New Member Orientation this Wednesday:** Our class of new members will receive their "formal" introduction into the Club at 10:30am in the Pond Rooms at the Union (in the main hallway not far from the Anderson Room). In addition to sponsors, mentors, board members and representatives of the Membership Development Committee, individual members are also invited; particularly ones who were not able to attend their own initial training session.

**Meeting Statistics:** Attendance at the meeting of March 18 included 122 members. Also present were six visiting Rotarians (Ruth Armknecht of Concord MA, David Blough of Saline, Les Heddle of Ypsilanti, Lori Sprague of Dexter, Phil Weiss of Brighton and Jerry Wilczynski of Chelsea). We also had seven guests. Just before the meeting, a total of 46 members attended meetings of the Financial Strategies, Interact, International Outreach and Program Committees. Earlier in the day, a total of 16 members participated in the monthly board meeting while five members met on Monday, March 16 to discuss fundraising.

**Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians:** None this week.

**Birthdays:** **March 24** – Bob Hatcher; **March 25** – Susan Smith Gray; **March 26** – Roger Fraser; **March 27** – David Sarns; **March 28** – Howard Dubin; Doug Moffat; **March 29** – David Behen, Dave Gunderson.

**End Polio In Our Lifetime – and smile!**

Joanne Pierson galvanized us on March 11 with the following pep song for our Polio Plus Benefit Concert, April 24 at Skyline High. Sing along – and come along!

Chorus:

We'll all rid the world of polio, the world of polio, the world of polio.  
We'll all rid the world of polio, the world of polio, the world of polio.

In the town where we all live  
We've an opportunity to give.  
Yes, on April twenty-four  
With 3 Men and a Ten-or.

Chorus

Now we know that we can  
Because we're Rotarians.  
Be a sponsor today  
Sell some tickets is another way.

## Chorus

Now I get up to this mike  
With my jingles and the like  
'Cuz I know you'll do your part  
We Rotarians have a heart.

Chorus (with big finish!)

**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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