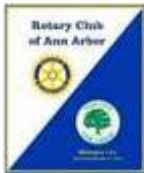


Harpoon for the Meeting of January 13, 2010.

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Program for January 13, 2010 - **MEETING IN BALLROOM**

Speaker: Michael A. Finney, CEO of Ann Arbor SPARK



Topic: The Role & Challenges of Ann Arbor’s Lead Economic Development Agency

According to the *Detroit Free Press* (in an article last April): “Ask most entrepreneurs and venture capitalists why they set up shop in Ann Arbor and you will repeatedly hear two reasons: the University of Michigan and Ann Arbor SPARK.” In the fourth of a series of presentations on incubation and realization of new-business spin-offs from U-M research,

Mike Finney will provide a from-the-front-line insight into SPARK's role and challenges as lead agency for regional economic development.

Host/Introducer: Tim Marshall

Song Leader: Don Devine **Accompanist:** Tom Strode

Upcoming Events:

Jan 13 – Committee Meetings:

Social Committee: Susan Smith Gray (smithsms@umich.edu)

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November New Members Update: Todd Kephart (toddkephart@hotmail.com)

Jan 20 - Luncheon: Team leader Barry Fraser and GSE Team Members speak on Adventures Down Under with the District 6380 Australia GSE Team. Don't miss a unique show-and-tell opportunity where we will hear about and learn from an *outbound* GSE team. Host/introducer: Ingrid Sheldon

Jan 28 - First Social Event of 2010: The Wine, Women and Song gala at 7 p.m. at 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 January 6

Welcoming us back for a new year, President Lou said 2010 offers “a continuing opportunity for service.” Stating that January was Rotary Awareness Month, Lou said the focus would be on five core values – service, fellowship, diversity, integrity and leadership.

We viewed a “donations update” slideshow centered on EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year). Lou walked us through our giving efforts and where we need to be thinking of upgrading our contribution.

Mark Heusel, assisted by Tom Strode, reminded us of “Wine, Women and Song” Jan. 28 at the Kerrytown Concert House. Wine and snacks are at 7 p.m, followed by the gaieties at 7:30. Tickets at \$15/head may be purchased from Mark or Walt Hancock.

Notes from the Program of January 6

Sam Offen introduced Andy Buchsbaum, regional director of the Great Lakes office of the National Wildlife Federation, on “Great Lakes Threats and Promises...Especially the Asian Carp.” The bad



news, Andy said, is that the Great Lakes is losing its immune system, because of such primary sources of stress as overfishing, toxic chemicals and exotic species. A Brookings Institution study said that a \$26 billion investment in the Great Lakes would pay off in four times that amount in economic activity and growth. When we elected a “Great Lakes President” in Barack Obama, “we thought we were well positioned,” said Andy, and when Congress passed the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, things looked good. The voracious Asian carp, however, is the 100-pound fly in the ointment; it eats like hogs and takes over waterways. The fish worked its way up the Mississippi River, including feeder streams such as the Des Plaines River in Illinois. Electric barriers have been erected to keep the fish from getting into Lake Michigan, but its DNA has been found in the Calumet Sag Channel, which is beyond the electric barrier. Scientists say that once in the Great Lakes, they may slowly work their way into feeder streams such as the St. Joseph and Muskegon Rivers which are rich in algae. Then, once they’ve established a beachhead, watch out! As for what we should be doing, Andy said it was “a question of risk.” Now the Obama administration is opposing the lawsuit Michigan filed to stop further advances of the Asian carp.

Thought for the Day: Ann Landers said “Let this coming year be better than all the others. Vow to do something you’ve always wanted to do but couldn’t find the time. Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Vow not to make a promise you don’t think you can keep. Walk tall and smile more, you’ll look ten years younger. Don’t be afraid to say “I love you.” Say it again. They are the sweetest words in the world.”

Notes by Don Fabor, Harpoon editor Program photo, Bill Dunifon

Meeting Statistics: Our luncheon meeting on January 6 was attended by 135 members. We also had two guests and one visiting Rotarian (Bruce Stone of Ann Arbor Sunrise). Just before lunch, ten members took part in a meeting of the International Humanitarian Projects Committee.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Mark Ouimet (Dexter on December 10) and Tom Sullivan (Brighton on December 22).

2012-12 District 6380 Governor: Current District Governor Judy Garver has announced that the District Nominating Committee has selected Don Riddell, Troy Rotary Club, to be our District Governor 2012-13. Don has served his club and the District in various capacities in past years. We can all look forward to working with Don as he prepares for this important role of leadership in our District.

Summary of Contributions: During 2009, a total of 264 members donated almost \$45,000 in Community Service Assessments. Forty-four payments of \$170 each are now overdue (it was #3 on the 1-2-3-4 invoice). Sixty-six donors (including two non-members) have contributed over \$8000 to our Permanent Endowment. In donations to The Rotary Foundation, we have 163 donors to the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" campaign for a total of about \$23,000. Ninety-eight donors have given over \$9,000 to the PolioPlus effort. These contributions (with the 1:2 club match as appropriate) have generated 28 Paul Harris Fellowships (ten for the first time). This campaign is still going on. Overall, 136 current club members are Paul Harris Fellows.

Birthdays: Jan 12 – Dale Ausherman, Vinke Borgnakke; Jan 13 – Tim Johnson; Jan 14 – Ben Wylie; Jan 16 – Heide Grix; Jan 17 – Dan Balbach, Paul Glendon

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>. Our district's website 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 there.

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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