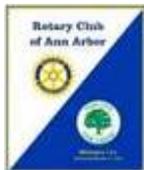
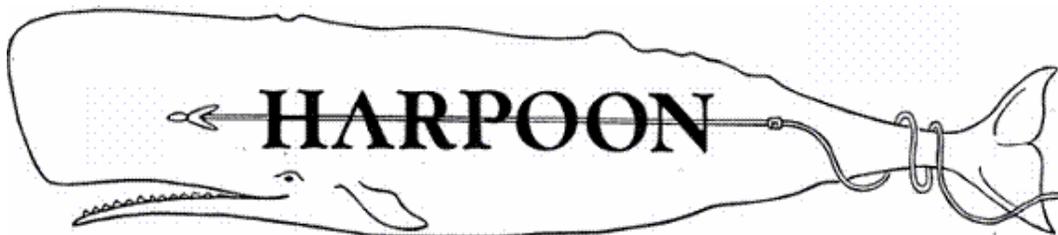


Harpoon for the Meeting of August 26, 2009

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August is Membership and Extension Month in the Rotary Calendar

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Speakers: President Lou Callaway and Club Administrator John White

Topic: Lessons Learned, Challenges Accepted from the Wider World of Rotary

Earlier this year President Lou and John White attended a Rotary large club conference and brought back a bundle of "peer learning" from other members of an elite group of the hundred largest Rotary clubs. Then Lou took his presidential preparations to another level by attending the International Rotary Convention in June. He and John will tell us how we stack up in the wide world of Rotary and the big ideas they picked up to put into practice in our club.

Introducer: Al Burdi

Song Leader: Russ Collins

Accompanist: Maurita Holland

August 30 – Social Committee Family Picnic, 2-7 p.m.; details from smithsms@umich.edu

September 2--Luncheon Meeting: Ingrid Ault, Executive Director, speaks on "Think Local First ... and Watch Out for 'Local Washing'"

September 14: Golf and Tennis Outing: 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. See any Golf/Tennis committee

member for more information. If you would like to volunteer to help at the event, contact Claire Foley at claire@fiscalfit.net.

FYI! Luncheon Prices--As of Sept 1, 2009, meal prices at the Union for our regular luncheons will increase \$.50 for each option.

FYI! Parking--Parking will be difficult on September 2nd as that is Move-In week at the University.

Notes from the Meeting of August 19

We signed cards of good wishes to Walt Helmreich and Dean Millard, who've been under the weather lately.

Greg Stejskal, assisted by Claire Foley, urged full participation by members in the upcoming Golf and Tennis Outing.

Vic Rosenberg gave a brief update on a Brazilian humanitarian service project of which he has been an integral part.

Charlie Crone, for the new member class, introduced Dan Romanchik, sponsor of John Barrie. John is executive director of The Appropriate Technology Collaborative, a nonprofit which applies technology in emerging countries. John's introduction completes the most recent class; the next new member class is in November.



President Lou informed us of various board actions, including some departures from our club.

Notes from the Program of August 19

Jim Reece introduced our speaker, Matthew Rouser, Ambassadorial Scholar, on the subject "An American in Sweden, or What Do You Mean, There's No Ikea Here?" Matt's a Northwestern University graduate, who was awarded an Ambassadorial Scholarship from District 6380 for urban planning graduate study in Sweden; he was based in Karlskrona, a smallish city in the south of that country. In Sweden, Matt said, "many words are used in multiple contexts" and the Swedes use a lot of non-verbal communication, such as a sharp intake of breath (not necessarily to register surprise). Matt also learned Sweden is a

country of middle class people, neutral in outlook and with comprehensive government health care. He studied European spatial planning and regional development, which included sustainability and economic development. He pointed out the world's population "is majority urban for the first time in human history," which would seem to argue for more urban planning. Right now, he's looking for a job in planning or consulting and needs a mentor; if you can help, he's reached at 248-797-7780 or m-rouser@alumni.northwestern.edu.

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

Thought for the Day: Again, from Paul Harris in comments in the Rotarian magazine in 1944: "There are no great fundamental differences between men and nations. None is extremely good; none entirely bad. The great mischief-maker is misunderstanding."

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of August 19 included 127 members. We also had three guests and three visiting Rotarians (John Hansen of Dexter, Byron Hestevold of Marathon FL and Christine Johnson of Saline). Just before lunch, a total of 29 members participated in meetings of the Golf Outing, Program and Success by 6 Committees. Early in the day, the Board of Directors met. Nine Rotarians were present.

Other Notes of Interest

Board of Directors' Meeting of August 19: It was reported that 220 members had paid their 2009-10 dues. Late notices will be mailed to those not heard from by early September. We ended July with an active membership of 309 as Montatip Krishnamra membership was terminated. Leaves of absence were granted to Mary Barnett (medical) and Robert Ause (work conflict). Letters of resignation were accepted from Jill Arnold (moved from area) and Steven Thoms (new employment). Ed Carlson was approved for Active Exempt membership status.

We learned that the District Governor, Judy Garver, would be with us on October 14th to meet with the Board and speak at our Luncheon that day. Our finances continue to be sound. Files and records are at the accountants and tax returns are being prepared. The Club's Endowment portfolio value finished the month of July at \$981,050.

An updated list of committee leadership is being prepared for publishing in the upcoming Directory. A new chair for the Outbound Ambassadorial Scholarship committee is still being sought. The Board approved a plan from the Golf/Tennis Outing Committee outlining ways to provide appropriate recognition to the major sponsors of the Outing. Plans are to form a task group this fall to draft a general club policy to address topics such as sponsor/donor recognition and potential advertising on club related materials. At the recommendation of the Rotary Cares Committee, four additional former members were granted the new Emeritus membership status. The presentations of this recognition will be made this fall. *Notes prepared by Downs Herold*

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Maurita Holland (Manistique on July 27), Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on July 28 and August 18), Ann Schriber (Sarasota Bay FL on March 4, 2008 and March 19, 2008) and Mary Steffek Blaske (Manistique on August 10).

Dues News: There are about four score members who have not yet paid their dues. According to our club's policy on prompt discharge of financial obligations, members who are not up to date after one month beyond the specified date (which will be August 31 for dues) can expect to receive a reminder notice.

Reminder--Rotary Cares Committee: This new committee, chaired by Ingrid Deininger and Lois Jelneck, keeps track of our members who find themselves in special circumstances. If you know of any member who may benefit from a get-well or sympathy card, help getting to a meeting or just some kind words, please contact Ingrid or Lois.

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

Birthdays: Aug 25: John Atwater, Doug Freeth, Tom Strode, Jody Tull; Aug. 27: Chris Fischer; Aug. 28: Al Burdi, Sam Offen; Aug. 29: Mike Nold

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 29: www.zones28-29.org. Our club is in Zone 29. The zone has 17 districts and covers portions of Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ontario.

District 6380: <http://rotary6380.org/>. This is the website for our district which includes 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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