

**ANN ARBOR ROTARY
Committee Roster
March 17, 2017**

CLUB OPERATIONS – Don Deatrck, Director

Program

Chair: Barbara Niess-May (barbaran@safehousecenter.org)

The Program Committee provides quality programs and speakers for the weekly luncheon meetings. Emphasis is on presenting a wide variety of programs to both entertain and inform our members. Speakers include academic leaders, business leaders, nonprofit sector leaders, government leaders (local, state, and national) and Rotary leaders. Committee members assist in evaluating and reaching out to potential speakers and are encouraged to nominate potential speakers/programs. Monthly meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month before the Club meeting.

Set-Up

Chair: David Williams (otm620@hotmail.com)

The Set-Up Committee oversees preparing the meeting room for weekly meetings, putting things away after the meeting, and storing small items and materials used during the luncheon. Each committee member sets up one meeting every two months. Dates are selected by the member, not assigned. Time commitment is 30 minutes or less before the meeting and 20 minutes or less after the meeting. There are no additional meetings.

Audio Visual

Co-Chairs: Bob Dascola (bdascola@dascolabarbers.com) and Frode Maaseidvaag (fmaaseidvaag@ameritech.net)

The Audio Visual Committee is responsible for operating and making improvements, when possible, to the Rotary audio and projection systems used during the weekly meetings. In addition, the committee is also responsible for training and scheduling the people needed for the setup and operation of the audio and projection systems as well as the three wireless "microphone runners" that allows effective audience participation in the meetings. Committee meetings are held when necessary.

Video Projection

Chair: Chris Georgandellis (cgeorgan@yahoo.com)

The Video Committee is responsible for setting up and maintaining the video projection equipment for weekly meetings. There are no meetings.

Music

Co-Chairs: Larry Henkel (jlhenkel@att.net) and Ingrid Sheldon (aasheldon@sbcglobal.net)

The Music Committee provides weekly songs for the Club meeting as well as providing talent for special programs sponsored by the Club. Each week a Song Leader and Accompanist select two or three songs for the meeting. Committee members are responsible for providing song sheets for the table (around 150 copies). Most accompanists can transpose music to a key the membership can accommodate vocally. Musicians welcomed. There are no formal meetings. Members are called quarterly to volunteer for available dates.

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Meeting Staff

Co-Chairs: Ginny Geren (vgeren@umich.edu), Mary Steffek Blaske (mary@a2so.com) and Dale Ausherman (dausherm@comcast.net)

The Meeting Staff Committee schedules members to assist with the weekly duties of greeters, invocation and taking attendance. Weekly schedules are compiled twice a year and members are assigned a duty once a year. Member's preference of how they want to participate is taken into consideration. There are no meetings.

Member Survey

Chair: Carol Sewell (carol.sewell@live.com)

The Member Survey Committee creates, distributes, collects, tabulates and reports on the annual club survey of all members. Historically, the survey planning begins in January with the development and approval of the schedule. Distribution to the membership occurs via an online survey tool occurring no later than mid-March for presentation to the Board of Directors prior to the May Board Retreat. Time commitment varies with survey complexity.

Rotary after Hours

Social

Chair: Susan Smith Gray (smithsms@umich.edu)

The Social Committee plans entertainment activities for Club members and their guests for the purpose of enabling members to become better acquainted with each other and share some of our favorite activities and experiences together. Activities selected are of interest to a wide range of members. Then members of the committee share the responsibilities of arranging, announcing, and implementing activities. Meetings are held on an as needed basis.

Bowling

Chair: Dick Elwell (rfelwell@aol.com)

The Ann Arbor Rotary Club Bowling team was one of the original clubs to start the Ann Arbor Service Club bowling league back in the 1940's. Our club has had a team in the league since its inception. Bowling is every Thursday night starting the first Thursday in September through the last Thursday in April. Bowling begins at 6:30PM and generally finishes about 9:30. For those who bowl regularly it is a major commitment of time. For those who do not want to bowl every week there are opportunities for members to sub from time to time. This is a wonderful to get to meet and know your fellow Rotarians.

CLUB OUTREACH – Leo Shedden, Director

Global Grant Scholarships

Chair: Leo Shedden (lksjcs@att.net)

Global Grant Scholarships are awarded by a District Committee to graduate students seeking international advanced degree work. The Global Grant Committee fields questions and offers advice to potential applicants and reviews and ranks any applications received from local candidates. Reviewed applications are then forwarded to the District Selection Committee for consideration. Occasionally Rotary Global Grant Scholars are awarded grants to study at the University of Michigan and our club's committee may be called upon by the District to act as a local host during

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their study time at the University. Time commitment is dependent on the number (if any) of applications received, and meeting application deadlines established by the District. Hosting any scholarship holders during their studies at the University could involve monthly contact, hosting at an occasional luncheon meeting and if needed providing transportation to another Rotary Club's meeting and/or the Annual District Conference.

