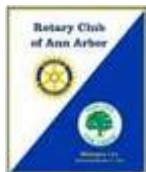


Harpoon for the Meeting of May 6, 2009

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May is District Conference Month on the Rotary Calendar

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Program for May 6, 2009

Speaker: Mary King, Parole Officer/Community Coordinator, MPRI

Topic: Prisoner Re-Entry, Improving Public Safety by Reducing Recidivism

The Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Initiative (MPRI) is a statewide collaborative effort working with the Corrections and other State Departments and community groups to prepare prisoners for release while still in custody, guide “going home” transitions out of prison, and provide services and supervision for parolees after they come home. To learn more before May 6 and help frame your questions for MPRI’s Washtenaw County Community Coordinator, see excellent article in the May *Ann Arbor Observer*.

Host/introducer: Heidi Vitso **Song Leader:** Don Devine **Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

Upcoming events

Committee Meetings on May 6, Anderson Room, 11 a.m.

New Member Meeting

RYLA: contact Robert Albritton, ralbritt1@comcast.net

Strategic Plan Financial Meeting: contact Jim Cook jameswcook@comcast.net

May 13 – Luncheon Meeting: Ellen Schulmeister, Executive Director, Shelter Assn. of Washtenaw County, discusses “Finding a Place Called Home”

May 16 – Success-by-6 Touch-a-Truck Event: Bring Kids and Grandkids – or contemporary Kids – to climb all over trucks of all sizes. Sign up to host, explaining Success by Six. Signup outside the Anderson Room or contact Nishta Bhatia, Nishta_b@hotmail.com, to volunteer. Training will be provided just before the meeting on May 13th.

Notes from the Meeting of April 29

In his invocation, Art Holst urged us to “honor and learn from the past, serve the present and plan for the future.”



President Jim said we’re still waiting to hear how much money was raised at the highly successful Polio Plus concert.

And speaking of highly successful, our scholarship recipients from the STRIVE program were introduced by Wendy Corell. Nine of fifteen winners were present to accept well-deserved accolades. They included Zuri Garcia-Leon, the Robert A. Meyers Scholarship winner for greatest grade point average improvement; Dylan

Farr, winner of the James and Better Lester Scholarship for greatest overall GPA; and Melissa Key, winner of the Gayl Dybdahl Scholarship for second best GPA improvement. Other scholarship winners are: Britley Holmes, Liz Call, Jazmyn Jewell, Jeremy Tyler, Katrina Leek, Ke’Arra Holston, Mariela Alvarez-Ramirez, Neke’ata Wilkerson, Nick Turk, Samantha Fenner, Tervonne’ Weatherspoon and Tyisha Baskin. Congratulations to all these fine students from Stone School!

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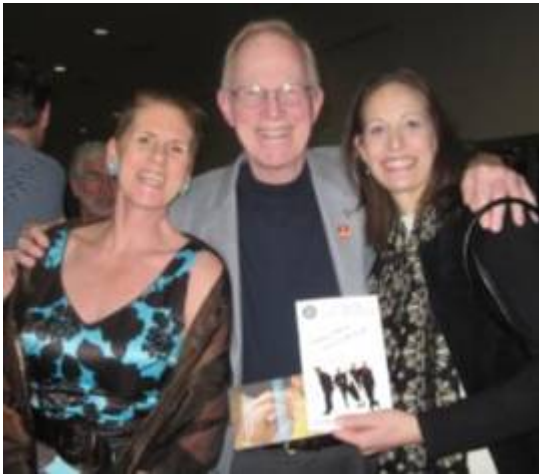
Todd Roberts introduced Deborah Loewenberg Ball, Dean, U-M School of Education on the topic, “Becoming a Nation of Mathematically Literate People...What Will it Take?” The problem, Dean Ball said, is that we haven’t taught math the other way other countries do. She shared five statements and asked us to determine whether they were myths or factual. The sense



of urgency in math skills included a continuing gap in learning opportunities; rapidly changing school populations; higher academic goals; and higher expectations for all students. She said being mathematically literate includes being able to “frame and solve problems involving quantity and space, deploying math skills and interpreting spatial information.” What can we do to address the math skills issue? First, reduce disparities in achievement and aim for higher outcomes. “We’ve been through this many times before,” she said, “and we keep using the same strategies.” The best way to make gains, she said, is to agree on a

common curriculum, tie teacher licensure to skilled performance and support summer programs, after-school clinics and tutoring. “We need teachers who, like doctors, can diagnose what the patient (student) is doing wrong.”

Notes by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor; Photos by Fred Beutler



Four Men and Four Women



Thanks to all of us (from Andrea Bernardini and Joanne Pierson)!

A rousing time was had by nearly 600 attendees at Friday night's Three Men & a Tenor concert at Skyline High School. The concert was deemed a great success! The final dollar amount raised was not in at press time; but the Ann Arbor Rotary Club surpassed its commitment of 200 tickets! We'd like to thank everyone in the Club who came through to support this effort for Polio Plus – concert attendees and those of you who sold tickets to your friends or made a donation. We will all be able to stand proud when polio is finally eradicated from our earth. The children of the world thank you.



Who Doesn't Love A Tree??!



And, lest we forget out Australian friends, here's a reminder of a wonderful visit. From left to right:

- Ian Shaw, accountant
- Ian Skinner, detective
- Jeff Stark, grain and cotton farmer
- Ryan Blunden, web developer

National Anthem Etiquette:

Responding to Ingrid Sheldon's question about whether the hand should be placed over the heart during the playing of The Star Spangled Banner:

The etiquette is spelled out in Title 36 Subtitle 1, Para. 301 of the US Code:

During a rendition of the national anthem—

(1) when the flag is displayed— (A) all present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart;

(B) men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold the headdress at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart; and

(C) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note; and

(2) when the flag is not displayed, all present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed.

Missed a Meeting? Listen to the Podcast at <http://www.annarborrotary.org/podcasts>.

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of April 29 included 142 members. We had one visiting Rotarian (Beth Walker of Brighton) and nine guests. In addition, we had eight STRIVE students and three Stone School staff. Just before the meeting, a total of 18 members attended meetings of the Golf Outing and Rotary Youth Exchange committee. Also reported was that eleven members of the Community Allocations committee met on the previous afternoon.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Maurita Holland (Manistique on April 20).

Monthly Membership Report to the District: We started the month of April with 319 members (not counting our four honoraries). Following the resignation of Jon Gordon, we reported 318 members to the District. Average attendance for the five meetings during the month was 51%.

Five Star Attendees for April: Congratulations to the 39 stalwart members who attended all five luncheon meetings in April: Dan Balbach, Bruce Benner, Joel Berger, Andrea Bernardini, Fred Beutler, Rob Boehnke, Bob Buchanan, Lou Callaway, Chuck Cares, Wayne Colquitt, Jim Cook, Charlie Crone, Andy Dahlmann, Dallas Dort, Dick Elwell, Dave Felbeck, Walt Hancock, Lois Jelneck, Dave Keosaian, Gloria Kerry, Karen Kerry, Bob Kerry, Mike Marich, Sang Nam, Jan Barney Newman, Steve Oldstrom, Steve Pierce, Joanne Pierson, Agnes Reading, Ann Schriber, Rob Shiff, Brooks Sitterley, Susan Smith Gray, Len Stenger, Victor Stoeffler, Jody Tull, Scott Westerman, Ed Wier and Dave Williams.

Birthdays: **May 5** Chris Mile; **May 6** Nels Olson, Jack Walker; **May 7** Stephen Postema, John Sepp; **May 8** Phil Klintworth



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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