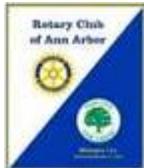


Harpoon for the Meeting of November 4, 2009

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Sad news: Rotarian Walt Helmreich passed away on Friday, October 30 at 92. He joined the club in 1997. Details should be available at the Wednesday meeting and in next week's Harpoon.

November is Rotary Foundation Month on the Rotary Calendar

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Club's Nominating Committee will announce its recommended slate of new Officers/Directors for Rotary year 2010/2011 at the Club's regular meeting this Wednesday, November, 4th. The slate will be voted on by the membership at the Club Assembly in December. At the meeting this Wednesday alternative candidates can be nominated from the floor by a member so long as the person being nominated has given his or her permission.

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Speaker: Christopher Grundler, EPA Ann Arbor Laboratory

Topic: The Road to Sustainable Transportation

The Deputy Director of the Office of Transportation and Air Quality at the EPA National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory will describe work being done at the lab located on Plymouth Road in Northeast Ann Arbor. A senior EPA executive with decades of experience, Chris Grundler will highlight recent accomplishments and current challenges in creating a more sustainable transportation system.

Introducer: Bob Mull **Song Leader:** Steve Pierce **Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

Upcoming Events

Nov 4 – Committee Meetings

International Humanitarian Projects – Len Stenger l.stenger@sbcglobal.net

Nov 11 – Luncheon Meeting in the Ballroom

Speakers: Proud Sponsors of another Group of New Members

Topic: Induction of Newest Ann Arbor Rotarians – the Class of November 2009

Nov 13 – Kelsey Museum Tour and Post-Dig Supper: Social Committee has arranged for us to have small tours by Kelsey Museum Docents. We will then gather at Barbara Bryant’s home for a Post “Dig” Supper. More details below.

Notes from the Meeting of October 28

Sang Nam introduced several guest accompanying the speaker, including the Director and staff of the University’s Center for Korean Studies and staff from the Consul’s office in Chicago.

President Lou offered our Club’s condolences to Rotarian Dave Schmidt, who recently lost his wife, Marcia, following a long illness. The family suggests donations to our Club’s STRIVE Scholarship program.

The Board has approved nine New Members whom we will meet on November 11th. This meeting will be in the Ballroom to accommodate the Union’s schedule; the regular luncheon will be served.

October 24, 2009 was World Polio Day. Rotary International and all clubs are instituting a program to increase polio awareness. In Ann Arbor, Stewart Nelson has made online donations possible from our Club’s website (<http://www.annarborrotary.org>) so the wider community will have an opportunity to donate to the Rotary PolioPlus Fund. Note: Ann Arbor Rotarians should continue to route their donations through the club in order to qualify for the 1:2 match offered to members in reaching the first or next level of a Paul Harris Fellowship.

President Lou reported on his visit to the Pioneer High Interact Club. The meeting was full of enthusiastic students. Lou challenged each to consider his or her own personal commitment to international understanding and good will.



Barbara Bryant (left) described the planned Rotary visit to the Kelsey Museum with docent tours on Friday, November 13th at 6:00 pm. This will be followed by dinner at Barbara’s home. Cost is \$5per person. Reservations should be made by speaking to Barbara during Wednesday’s meeting or by email: bryantb@umich.edu



Sue Beutler (left) described our 3H project in cooperation with other local Clubs, lead by Ann Arbor North. The purpose was to improve healthcare at Santarem, Brazil on the Amazon River in conjunction with the Santarem Rotary Club. The project included dental equipment, X-ray and hospital equipment. Sue and Fred plus John Rasmussen and Pat Pooley recently visited Sanarem to review this successful project.

Notes from the Program of October 28

Sang Nam introduced The Honorable Sung-Hwan Son, Consul General of the Republic of Korea of the Consular Office in Chicago. The Consul entered the Korean Office of Foreign Affairs in 1995 and has served at consular posts including Russia, Pakistan, the World Trade Organization in Geneva. He now



holds the position of Consul General in Chicago. This post serves a large area in Midwestern U.S. The Consul is an honorary Rotarian in Chicago.

Speaking on *US Korean Relations and the KORUS FTA*, the Consul noted that Korea is the third largest contributor to Rotary International. Korea, which is the 7th largest trading country in the world, is a small country surrounded by powerful neighbors, he said. Its economy depends primarily on foreign trade and it has a GDP of \$1 trillion, compared to \$13 trillion for the US.

Korea was annexed to Japan in 1910, then gained independence in 1945. After the Korean War, South Korea entered into a mutual defense treaty with the US in 1953. This alliance has stabilized both the politics and economy of the region. However, the alliance is now undergoing major change. First, it is evolving from a military to an economic, cultural, and social alliance. Second, it is broadening in scope from bilateral to regional and global cooperation. The Korean/United States Free Trade Agreement (KORUS FTA), currently in negotiation, should upgrade the economic partnership.

