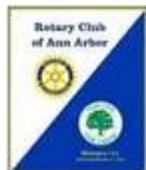


## Harpoon for the Meeting of May 13, 2009

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### **May is District Conference Month on the Rotary Calendar**

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### **Program for May 13, 2009**

**Speaker: Ellen Schulmeister, Executive Director, Shelter Assn. of Washtenaw County**

**Topic: Finding a Place Called Home**

The Shelter Association has been helping the homeless for 25 years, but these days help provided at and through the Delonis Center is not just a bed for a night. It's about helping people find jobs, save for apartment deposits, alter self-destructive habits, and generally prepare to find a place called home. The goal is to end homelessness in our County one person at a time. Hear how the Shelter is working toward that goal while demand for its services (up 25% in the past three years) and pressures on available resources steadily increase.

**Host/introducer:** Beth Fitzsimmons **Song Leader:** Jan Newman **Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

#### **Upcoming events**

**Committee Meetings on May 13, Anderson Room, 11 a.m.**

**Golf and Tennis Outing**, Greg Stejskal [stejskalmi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stejskalmi@sbcglobal.net) Claire Foley  
[ctfoley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ctfoley@sbcglobal.net)

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

**Touch a Truck Training**, 11:15, Nishta Bhatia [Nishta\\_b@hotmail.com](mailto:Nishta_b@hotmail.com)

**May 16 – Success-by-6 Touch-a-Truck Event:** Bring Kids and Grandkids – or contemporary Kids – to climb all over trucks of all sizes. Briarwood Mall, 9 am to 12.

**May 20- The Ann Arbor Rotary Spring Concert, Huron High School A Capella Choir; Richard Ingram, Director. . . . in the Ballroom**

## Notes from the Meeting of May 6

Rotary boldly stepped into the electronic age with a new sound system which worked pretty much as intended, with Frode Maaseidvaag at the controls.

At the District 6380 annual conference, Tom Conlin and John Rasmussen were honored for their personal travels to international humanitarian project sites with an award delivered by Phil Alexander. And based on all we do collectively, the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor received a Presidential Citation, an honor we receive regularly.

Nishta Bhatia, our liaison to Success by 6, which we support financially, explained the Touch-A-Truck event on May 16 at Briarwood; she urged parents and grandparents to take their pre-schoolers for up-close exposure to real, full-size trucks.



In a ceremony led by Al Burdi, the club bestowed its Distinguished Service Award (and Paul Harris Fellow) upon Sang Nam, who was so surprised by the occasion that, believe it or not, he lost his voice! When he regained speech, Sang

spoke of “your kind love to me; I work very hard, love to serve, I love Rotary, Ann Arbor, America.” As he was joined by family members at the podium, Sang accepted his DSA whose commendation read, in part: “You’re a true picture of service above self.”

Our Junior Rotarians from Huron High told us about themselves. Emily Hsiao is planning to attend the University of Pennsylvania in international studies in business; she’ll be returning to Rotary in two weeks with the Huron High School choirs. Darnell Forte will attend Morehouse College in Atlanta in chemical engineering. He said he may get into politics someday.

## Notes from the Program of May 6



Heidi Vitso introduced Mary King, parole officer and community coordinator for Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Initiative, on “Prisoner Re-entry, Improving Public Safety by Reducing Recidivism.” The cost of incarceration in Michigan runs to \$2 billion annually, or \$30,000/person to keep a person in jail. What often happens when parolees return to society is that they experience barriers to jobs and housing, difficulty in qualifying for mental health services and failure to have a support network in place. MPRI seeks to reduce recidivism through a seamless plan of services and supervision developed with each offender. Mary said MPRI is statewide, with the goal of returning parolees to their home county where they are provided social activities and transportation assistance. We can help by mentoring a person newly released from jail, hiring an MPRI participant, working to reduce stigma and filling the funding gap.



We also heard from an MPRI participant who explained his difficulty in trying to get a job. Mary said Catholic Social Services was the administrative agency for MPRI. For more information, contact CSS at (734) 327-9717 or go to [washtenawmpri@gmail.com](mailto:washtenawmpri@gmail.com)

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

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

**Meeting Statistics:** Attendance at the meeting of May 6 included 130 members. We had no visiting Rotarians but did have three Jr. Rotarians and five guests. Just before the meeting, a total of 44 members attended meetings of the Directory, Financial Planning, Membership and RYLA committees. Also reported were the 23 Rotarians, along with a few family members, who planted trees on April 25.

**Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Don Faber (Holland-Springfield OH on May 3) and Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on March 31 and April 28 and Common Grill in Chelsea on April 9).

*Note: when attending the meeting of another club, please ensure that your makeup card includes the name of the club and the date of your visit.*

**Birthdays:** **May 9** Gae Miller; **May 10** Wayne Colquitt; **May 11** Flip Connell; **May 12** Bob Green; **May 14** Larry Henkel, Len Stenger; **May 15** Ray Hunter; **May 16** Marsha Chamberlin

**Rotary Bowling Season Wrap-Up** (from Paul Glendon)

Inspired by last week's speaker's comments about the importance of bowling to prisoner re-entry, your faithful *Harpoon* sporting correspondent presents this end-of-season report of the accomplishments of your Ann Arbor Rotary bowling teams.

The **Rotary Blue** team had its best results in recent memory, finishing sixth among the twenty teams in the Colonial Lanes Thursday Night Service Club League during the Winter-Spring half of the 2008-09 season. Regular members were Captain Dick Elwell, Peter Wright, Russ Reister, Al Burdi and Stormin' Norman Herbert. Elwell and Wright led the squad with averages of 163 and 176 respectively. Herbert staged a late-season surge and had the league's third-highest single-game with-handicap score of 313. Burdi led both Rotary teams with a 57% match point winning percentage.

Alas, the **Rotary Gold** team had a prolonged late season slump and finished seventeenth out of twenty, but maintained its *joie de kegling* and promises renewed Rotarian effort come September. Regular Gold team members were Captain Bob Dascola, Chuck Olson, Dan Romanchik, Lou Callaway and Paul Glendon. Romanchik (175) and Olson (174) had the highest averages, but the Captain's average was most improved and he had the highest single-game scratch score this season on either team.

Also participating as substitute bowlers on both teams (some more frequently than others) were club members Bill Stegath, Wayne Colquitt, Brooks Sitterley, Scott Westerman, Jack Walker, Chuck Ritter and Tim Porter, and club administrator John White.

Both teams would be delighted to have more club members participate, and yes, distaff keglers, this is a coed league and women especially are invited to join either team or the roster of substitutes for both. Established excellence as a bowler is not a prerequisite. Like Toyota, we're more interested in continuous improvement – and primarily in the fellowship that makes our bowling teams a uniquely satisfying Rotary experience. To join or get more information, please contact Captain-in-Chief Dick Elwell.

**Update on the Community Television Network Training (from Pete Richards)** With the demise of *The Ann Arbor News*, getting community information publicized will become more

fragmented. How will the club get its works publicized to the community and repurposed to its Web site? The answer, according to Maurita Holland, chairperson of the club's PR and publicity committee, is CTN, community access television.

One club member, Pete Richards, has obtained CTN certification in use of the remote video camera and in the studio operation. Pete has helped produce the CTN program "Access Ann Arbor" ingratiating Rotary Club of Ann Arbor with the CTN management and staff. Don Faber and Maurita have also taken the studio operations course.

We need more members to get into the act so that we can produce programs and use this potentially powerful medium and its digital capture to promote the club. See Pete, Maurita, or Don for more information on becoming certified in the exciting area of video production. Get involved! Join the team! Bring a friend. It's free and it's fun. You can make a difference. Grow basal brain ganglia.

### **Parking More Limited than Usual in Vicinity of Michigan Union** (from Jim Kosteva)

The addition to the Thompson Street parking structure has begun and will continue until late 2010. During this time UM staff parking in the structure has been reduced by up to 200 spaces, displacing employees. Therefore, parking in the structure and surrounding vicinity will be far more limited. During most of May work is being done on the Thompson street entrance and access is only available via Division Street. When completed, there will be 250 additional spaces in the structure. Work by the City of Ann Arbor will also impact the area as road resurfacing and improvements take place along Packard and Division.



**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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