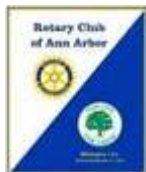


Harpoon for the Meeting of January 6, 2010

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Speaker: Andy Buchsbaum, Regional Director, National Wildlife Federation

Topic: Great Lakes Threats and Promises . . . Especially the Asian Carp

Efforts to keep the Asian Carp out of Lake Michigan have been much in the news recently, and NWF Regional Director Andy Buchsbaum has been in the forefront of those efforts, including possible legal action to close the Chicago Shipping Canal. He will explain how and why this monster fish is one of the most dangerous of a multitude of invasive species threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem, but also bring good news about the promise of remedial action funded by the \$475 million Federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Host/introducer: Sam Offen

Dec 31 – Community Service Assessment Donations: The check for \$170 can be mailed to the Club at P.O. Box 131217, Ann Arbor MI 48113-1217. Additional amounts are welcome and will be credited to the Club's Permanent Endowment. Donations received (or postmarked) during calendar year 2009 will be included in the annual "tax letter" that will be distributed to members in late January.

Jan 6 – Committee Meetings

International Projects Committee: Len Stenger, l.stenger@sbcglobal.net

Jan 13 - Luncheon Meeting: Michael A. Finney, CEO of Ann Arbor SPARK, discusses "The Role & Challenges of Ann Arbor's Lead Economic Development Agency"

Jan 28 - First Social Event of 2010: The Wine, Women and Song gala will be Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Kerrytown Concert House. See our own Deanna Relyea and Shelley MacMillan, along with the other lady songsters. Light refreshments and wine will be served before the concert. Tickets are \$15, available from Mark Heusel or Walt Hancock.

Notes from the Meeting of December 16

The 2008-09 annual report was presented by past president Jim Cook. Jim recounted our Club's progress towards the six overarching goals identified in our Strategic Plan. His conclusion was that "we've made real progress in meeting these goals, but we've still a way to go yet."

A Humanitarian Service project update on the San Miguel, Mexico, clean water project was given by Sue Beutler. We contributed \$6,000 toward building water systems there.



With Mike Nold doing the honors, we had an emeritus status ceremony honoring George H. Cress. George, a Paul Harris Fellow and club member since 1963, is a name synonymous with Ann Arbor Trust Company. He also served as campaign chair of Washtenaw United Way and president of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, among his many community activities. (Standing Left: A. Burdi, Connie Cress, K. Kerry, D. Herold, B. Holmes, M. Nold, L. Callaway; Sitting: G. Cress, J. Knoertzer; for proclamation, see

<http://www.annarborrotary.org/news/rotary-celebrates-emeritus-member-george-cress>)

Notes from the Program of December 16



Heidi Vitso introduced Ed Hoffman, personal property appraiser, on the topic "Good, Better, Best... Why Appraisals are Important." In urging us to identify our best pieces of property, Ed said "we are actually building our own legacy." Valuable material at hand may be books, coins and art. We use personal items as expression of ourselves, he said. Who do we want to help us manage our estate? Well, one should involve the family lawyer, a CPA or financial advisor, one's insurance agent and an appraiser. Ed then introduced



Jan Hack, a personal property appraiser, who said "you should know what you have before you have it appraised. Appraisers are called in at death, debt, divorce and damage. The four criteria in appraising are 1. Quality – Is it made of superior material and does it show superior craftsmanship? 2. Condition--What is the condition of the object appraised? 3. Rarity--How rare is it? 4. Trends – Is it currently an item of interest? Her suggestions were to inventory one's objects, identify them carefully, photograph them, and measure the art objects

or paintings. If you're unsure of the value of an object, hire a professional appraiser.

Thought for the day (and the season): “To your enemy, forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to a customer, service; to all, charity; to every child, a good example; to yourself, respect.” –Oren Arnold

Notes prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor; photos by Fred Beutler

Other Notes of Interest

Meeting Statistics: Our luncheon meeting on December 16 was attended by 130 members. We also had three guests and two visiting Rotarians (Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor North and Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson). Just before lunch, a total of 18 members took part in meetings of the Interact and Program committees. Early in the day, 15 members attended the Board of Directors meeting. Also reported was a total of 90 tutoring sessions at Angell and Burns Park schools during the fall semester. Ten Rotarians were credited with 66 of those while four spouses and one Rotaractor conducted the remaining 24.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore on December 10).

Birthdays: Dec. 20 Lee Danielson, Paul Wright; Dec. 23 Verna McDaniel; Dec. 25 Brooks Sitterley; Dec. 26 Bob Holmes; Dec. 27 Wendy Correll; Dec. 28 Ken Fischer Ken; Dec. 29 Paul McCracken Paul; Dec. 30 Bob Ause Bob; Dec. 31 Chris Conlin; Jan. 2 Herb Amster; Jan. 4 Jim Miller; Jan. 5 Steve Pierce; Jan. 7 Roland Leeds, Audrey Schwimmer

December 16 Board Meeting Summary: Our active membership count on November 30 was reported at 308, a net gain of one following resignations, a death, and terminations and new inducted members. Collyer Smith’s request for reinstatement to membership and Budge Gere’s request for a medical leave of absence were approved. Our finances continue to be sound, and a late filing charge from the IRS was waived following a letter from our accountant. The Club’s Endowment portfolio value closed November at \$1,093,055. A contribution of \$250 was approved to become a ‘Friend’ sponsor for the Break/Fest Benefit Concert at the ARK in February to raise funds for St. Andrew’s Church’s free Breakfast program. The Rotary North Club is also sponsoring this event. David Sarns was appointed as a member of the Internal Financial Procedures Committee. Following changes made by Rotary International, an ad hoc Insurance Review Committee chaired by Steve Dobson has been formed and is reviewing the Club’s insurance needs and current coverage and will then present their findings and recommendations to the Board. Rotaract and Interact Clubs are active and reported volunteer activities at Mathaei Gardens, Salvation Army bell ringing, and the Hands-On Museum. The Social Committee reminded everyone of the Wine, Woman & Song program set for January 28th. The Website Committee’s proposal for Phase #3 development of the site was tabled pending the development of the 2010-11 budgets. The Community Service Allocations committee has included a volunteer component to their grant application process. It was agreed that cash contributions could also be requested as part of our Rotate Your Food program. International Service reported that two of their projects (Brazil, Mexico) are almost complete and committee members have or will visit projects in Mexico and Peru.

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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