Although ratification of the KORUS FTA is a problem for Michigan because the automobile chapter seeks to eliminate or make very low tariffs on Korean imports, the Consul observed that no trade agreements will satisfy everyone. He said that the KORUS FTA should have minimal impact on US industry, and that overall, it will benefit US consumers. "This FTA is essential because of the increasing geopolitical power of China," he stated. Korea now has a free trade agreement with the EU, which will be the second largest market for Korea following China.

The Consul closed by quoting former American Ambassador to South Korea, V.H. E. Alexander Vershbow, who stated that Koreans and Americans are similar: honest, direct, devoted to family, and proud of their countries' histories and achievements. *Notes prepared by Bob Buchanan, Harpoon editor; photos by Fred Beutler*

Thought for the Day from Paul Harris: *The spirit of tolerance of Rotary makes all things possible.*

Meeting Statistics: The regular weekly luncheon meeting on October 28 was attended by 141 members and nine guests. Just before lunch, a total of 12 members participated in meetings of the Rotaract and STRIVE committees. Also reported were three meetings of the Endowment Investment Committee (October 8, 13 and 20). Eight Rotarians met in each one. The tree planting session on October 31 drew 34 Rotarians (see complete article below).

Other Notes of Interest

Spring Fling Dates Confirmed: The Social Committee has confirmed May 16 as the date for Spring Fling at the new University Museum of Art. The evening will feature guided tours of the exhibits and dinner catered by The Moveable Feast. Be sure to be in town!

Access to Club's Website, or Where's the Membership Directory? The Ann Arbor Rotary Club's website is up and gaining new features every day. Please remember that some content is available only to members. To locate the MEMBER DIRECTORY, you must Login.

1. Click on "Login" (upper left corner of screen)
2. Use the traditional, generic Rotary Club (same as the old site—"a2rotary"...etc. Do NOT put in your personal name)
3. Now move to Membership on the blue bar. The Directory and the Nominate a Member form will now be visible and accessible.

Come back often—we're adding new features and content every week. Check out the Club's policies and history under the "About Us" button, find our Rotary awardees and committees under "Leadership," and see the Rotarians in the News and our Social Events along with backfiles of Harpoons under "News & Events." Podcasts are under construction.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Maurita Holland (Manistique on October 26)

Monthly Membership Report to the District: The club started the month of October with 313 active members. After the resignations of Frank Cambria, Sonia Gill, Bob Kerschbaum Jr., Pete Richards and Steve Votaw and the conversion of Bob Pratt to Emeritus status, we finished the month with 307 members (not counting our four honoraries). Average attendance for the five meetings during the month was 50%.

Tree Planting on October 31: The turnout at Sylvan Park was as big as we have enjoyed. There were 34 Rotarians, one upcoming inductee, a couple dozen other eager workers (almost all Interactors) and about eight members of the city's Forestry Department. They dug holes (it was too wet for the big machines), planted and mulched 51 trees while consuming a few dozen donuts, a couple gallons of cider and a big container of coffee. The entire effort took only two hours. Many hands make light work. Thanks to all who participated with physical labor as well as to those who donated to our Endowment to help buy the trees.

Dick Emmons comments on tree planting: Although not as well known as Nostradamus, with the simple replacement of the word "park" for his original "yard," you can see he was way ahead of his time in predicting service projects by our club:

A stately oak in our yard keeps
The hot sun off our heads
And, while that's great, it's also true
That, once it shades, it sheds

Note: Dick was a long-time member of our club. He joined in 1962 and was president in 1971-1972. He passed away in 2000. His light verse was widely read in several major national publications. You can expect to read more of his prognostications in future editions of the Harpoon.

p.s. Thanks to the city and the *Ann Arbor Observer*, Ann Arbor residents can call 994-8131 or look on page 52 of the November issue to find out about the leaf collection schedule.

World Interact Week 2009 is November 2nd through the 8th: During World Interact Week, Interactors and Rotarians Worldwide commemorate the charter of the first Interact club in 1962, By completing four designated projects, Interact Clubs and their Rotary Club sponsors can receive special recognition from Rotary International.

Birthdays: Nov 2 – Elaine Alexander, Charlie Crone; Nov 3 – Alice Irani; Nov 4 – **Tim Gretkierewicz, Ed Wier, Kirk Williams, Karen Wixon**; Nov 5 – Dave Schmidt; Nov 7 – Dave Matthews; Nov 8 – Howard Cooper, John Kinsey

Links of Interest: Below is a list of links to various websites that will be of interest to Rotarians.

Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org> . The RI home page has links to About Rotary, The Rotary Foundation, Club Locator and Member Access.

Zone 29: <http://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://www.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://www.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/news-events/podcasts>

Our club also sponsors the following Rotaract and Interact Clubs:

U-M Rotaract Club: <http://www.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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