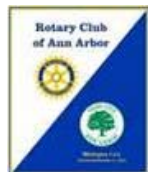


Harpoon for the Meeting of April 15, 2009

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April is Magazine Week on the Rotary Calendar

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Reception for the Australian Group Study Team
Podcasts of programs from the weekly meetings: follow the link

Program for April 15, 2009

Speaker: Will Minnette, P.E.T. Volunteer

Topic: The Personal Energy Transport Project

The Personal Energy Transport (P.E.T.) Project builds hand-made, hand-cranked vehicles for use in the developing world, where conditions often are unsuitable for traditional wheelchairs. Beginning in the garage of a Methodist Church volunteer in Missouri ten years ago, the program has donated thousands of vehicles around the world. Will Minnette, an associate of Agnes Reading and dedicated P.E.T. volunteer, will provide details.

Host/introducer: Agnes Reading

Song Leader: Jim Irwin

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Upcoming events

April 15- Committee meetings, 11 a.m., Anderson Room

Program Committee (Mike Marich; mmarich@umich.edu)

International Outreach (Spaulding Clark esclark2@comcast.net; Jim Reece jsreece@umich.edu)

Interact (Ed Weir, ewier@aol.com)

Board Meeting: 7:30 a.m., United Way Building (Jim Cook jameswcook@comcast.net)

April 19 – 28 GSE Team: On Sunday, the Ann Arbor Rotary Club will be hosting a welcoming reception for the incoming GSE team from Australia. The event will occur at Bill and Marg Dunifon's home, located at 5590 Creekview Drive, Ann Arbor 48108. It will start at 6 pm and will include drinks and a buffet selection. If you are coming, need directions, or have questions, contact Bill Dunifon at 734-429-3626.

April 22—Program: Australian Group Study Exchange team

April 24 – PolioPlus Benefit Concert: Do your share. 7:30 p.m., Skyline High School Schreiber Auditorium, 2552 N. Maple (1/2 mile north of M-14). Tickets are \$30 general admission and \$50 preferred seating (\$25 tax-deductible). Contact Joanne Pierson, jpierson@umich.edu or Andrea Bernardini, bernardiniad@gmail.com

Notes from the Meeting of April 8

There will be a memorial service for Tom Roach, a loyal member of this club, on April 18 at 2:30 p.m. at the U-M Alumni Center.

Susan Smith Gray, sans Stoeffler the snake, reminded us to put May 3 on our social calendar for Senior Showcase at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre. For \$18/head, you'll have dinner at Barbara Bryant's house before the show. See Susan or Millie Danielson ASAP for tickets. The dinner is 4:30-7 p.m.

Among recent Rotarians in the news were Dave McDowell and Ingrid Sheldon.

Ian Glassford said the tree planting date was April 25 starting at about 8 a.m., at Scheffler and Sylvan Parks. We need 30-35 volunteers, he said, volunteers being another name for digger/planters. Since 2003, our club has planted more than 1,100 trees in 19 parks around Ann Arbor. Along those lines, Bank of Ann Arbor President Tim Marshall presented a check of \$1,500; his bank is donating \$10 for every account that signs up for electronic statements, up to \$1,000, with money going to the tree planting program. Going paperless with e-statements saves trees and encourages going green in other ways.

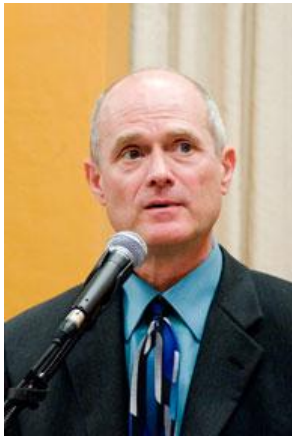


Andrea Bernardini, Joanne Pierson and Ingrid Sheldon presented a memorable “Two Women and an Alto” musical presentation on the need to attend the upcoming Polio Plus concert and incidentally, why we should sell our quota of tickets to that event. The ovation they got, “bum-bum-bum-bum,” was deserved.

Maurita Holland, Pete Richards and Don Faber presented a two-minute infomercial on the fun of getting involved in all aspects of a Community Television Network team and thus helping to publicize the club's service work. Please consider joining the TV team; see Don, Pete, or Maurita.



Program Notes from April 8



Colleague-in-arms at City Hall, Roger Fraser, introduced Ann Arbor Mayor John Hieftje on how Ann Arbor is coping with the present economy. The mayor fielded questions first, among them how the city deals with the loss of the daily newspaper. "It's a challenge for us to get the necessary information out," John said, "but we are a web-savvy community." Asked about the city's relationship to the U-M, the mayor said "we may be in for a rocky period with the U-M takeover of the Pfizer property. We lost 5 percent of our budget. Our economic development calling card is our quality of life." On another budget-related question, John said we still have a good bond rating and that "we'll make sure expenditures are balanced by revenues." A city income tax? "I've never been in favor." Roundabouts? "They're here to stay." He said east-west rail would arrive in Ann Arbor by 2010, according to SEMCOG. And the signature of our community remains the high quality of life we offer in good transportation, fine parks and a clean city. (*Notes by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor; Photographs by Fred Beutler*)



Introducing Bruce Duncan, a new Rotarian from the spring class

Missed a Meeting? Listen to the Podcast (Yes, we are entering a new era!) Follow the link: <http://www.annarborrotary.org/podcasts>. For instructions on how to sign on, see the Harpoon of April 8.

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of April 8 included 158 members. Only Coach Rodriguez drew a larger crowd (and only by three) in the last few years. Although we had no visiting Rotarians, we did have seven guests. Just before the meeting, a total of twelve members attended a meeting of the Rotaract Committee. Earlier in the day, a total of 16 members participated in meetings of the Social, Golf and STRIVE committees. Also reported was a total 15 members attending four recent off-site STRIVE meetings. Trivia question: What are the words behind the STRIVE acronym? Send your reply to a2harpoon@umich.edu to have your name appear in next week's issue.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on March 30); Tom Conlin (San Miguel de Allende, Mexico on March 10); Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore on February 26).

Birthdays: April 13, John Ackenhusen, Greg Stejskal; April 14, Gloria Kerry, Bill Stegath;
April 15, Julie Kerry, Rob Shiff; April 17, Jesse Bernstein, Lyn Welch; April 18, Dave Williams

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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> Also, find our meeting podcasts at <http://www.annarborrotary.org/podcasts>

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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