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The Program for July 6, 2005

Speaker: John C. Hieftje, Mayor, City of Ann Arbor

Topic: "Cities in Michigan...An Endangered Species"

It's always a pleasure to hear from Mayor, and fellow Rotarian, John Hieftje on his visions and strategies to keep the vital signs of our city, and cities in general, as clear and robust as possible. We will likely hear about the necessity of greater efficiencies to keep cities healthy in tough times; the issues of greenbelts and greenways; the challenges and opportunities ahead for growing the city; and, in specific, keeping up front that downtown Ann Arbor is the place to be.

Host/Introducer: Norman Herbert

Song Leader: Ingrid Sheldon

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Looking Ahead

July 13 (Wednesday) – Induction of New Members

July 20 (Wednesday) – No meeting (Art Fairs)

July 27 (Wednesday) – Coach Lloyd Carr will preview the 2005 U-M football season

News from the Meeting of June 29

You've received your bill for dues, now don't delay and get your payment in, promptly. Who knows, you could avoid a presidential harangue.

At the Food Gatherers sorting session on June 28, we had two dozen Rotarians show up, including Bernie Galler, his wife, Enid, and two grandchildren. Chris McMullen reports Rotary collected two tons of food for distribution. Here are some of Fred Beutler's photos:



We gave a special thanks to the people at the Union who are responsible for lunch, room setup, audio-visual equipment and other support services. Without these fine folks, we wouldn't have successful meetings, that's for sure.



Milo White introduced the final three of our ten Rotary high school scholarship winners. They were (from left to right in the photos) Caroline Rankin of Huron High, Alex Housner of Community High School and Charles Watanasutisas of Pioneer High. Details on the program are contained in an article later in this newsletter.

President Paul reported that our golf and fun outing needs auction items in excess of \$150 in market value. He suggested items along the lines of cottages for use, football tickets, etc. Contact either Ian Glassford or Markey Butler. For your convenience, a auction donation form is attached to this newsletter. An entry and donation are available on our website at <http://annarborrotary.org/golf.pdf>.

Our Ann Arbor Rotary endowment trustees came in for special thanks for the job they've done. As of May 31, '05, our endowment's assets were over \$1 million. See a complete article below for background information..

President Paul's farewell address was aimed at our secretary, Downs Herold, the committee chairs, directors and other officers who make Rotary go. "How fully our membership has become involved," Paul noted, while also thanking Norman Herbert for taking leadership for next year. And a big thanks to President Paul for a successful and event-filled Rotary year!

In the changing of the guard, Russ Reister assisted, presenting incoming President Norman with "the prestigious garment" Russ wore 24 years ago, "the amazing Technicolor Rotary coat!" All former Rotary presidents joined Paul Glendon and Norman Herbert at the podium for a round of applause.

Norman said "thanks for entrusting me with the job; I hope the club won't fall apart on my watch." He thanked members for tree plantings, Rotary readers and taking on a new community service project. Assistant District Governor Neil Loney presented the club with a presidential citation for club excellence. Norman noted that President Paul's legacy included the Legacy conversations we enjoy, the endowment growth to \$1 million and the way we have fulfilled our club's mission statement. Below are some photos from the ceremonies.



Notes from the Program of June 29



Dawn Phillips Hertz. Counsel to Butzel Long of Ann Arbor, spoke to us on "Access to government: governing in the sunshine." It's your right to know, she said, noting that the daily newspaper is mostly about government.

Watergate, she said, was a watershed event in First Amendment history in that it led to the Freedom of Information Act and other sunshine laws. FOIA says "the people shall be informed so that they may fully participate in the democratic process." She said most public officials want you to see what they're doing.

Financial records of public bodies are open to scrutiny, "it's your money," she said. Public bodies under FOIA include school board, local governments and parts of the Legislature. Quasi-public bodies are in an area that's still being contested.