International Humanitarian Projects Committee

Chair: Susan Froelich (slfroelich@gmail.com)

The International Humanitarian Projects Committee identifies, develops and implements projects with other Rotary Clubs in third world countries. Projects are funded from several sources including Club funds, District and Rotary Foundation contributions. Members who actively develop and manage projects typically work on them for a period of several months. Recent projects include electronic reading machines for India, furniture for an orphanage in the Philippines and constructing artificial fishing reefs in the Philippines and solar lamps for Uganda. Monthly meetings are held before the Club meeting.

Doers of Good Service (DOGS)

Chair: Phil Weiss (pweiss@a2sb.com)

The Doers of Good Service Committee identifies potential volunteer activities in the community and then recruits volunteers from the membership. Typically, they are one time project opportunities and the number of volunteers needed varies with the event. The Committee is currently reviewing the best way to identify projects and recruit volunteers.

Membership Committee

Chair: Sally Hart Petersen (sallyhp@comcast.net)

To increase the membership base of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor through active recruitment efforts focused on community members whose interests are aligned with the Club's mission and initiatives and who are representative of the community's diversity. Facilitate a mentor program to ensure active engagement of new members and a support system that facilitates participation in the Club's committees and service initiatives.

New Member Development

Chair: Karen Driggs (karen@thesleepycricket.com)

Develop a list of new member candidates, vet the list and establish Committee approval. Present nominations to the Board for approval. Organize a new member orientation meeting and induction ceremony for a Spring class and a Fall Class (typically March and October). Total annual new members should approximate 25 to 30 people to offset attrition and contribute to Club growth. Mail acceptance letters, create and distribute new member Welcome Packets plus collect new member data sheets and dues.

Membership Engagement

Chair: Ebru Misirli Mansfield (ebumisirli@yahoo.com)

The Membership Engagement Committee works to ensure that all members get as much out of their Rotary membership as possible. Volunteer mentors will be assigned to new members to help facilitate their participation in Club activities. Once a year the Committee identifies and personally reaches out to members whose attendance rate is below 30% to find out if there are circumstances that prevent the

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member from attending regular meetings. The Committee works with the Membership Development Committee to facilitate New Member Orientation and meets with each incoming Class 6 weeks after acceptance to evaluate their Rotary experience. In addition, the Rotary Cares Committee is a subcommittee responsible for taking care of members' personal needs outside of the functions of the Club. Monthly meetings are held before the Club meeting.

Emeritus Program

Chair: Doug Freeth (ddfreeth@yahoo.com)

Honoring long time loyal Ann Arbor Rotary members who have exuding service above self. Awardees are selected based on total of age plus number of years as a Rotarian in Rotary Club of Ann Arbor or other Rotary Club. Health and other factors are also taken into consideration. Six to eight awards are made each year.

Rotary Cares

Chair: Barbara Eichmuller (barbara@eichmuller.com)

Sending out get well, good luck, condolence or congratulations cards to recognize pivotal moments in members' lives.

COMMUNITY SERVICE - Greg Stejskal, Director

Golf and Tennis Outing

Co-Chairs: John Simpkins (johnsimpkins@gmail.com) and Amy Kilbourne (kilbourne.amy@gmail.com)

The Golf and Tennis Outing Committee plans, organizes and implements the Club's annual fundraiser. Historically the Club's fundraising focus has been helping kids succeed through scholarships and support of early childhood development programs. In 2016, the Club will celebrate its centennial by providing the community its first Universal Access Playground in a public park partly through funds raised from this outing. Planning occurs throughout the year with opportunities to serve on the following subcommittees: Fundraising, Auction, Golf Event, Tennis Event, Financial, Dinner, Entertainment and Day of Outing staffing. Monthly meetings are held before the Club meeting.

Community Allocations

Co-Chairs: Peg Talburt (pegtalburt@yahoo.com) and Roy More (ramore@tspa.com)

The Community Allocations Committee solicits, reviews and awards up to \$50,000 in grants to local not for profit organizations that support the Club's goal of "Helping Kids Succeed." Funding commitments are for a single year with a maximum amount of \$5,000 per grant. Members of the committee are responsible for reading and ranking applications in preparation for an annual grant selection meeting in April and approval by the Board of Directors later that month. There is a second cycle to select an applicant for the "District Grant" application in July. Monthly meetings are held before the Club meeting the last Wednesday of each month.

