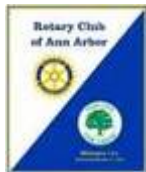


Harpoon for the Meeting of August 12, 2009

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August is Membership and Extension Month in the Rotary Calendar

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Program for August 12, 2009

Speaker: Michael Cole, Bank of Ann Arbor & Ann Arbor Angels

Topic: Building Successful Businesses based on University Research & Knowledge

In the first of a series looking at Ann Arbor’s evolution from nationally recognized research center to similarly recognized center of innovation-based business, the head of the investment organization *Ann Arbor Angels* will discuss local efforts to help develop a new, innovation based Michigan economy. The challenge & opportunity? To deploy investment capital and technical and management talent to parlay \$800 million annual U-M research into a thriving local tech and life science-based business community.

Host-introducer: Dallas Dort. Song Leader: Steve Pierce Accompanist: Maurita Holland

Upcoming events

August 19 – Luncheon Meeting: Matthew Rouser, Ambassadorial Scholar Alumnus, on “An American in Sweden, or What do You Mean, There’s no Ikea Here?”

August 26 – Luncheon Meeting: President Lou Callaway and Club Administrator John White discuss “Lessons Learned, Challenges Accepted from the Wider World of Rotary”

August 30 – Social Committee Family Picnic

September 14: Golf and Tennis Outing: Contact Claire Foley claire@fiscalfit.com

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Notes from the Meeting of August 5

The Rotary Picnic is set for Aug. 30, 2-7 p.m., at Susan Smith-Gray's place on Bass Lake in Pinckney. Hot dogs and hamburgers and soft drinks will be provided; Members are asked to bring salads or sides, or desserts. Children and Grandchildren are especially invited. Cost is \$5; to reserve a spot, call Susan at 810-231-1412.

Program Notes from the August 5 Meeting

Charlie Crone and Todd Kephart jointly introduced the new member class of August, 2009.



Christopher A. (Chris) Ballard, a partner working in the firm Bodman LLP and specializing in nonprofit law; Chris's sponsors were Chris Barry and Betsy Hammond



Tony Derezinski, now serving on Ann Arbor City Council, is a former state senator and former regent of Eastern Michigan University. Tony's field is nonprofit administration. His sponsors are Scott Westerman, Ann Schriber and Roger Fraser.



Deb Moore is founder and president, Custom Design/Build, Inc. Her firm is mainly involved in residential construction. She is sponsored by Marsha Chamberlin and Tim Gretkierewicz.



David R. Reid is president, SelectRide, Inc., which includes Yellow Cab and Airport Shuttle. Dave's candidacy is sponsored by Ingrid Sheldon and Dan Romanchik.



David Shtulman is Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor. David's numerous sponsors included David Herzig, Victor Rosenberg, Prue Rosenthal and Norman Herbert.

Three other members of the August class, John Barrie, Roberto Frisancho and Hedy Frisancho, will be introduced at a later date. The next New Member Class will be inducted in early November. *Notes by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor*

Thought for the Day: Remarks of Paul Harris in Buffalo, 1922. "There's a secret to Rotary's remarkable success. Rotary succeeds because in Rotary the standing of a man depends on his deeds and not his creeds, and because its course leads toward the brightest and most alluring of human objectives: the brotherhood of man." Message to the Rotary Club of Buffalo, New York, USA 1922, Honoring Our Past: The Words and Wisdom of Paul Harris.

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of August 5 included 108 members. We had no guests or visiting Rotarians. Just before lunch, a total of nine members participated in meetings of the Fundraisers and Membership Committees. Earlier in the day, 16 Rotarians participated in the orientation of our new members.

Other Notes of Interest

District Literacy Committee: In the July issue of our District 6380 Newsletter the newly formed District Literacy Committee outlined their 2009-2010 goals and encouraged Clubs to undertake a literacy project at home or abroad and to participate in International Literacy Day on September 8, 2009 and Rotary Literacy Month in March. Further, the Committee issued a reminder that this year literacy is an area of emphasis for Rotary International.

Letter from Emily Hsiao, Interactor, on her experience with the Tokyo Club: I just wanted to let you know that I had a wonderful time at a Tokyo Rotary party and I want to thank you for helping me get this opportunity.

I did not get to go to a Shibuya Rotary meeting because the dates did not work out. Instead, they put me in touch with a neighboring Rotary club (Ebisu) which was having a party instead of their regular meeting that week.

The party was held in a place that was supposedly made like the inside of Titanic. It was very extravagant, as were the people who came. (I was in a dress but felt very underdressed!) Even though it wasn't a real meeting, it was nice because they did go through the regular meeting procedures. The president (a woman!) rang the bell, and everyone started to sing the Rotary song. I was one of many guests that night, but they had each person introduce their guest, telling everyone where each person was from, just like Ann Arbor's club. They then had someone read from the "smiling box," which is composed of letters from people thanking Rotary. I got to watch an exchange of banners with the Niigata Rotary club as well.

During the party, they had entertainment such as dancing and playing the piano. I met the Area Coordinator for the Youth Programs for Asia. She talked about Interact, RYLA, Rotary Youth Exchange, and Group Study Exchange. It was very cool to see what Japanese Interactors were doing! She said she is currently trying to push them to fundraise for their own projects. She also talked about how they were trying to aid the fight to eradicate polio--it was exciting to see an immediate connection from one side of the world to another.

The Ebisu Rotary Club is over 50% women, a fact of which they are very proud. I also met many people who had gone to the University of Michigan (one went to dental school) and Michigan State. Most of the other people I met that night had studied abroad, something that most people in Asia did not do when they went to school.

Thank you so much for this opportunity. It was very fun and very exciting to see how Rotary International truly works. I cannot believe how people around the world who do not even know each other can work towards one goal--but that's Rotary. It is amazing.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Mark Ouimet (Dexter on July 30) and Bob Swistock (Novi on April 9).

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

Birthdays: Aug 12 – Rick Price, Heidi Vitso; Aug 13 – Larry Voight; 14 – Ann Schriber; Aug 16 – Todd Kephart

SEPTEMBER 14th is coming! Don't miss your opportunity to join fellow Rotarians and their guests for a fabulous day of golf and tennis at Travis Pointe Country Club. The games will be followed by a social hour and dinner. There will be a silent auction with many wonderful items - it's a great chance to find a bargain! To top it off, we'll all enjoy our featured speaker - Art Holst. This year's event offers something for everyone - won't you join us? See your Golf/Tennis committee member for more information. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for the event, contact Claire Foley at claire@fiscalfit.net.

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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