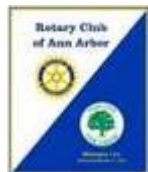


Harpoon for the Meeting of June 3, 2009

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June is Rotary Fellowship Month on the Rotary Calendar

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Speaker: Paul Courant, U-M Librarian & Dean of Libraries

Topic: Not Your Mother’s Library Any More – Universities & Libraries in Google-Time

Digital technologies are fomenting revolution in those most staid of institutions, the library and the university. Soon it will be possible to find and read on-line almost everything ever published. Is this good news or bad? (Hint for possible correct answer: *Yes*.) Dean Courant will discuss what this implies for reading, learning, and the survival and behavior of institutions that collect and preserve our scholarly and cultural heritage.

Host/introducer: Beth Fitzsimmons

Song Leader: Dave Keosaian **Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

Upcoming events

June 10 – Luncheon Meeting: Ann Arbor Rotarian Victor Rosenberg talks about “A Rotary Vocational Training Project in Brazil”

June 10 - International Humanitarian Projects – Len Stenger, lstenger@sbcglobal.net 11 a.m., Anderson Room

Notes from the Meeting of May 27

Aug. 5 has been set as Induction Day for our summer new member class. The operative word is RECRUIT.

We heard from our Junior Rotarians from Greenhills School. Jack Butz, who gave of his time at Safe House Center, will be attending U-M in the fall, majoring in English. Rose Bamfo, who volunteered at the VA Hospital, will be going to Harvard where she hopes to volunteer in hospitals in Boston. And Julia Piper, who served as a peer mentor for middle school students, will take a gap year to travel abroad before enrolling at Bowdoin College.

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Tom Conlin and John Rasmussen were called to the podium to accept Rotary’s Ambassador of Good Will Award for Tom’s efforts in Mexico and John’s in Jamaica. Congratulations to both!

Program Notes from the Meeting of May 27

Ann Schriber introduced Rotarian Gloria Brooks, President and CEO of Arbor Hospice, on “The Sandwich Generation – Adult Children taking care of Parents.” We viewed a five-minute video on Arbor Hospice before Gloria told us that initiating the conversation about hospice with one’s parents is tough but necessary. “Talk to parents before caregiving becomes a crisis,” she said, “and don’t rush them, give them time for reflection.” For example, everyone should consider making an Advance Directive, a legal document that directs people how to care for you in case of serious illness. As much as the gift of hospice is a dignified, peaceful death for the terminally ill, hospice also treats the whole family, Gloria said. Nearly one in four Americans has responsibility of caring for an aging parent, and the typical caregiver often has to take time from job, thus reducing income during active employment and retirement. The physical toll on the caregiver may include high blood pressure and other stress-related factors. For more information on Sandwich Generation issues, call 994-5113 or visit arborhospice.org at its website. *Notes prepared 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 27 included 126 members. We had no visiting Rotarians and only one guest. Two members of the Membership Committee met before lunch and reports were received documenting a total of 32 Rotarians attending recent off-site meetings of the Website Committee, Board of Directors and bowling teams while 13 others participated in the Touch-a-Truck event on May 16.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Brad Bowersox (Howell Noon on April 20) and Mark Ouimet (Dexter on May 21).

Monthly Membership Report to the District: We started the month of May with 318 members (not counting our four honoraries). After losing Bob Moenart, Nels Olson, Tim Porter and James

Steward, we reported 314 members to the District. Average attendance for the four meetings during the month was 47%.

Update on the New Michigan Business Tax (MBT): In her presentation to us on May 13, Ellen Shulmeister of the Shelter Association referred to an attractive new feature of the MBT regarding charitable contributions. Several members expressed interest in learning more. John White has the information she sent. Contact him at administrator@annarborrotary.org 662-1734 for details.

Birthdays: **June 1** – Phil Alexander, Sarkar Ashish; **June 3** – **Ruth Knoll**; **June 4** – Ingrid Deininger, Peter Allen, Wendy Brightman; **June 5** – Jim Reece, Shelly MacMillan; **June 6** – Chris Barry.



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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