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Rotate Your Food

Chair: Todd Kephart (toddkephart@hotmail.com)

The Rotate Your Food Committee is responsible for an annual food drive to help our local food bank, Food Gatherers. The drive is held in March and early April because the need for food rises in the summer when subsidized school programs are not available. Committee members work to coordinate with businesses who participate in the drive, other Washtenaw Rotary Clubs, as well as Interact and Rotaract Clubs. The Kickoff Meeting is in early December and the bulk of the work is done in March. No activity between April and December.

Veterans' Celebration

Co-Chairs: Brad Chick (brad@chickcentral.com) and Karen Kerry (karendkerry@gmail.com)

The Veterans Celebration Committee provides members with an opportunity to plan and execute an event that honors veterans during veteran's week called Service Above Self- Honoring Our Veterans. Currently, this project involves working with other community leaders to produce a veteran's storytelling event at a major venue in Ann Arbor that is free and open to the public. The purpose of the event is to honor veterans and raise awareness and funds for the first Fisher House in Michigan. Meetings are twice a month during the year on Friday afternoons.

Veterans' Job Initiative

Chair: Don Deatrick (ddeatrick@live.com)

Veterans Initiative committee members are volunteers for the veterans annual Hiring Veterans.

The committee greeters/guides volunteers act as guides for veterans and their families. After veterans register volunteers assist the veterans review their job skills, review the jobs available, help evaluate which employers best match their skill set and guide the veteran to several employers. Other volunteers will function as Greeters-at-large in the employer areas to help veterans to approach and talk to potential employers regarding jobs available that match their skill set. Each monthly meeting is on Wednesday before regular meetings and is one half an hour of each month between July and November. Hiring event the first Thursday of November each year. Meet between July and November planning the Greeter/guide function of the Annual Hiring Event at Washtenaw Community College. During the Hiring Event Committee members select one or two shifts each two hours in length, between 9:30 A M to 1:00 PM.

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT – Glenna Frank Miller, Director

Rotary Readers and Tutors

Co-Chairs: Nick Lacy (a2lacy@gmail.com) Co-Chair Open

Rotary Readers and Tutors volunteer in community schools. Rotary Readers and Tutors volunteer in community schools. Rotary Tutors work at Angell Elementary, Lakewood Elementary, Burns Park Elementary and Beatty Early Learning Center in Ypsilanti. Placements are also available in other local schools, particularly if the tutor has a relationship with the school. Tutors generally work one session a week during the school year. The tutoring and reading schedules are established in September and continue throughout the school year. Committee members receive meeting credits for their work. One hour weekly, September through May.

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Service Above Self Scholarships

Co-Chairs: Joyce Hunter (hunter4949@sbcglobal.net) and Tom Kuslikis (tkuslikis@umcu.org)

The Scholarship Committee works with the Financial Aid Office at Washtenaw Community College to award scholarships to students who are current or past graduates of any Ann Arbor high school. The Club may award up to eight scholarships a year. These need-based applicants are required to write an essay about service.

Committee members review the applications and make recommendations for the awards. Meetings are held in the spring during application season.

STRIVE

Co-chairs: Andy Dahlmann (2015) (adahlm1322@aol.com), Joyce Hunter (hunter4949@sbcglobal.net) and Mike Tyson (mtyson@new.com)

In partnership with Pathways to Success High School, the Ann Arbor Rotary STRIVE Program helps turn young lives around. PTSHS provides a new opportunity for these students to focus, be successful in school, and get their high school diplomas. PTSHS and STRIVE work together to provide a unique structure, incentives, and motivation to help the seniors accomplish these life-changing objectives. During the year, the STRIVE committee gives the students mentorship and guidance to graduate from high school, awards scholarship money, and assists in the student's enrollment at Washtenaw Community College. In addition, the Strive at Work program takes them to area companies to observe first-hand what the world could look like with a college degree. Meetings vary and are held during the school year.

Junior Rotarians

Chair: Laura Thomas (laura.thomas@cuaa.edu)

The Junior Rotarian Committee works with counselors from five Ann Arbor high schools to identify three outstanding senior students to be honored as Junior Rotarians from each of the schools. Student honorees are paired with a Rotarian mentor according to their career interest. During the business meeting, Junior Rotarians speak briefly about their accomplishments, activities, and future plans. Committee members are responsible for arranging separate Junior Rotarian days for each school with the Club and the schools. They send invitation letters to students and parents, line up a mentor and a host for each student, provide table assignments, name tags, certificates and photography.