Basically, FOIA covers all financial records, public body documents and the right to appeal. Information you would have difficulty getting would include personnel records of law enforcement agencies, physician-client relationships, security issues and child abuse statutes. But, she said, "it's your right, get out and use it." She said the most frequent users of FOIA are other public officials.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor. Fred Beutler provided the photographs.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: July 4 – Lisa Tedesco, July 5 – John Holland, July 6 – Bob Swistock, July 7 – Jim Martin, July 8 – Tom Sullivan

Make-up Cards: Elaine and Phil Alexander (Park Ridge IL), Neil Bidwell (Petoskey), Dick Elwell (Pacific Princess Cruise Line – three times), Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME – twice)

Visiting Rotarians: Our meeting was attended by two visiting Rotarians. One was Iqbal Alavi of Karachi East in Pakistan. This was his second visit during his two month stay in Ann Arbor. The other was Neil Loney of Ypsilanti (see Meeting Notes above for details)

Rotarians in the News: Three of our members were highlighted in the June 23-29 edition of the Business Review of Washtenaw/Livingston. Cheryl Elliott, President of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, recently learned that her nonprofit is among the first in the nation to be considered in full compliance with a new set of National Accountability Standards for community foundations imposed by the Council on Foundations. Dale Berry, President and CEO of Huron Valley Ambulance, was featured in the Executive Profile section. He has been in his position since HVA was formed 1981. Since then, Dale has overseen the growth of the organization to 425 employees in five counties and an annual budget of \$30 million. Finally, Mike Dubin was noted to have joined the Board of Trustees at Greenhills School and will serve as Treasurer.

New Item in the Luncheon Buffet: In response to a member's suggestion, the luncheon selections on Wednesday, July 6, will include a fruited lowfat yogurt in place of the familiar cottage cheese. The current plan is to alternate these two side dishes on a weekly basis to determine their relative popularity.

2005-2006 Dues: Dues bills for the new Rotary year were given to most of the attendees at the meeting of 6/29. Walt Helmreich earned the honor of being first to pay by submitting his check before even receiving his bill. Maurita Holland, Joan Knoertzer, Bill Martell and Ingrid Sheldon also turned in their payments before the meeting was over. Another three dozen payments have since received through the mail. The envelopes will again be available on July 6. Following that meeting, the remaining bills will be mailed out. You will have until the end of July to submit your check. A special prize awaits those who pay on time. Also enclosed in the envelope is a copy of your most current directory listing. Please take a look at the information and mark the page as OK or write in your updates and return it with your dues check.

New Member Class for the Fall: Although we have not yet formally introduced the summer class of new members, John Eman and the Membership Development Committee have established the schedule for the next one. The deadline for nominations is October 7. The new class is scheduled for induction at our meeting on November 9. Nomination forms are available on our website at <http://www.annarborrotary.org/facts.htm> or in a pocket at the bottom of the badge board.

The Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment Fund: Courtesy of Bernie Bedell, Endowment Chair, here are some interesting facts:

- This fund is not part of Rotary International – this is your club's own Endowment Fund to support local interests.
- As of May 31, 2005 the Endowment's assets totaled \$1,021,164.
- The Fund has an Investment Policy that requires it to invest in publicly traded, broadly diversified assets so as to obtain a total rate of return in excess of an established benchmark. This benchmark utilizes market indices that are weighted according to the Fund's target asset allocation.
- The Endowment has a Spending Policy that requires it to distribute 4.25% of the assets each year, based on the average market value for the preceding three years.
- For the 2004-2005 year, the Endowment contributed \$30,500 to the Club's scholarship, community and international service programs. Next year's contribution will be \$34,950. The total from July 2002 through June 2006 will be almost \$122,000!

