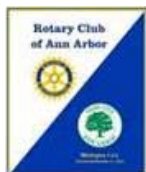


Harpoon for the Meeting of April 29, 2009

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April is Magazine Week on the Rotary Calendar

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Program: Deborah Loewenberg Ball, Dean, U-M School of Education

Topic: Becoming a Nation of Mathematically Literate People . . . What Will it Take?

Despite much talk about need for quantitative skills, U.S. students trail their peers in other nations and huge race- and poverty-related disparities persist in this country. Against this background, Dean Ball will address these questions: What sorts of mathematical skills matter most for American youth? Why do we continue to have so many problems achieving this level of math literacy? What do we know about how to solve them?

Host/introducer: Todd Roberts **Song Leader:** Ingrid Sheldon **Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

Upcoming events

April 29--Committee meetings, Anderson Room

May 3--Senior Showcase with Pre-Glow at Barbara Bryant's home (smithsms@umich.edu)

May 6 – Meeting of New Members: 11:15 Anderson Room

May 16 – Success-by-6 Touch-a-Truck Event: Up to 30 Rotary Volunteers are needed to help staff the trucks and information tent. Sign up at the desk before and after the meeting on the 22nd or contact Nishta Bhatia, Nishta_b@hotmail.com to volunteer.

Notes from the Meeting of April 22

Mark Heusel's Earth Day invocation was laced with quotes from Lincoln, C.S. Lewis, Thoreau, Rachel Carson and G.B. Shaw. After which, Russ Collins led us in a truly spirited singalong, ably assisted by Maurita Holland.

Don't forget the member survey due April 29.

We met Junior Rotarians Emily Hsiao, Darnell Forte and Amar Atal from Huron High, introduced by Tony Nam.

Paul Yhouse, reporting for Rotate Your Food, said the campaign was a rousing success with 11,600 pounds of food collected – a sum way above last year's total. Great job, Paul, and RYF team!

President Jim paid tribute to Cheryl Elliott, president and CEO of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, for her strong support of STRIVE scholarships and for her election as the new chair of the Washtenaw Economic Club.

Program: Bill Dunifon introduced the Group Study Exchange team we're hosting from District 9630 in Queensland, Australia. Team leader Alison Blomkamp gave some introductory remarks, then it was the turn of Ian Skinner, a detective; Jeff Stark, a grain and cotton farmer; Ian Shaw, an accountant; and Ryan Blunden, a web developer. The Aussies gave their observations of life Down Under and some impressions of their trip to District 6380. The slide show they presented was very informative.

Notes by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor Photos by Fred Beutler

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of April 22 in the ballroom included 140 members. We also had ten visiting Rotarians (Larry Crockett, Rick Jarzembowski, Brent Lofgren, Char Luttrell, Manish Mehta, Ayo Onafuwa, Eric Walz and Phil Zepeda of Ann Arbor North, Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson and John Hansen of Dexter) and six guests. Just before the luncheon, ten members attended a meeting of the Rotate Your Food Committee. On the previous Saturday, a total of six members participated in the Huron Interact Leadership Conference.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Wendy Brightman (Saline on April 16) and Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore on April 16).

April Board Meeting Report:

At the meeting of the Board of Directors on April 15 the Club membership at the end of March was reported at 319. A letter of resignation from Jon Gordon was accepted with regret. A resolution was approved to make a contribution by the club, as well as any member wishing to do so, to The Rotary Foundation in memory of John Chevalier, the husband of Past District Governor Audrey Chevalier. The club in his memory will also give a Paul Harris Fellowship. A new scholarship for high school students was established and named "The Anna List Memorial Scholarship" in memory of Huron High's Interact member who was murdered this fall. The Board also recommended to the District leadership that the District not apply to serve as a Pilot District for the testing of the Rotary Foundations restructuring plan. Some additional policies were reviewed as part of the ongoing collection and compilation of Board and Committee policies. Due to delays in obtaining approvals prior to the end of the club's fiscal year, it was approved that \$6000 unspent of the International Projects Committee's budget for '08-'09, be

carried over into the '09-'10 year for when the project will actually begin. It was determined that the Membership Development Committee should be asked to make plans for the induction of a new member class this summer. Projected year-end budgeted expenses will exceed income totals, as planned, and be covered by reserves. The Endowment market value saw a long awaited increase during March.

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

Birthdays: April 27, Donna Duvin; April 28, Dave McDowell; April 29, Don Devine; April 30 – Hank Brown, Barb Hiltz.

New Meeting Assignments Posted: Ingrid Deininger and Lois Jelneck have prepared the list of meeting assignments for the next six months. These duties include invoker, greeters and attendance takers. Please check the list for your name and mark your calendar. The list is posted on the club website. The link is in the blue box on the right side of the home page. You can also reach it directly at <http://annarborrotary.org/MeetingAssignments090500.pdf>. Paper copies will also be available. Stop by the attendance table at upcoming meetings.

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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