BRAND MANAGEMENT – Steve Schram, Director

Harpoon

Chair: Dan Romanchik (dan@danromanchik.com)

The Harpoon Committee's charge is to disseminate information about the club and to promote club activities through Rotary's electronic newsletter. The work includes newsgathering about members, a weekly report of the club's meeting, noting Rotarians in the news, and such reports as shall be assigned to committee members by the editor.

The committee has various responsibilities including formatting operations of the Harpoon, primary and backup reporters to the editor at the weekly meetings, and others volunteering to help in any capacity. Meetings are randomly scheduled as needs arise, but much of the contact among members is by e-mail.

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Website

Chair: Todd McKinney (interim) (toddmck@umich.edu)

This committee is responsible for the club website - www.annarborrotary.org. The committee works with the club administration and committees to edit and update website content, including posting issues of the *Harpoon* and information on Club and Rotary International programs. In addition, it keeps the Director up to date, posts information from other Club committees and Rotary International Programs. Experience with website content management systems is helpful, but not required.

Social Media

Chair: Jennifer Borton (jrborton5@gmail.com)

The Social Media chair has primary responsibility for the Club's accounts on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. The chair handles weekly postings on Facebook and shares it across other platforms as appropriate.

Public Relations

Chair: Steve Schram (schram@umich.edu)

The committee will provide support to other club committees to highlight and promote specific events and projects throughout the year using print media, radio, TV, slideshows and social media support. The PR committee will be successful when it has a team of committee members that are proactive about meeting the needs of the various committees in promoting upcoming events and reporting on past projects and events and being called on to do so by the various Club Committees and the Board. Also, a dynamic relationship will be maintained with other PR committees such as Website, Harpoon and Social Media committees. Monthly meetings are schedule on the first Tuesday of each month.

Photography

Chair: Fred Beutler (fjb@umich.edu)

This committee records pictures that chronicle Rotary activities. Photos are published in the Harpoon and archived in a Dropbox account or retention and future reference.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT – Brandon Black

Interact (Huron and Pioneer)

Co-Chairs: Ed Wier (edwier@aol.com) and Doug Moffat (douglas.moffat@nm.com)

Provide support and guidance to the Huron / Pioneer High School Interact Clubs, educating students on the purpose and objectives of Rotary and introducing students to the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor and its members. Assist students as they seek opportunities to engage in meaningful service projects (local and international) and develop leadership and organizational skills.

University of Michigan Rotaract

Co-Chairs: Joanne Pierson (joannemarttilapierson@gmail.com) and Andrew Sohn (andrew.sohn@cuaa.edu)

The University of Michigan Rotaract Committee supports and mentors the University of Michigan Rotaract Club; its mission is to provide young adults the opportunity to serve local and international communities, while providing professional development and leadership skills. The committee is busy from September through April, but then takes

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the summer off along with the students. The Rotaract committee is the one for you if you are interested in mentoring the next generation of Rotarians and you like to have fun!

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Chair: Steve Pierce (scharlespierce@gmail.com)

This Committee provides support and guidance to the Huron and Pioneer High School Interact Clubs, educating students on the purpose and objectives of Rotary and introducing students to the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor and its members. It also assists students as they seek opportunities to engage in meaningful service projects (local and international) and helps develop members' leadership and organizational skills.

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)

Co-Chairs: Mary Jean (MJ) Raab (raabmj@aol.com) and Jake McLouth (mclouthj@aaps.k12.mi.us)

Rotary Youth Exchange provides an opportunity for young residents to spend a few weeks or an entire academic year living with a foreign family. The RYE committee works to raise awareness of the program with area high schools and facilitates the processing of any local applicants. Committee members interact with high school counselors, foreign language instructors and others knowledgeable of students potentially seeking a foreign learning experience. The committee also interacts with applicants and their families in a light screening and interview process. The commitment involves a few hours at committee meetings, a few visits to high schools and potentially a few hours interviewing and getting to know potential applicants.

2017 Peace Conference

Convener: Ashish Sarkar (adsarkar@comcast.net); Co-Chair Program - Rosemarie Rowney (rowney@comcast.net)

The World Peace Conference is a one time event planned for March 31-April 1, 2017 at the Michigan League on the UM campus. The objective of the Peace Conference is to empower community leaders, Rotarians and others to promote and actively practice peace in their communities. This two-day event is hosted by the Michigan, northern Indiana, northwest Ohio and southern Ontario based Rotary Clubs representing over 15,000 Rotarians. Local Rotary members are needed as volunteers to help with music, logistics, speakers aides, transportation assistants, fund raising from local businesses, foundations, individuals. The organizers of the Peace Conference are also requesting club members to host Canadian Rotarians for 2 nights at their homes. The hosts will only be responsible for housing them. We are expecting approximately 40 to 50 couples/guests.