Jeff Lichty's Last Newsletter as District Governor: Here is a quote from our DG Jeff in his final message to the Centennial Presidents:

"Congratulations on your successful efforts in making this a year to celebrate. The day after tomorrow it is time to change our roles and support next year's leaders. I will be supporting Governor Bob Baker as his Foundation Chairman, and will be looking for your support in promoting the Foundation and its activities. See you on November 10th for the Foundation Gala, when once again we can CELEBRATE Rotary."

Here is the link to his newsletter: http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/NewsBulletin/274/6380_June_revised.pdf

Note: This newsletter also includes a photo of Elaine and Phil Alexander at the Convention and an article describing Al Storey's recent "Commitment to Service" award.

District 6380 Website: This website at <http://www.rotary6380.com> is updated regularly. It currently has an article on our

Club's Centennial Twin Club Relationship with the Pune Central and Bangalore Midtown clubs and an introduction to Bob Baker, our new District Governor. Bob is from Mt. Clemens and is a dentist, Formula One racing fan and amateur oenophile. He is planning to attend our new member induction ceremony on July 13 so you may have a chance to ask him about his oenophilia.

High School Scholarships: This program is now complete for the year. Milo White, Committee Chair, provided this information on the program.

The Rotary High School Scholarship Program is an integral part of the Club's service commitment to the youth of the Ann Arbor area for many years. This year, the High School Scholarship Committee awarded a total of \$15,000 to students from Pioneer High School, Huron High School, Community High School and to students at Father Gabriel Richard Catholic High School. The students were John Heemstra and Patrick Blakemore (Gabriel Richard); Metaxia Roumanis, Charles Wantanasutisas, and Lee Foley (Pioneer); Molly DeKenzie and Alexander Housner (Community); and Caroline Rankin, Danielle Warren and Quichao Dond (Huron).

Again this year, the High Scholarship Committee solicited recommendations from the area's five secondary schools. Counselors at these five high schools identified deserving graduating students based primarily on their financial need. The students then submitted to the Committee applications for scholarships which include a statement of their financial need, a counselor's recommendation, a copy of their academic record, a statement of the service and leadership in the community and at their high school. Finally, the student wrote an essay which describes how their various activities fit in with the Objectives of Rotary and the Four-Way-Test.

Our Committee of Tony Nam, Mal Lowther, Mel Drumm, Libby Hines, Jill Arnold, Bob Pratt, Doug Freeth, Dave McDowell and Milo White review the students' applications. After some discussion, the scholarships are divided among the successful applicants. The principals, deans, or headmaster and the students counselors are notified, and the student are invited to attend Rotary meetings in late May and early June. Family members usually attend with the winners, and we are always delighted to hear their comments and to spent time with them at lunch.

The scholarships available from the Club's endowment fund are: The Frederick N. McOmber Scholarship, the Millard H. Pryor Scholarship, the Russell and Minnie Hussey Scholarship, the Cornelius Tuomy Scholarship, the Karl D. Malcolm Scholarship, and the William T. Dobson Scholarship. The Committee's representative on the Board of Directors, John Oberdick, was instrumental in providing additional funds for this year's scholarship winners.

The Committee wishes to thank all Rotarians for their support of this most worthy project.

Thank-You Note from our Twin Club: Here is an excerpt from the note sent by Kiran Bole, Past President of Bangalore Midtown, to Phil and Elaine Alexander after the Breakfast at the Library on June 24.

“Have been wanting to write you both for a very long time now - Sorry never got down to it. Chandrika & I are overwhelmed by the wonderful & warm hospitality provided by you both. Appreciate your elaborate planning & the various visits & programs organised by you. Regards, Kiran”

Can You Identify these Notable Rotarians?: Rotarians are accustomed to addressing each other by first names. “Cornelius” and “Tristram” are the uncommon first names of two members from Rotary's early years. As a clue, their celebrity is related to a major event coming up in Detroit on July 12. Contact John White at a2rotary@comcast.net if you can identify these two men.



John Rasmussen's Trip to England: He returned with this flag from the Rotary Club of Durham Bede.