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The Program for August 10, 2005

Speakers: Tami Jacobs, Arthur Bott and Jennifer Tislerics

Topic: "The Gift of Life Program - Your Signature Can Save a Life"

We'll hear the touching story of heart transplant recipient, Tami Jacobs, whose life was saved by the gift of a new heart. Tami has since had the honor of meeting her donor family, allowing them to see the success of their incredible donation. We'll hear from her father, Arthur Bott (Grand Rapids Community Leader), on the effects of the heart transplant on Tami's family and friends. Jennifer Tislerics (Gift of Life Program) joins us to answer questions about organ and tissue donations.

Host/Introducer: Patricia Garcia **Song Leader:** Russ Collins **Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

Looking Ahead

August 17 (Wednesday) – Ronald Miller and James Tottis, Detroit Institute of the Arts, "Creating the Masterpiece and a Crown Jewel in the Arts"

August 24 (Wednesday) – Cheryl Burnett, U-M Women's Basketball Coach, "Michigan Women's Basketball --- 2005-2006" Also, past District Governor Jeff Lichty will be here to honor our Paul Harris Fellows from the 2004-2005 year.

August 31 (Wednesday) – William Miller and David Rutledge, Washtenaw Project Great Start Commission, "Childhood Development Programs Integral to Community Economic Growth"

News from the Meeting of August 3

First, the good news: Nearly 75 percent of members have paid their dues for this season. The not-so-good news is that it still leaves 79 members with unpaid dues. Rotarians, get your mojo working and get those dues paid up.

Markey Butler got a nice surprise when today's speaker, U-M basketball coach Tommy Amaker, donated an autographed U-M basketball for the Sept. 8 tennis and golf outing. That item should go high in the bidding, wouldn't you say?

If you're interested in hosting participants in the ESL (English as a Second Language) program, contact Beth Fitzsimmons.

City Administrator Roger Fraser completed a Rotary flag exchange after a trip (not at taxpayer expense) to Tuebingen, Germany, Ann Arbor's longtime sister city. Roger went with two other Rotarians; Mayor John Hieftje and Josie Parker of the Ann Arbor District Library.

We also exchanged flags with visiting Rotarian V. Chandrasekharan from the Thane Hills Club of Maharashtra, India.



Jack Henke

New member John A. “Jack” Henke was introduced by Mark Ouimet. Jack is an orthopedic surgeon and we welcome him to the club.

A new member class will be inducted Nov. 9 with a cutoff date of Oct. 7 for nominations. If you know of potential members who would make good Rotarians, contact John Eman or Susan Katz Froning. Nomination forms and general instructions are on the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/facts.htm> or in a pocket at the bottom of the badge board.

President Norman got us out of the meeting early again. Is this the start of a trend?

Notes from the Program of August 3

Our speaker was U-M basketball coach Tommy Amaker, who’s been at the helm since 2001. After what he called a “promising summer,” Amaker is looking for his team to be “healthy, happy and hungry” this year. For starters, Lester Abrams is back and healthy from shoulder surgery and Daniel Horton is in a “great frame of mind” after some difficulties last year.

July has been a busy month, the coach said, it being the top-recruiting season. “When a kid is on campus for a visit,” he said, “I stop what I’m doing!” He said he was excited about what’s on the schedule and he promised to play “with spirit and with passion.” Butler is one of those “dangerous” foes, while Notre Dame at South Bend and UCLA at home will be tough tasks.

The Big Ten, Tommy said, is very deep. Two teams made the Final Four last year. “MSU will be strong, and so will Iowa and Wisconsin. A staple of our team this year will be to better defend and guard. We want our perimeter players to be more aggressive.”

Asked by a member about the difficulty of maintaining focus, Amaker said one of the toughest jobs in coaching was keeping focus for 40 minutes of continuous play, unlike football where you call a play and then have 25 seconds to think about what to do next. Focus takes good chemistry and consistent play.

So where will Michigan finish this year? Somewhere between first and eleventh in the Big Ten, plus one.

This week’s News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber. Bill Dunifon provided the photographs.

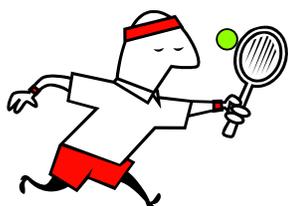
Meeting Statistics: Our attendance at this meeting included 137 members, two visiting Rotarians and five guests.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: August 9 – Jan Newman, August 13 – Larry Voight

Make-up Cards: Don Devine (North Conway NH), Terry Foster (Petoskey), Dave Keosaian (Ypsilanti), Nels Olson (Frankfort) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME).

Visiting Rotarians: We had two visiting Rotarians. One was Steven Pierce from Ann Arbor North. The other was V. Chandrasekharan from the Thane Hills Club of Maharashtra, India. He was visiting Ann Arbor and attended the meeting with his son-in-law, Vikram Ganeshan.



Golf Outing and Family Fun Day: Registrations for golf are coming in at a good pace so don’t delay if you want to sign up. Where we need more participants, however, is with our tennis tournament, a new feature of this year’s event. We will be playing at Travis Pointe, starting at 2:00pm. The proposed format will be a round robin, changing partners for each set. The price for tennis and dinner is \$50 per player. The registration form is on the event flyer. You can print out a copy from the Club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/golf.pdf> and use it for tennis, golf or sponsorships.

Rotarians in the News: On July 31, the Local section of the Ann Arbor News contained an article on the reunion of a 1951 first grade class at Angell School. Fellow Rotarian Paul Wright was featured in an accompanying photo and quoted in the

text.

World Literacy in Action: One of RI's goals for the 2005-2006 year is to advance literacy and is encouraging local clubs to take part through an award program. Reprinted below is the opening statement in the awards brochure.

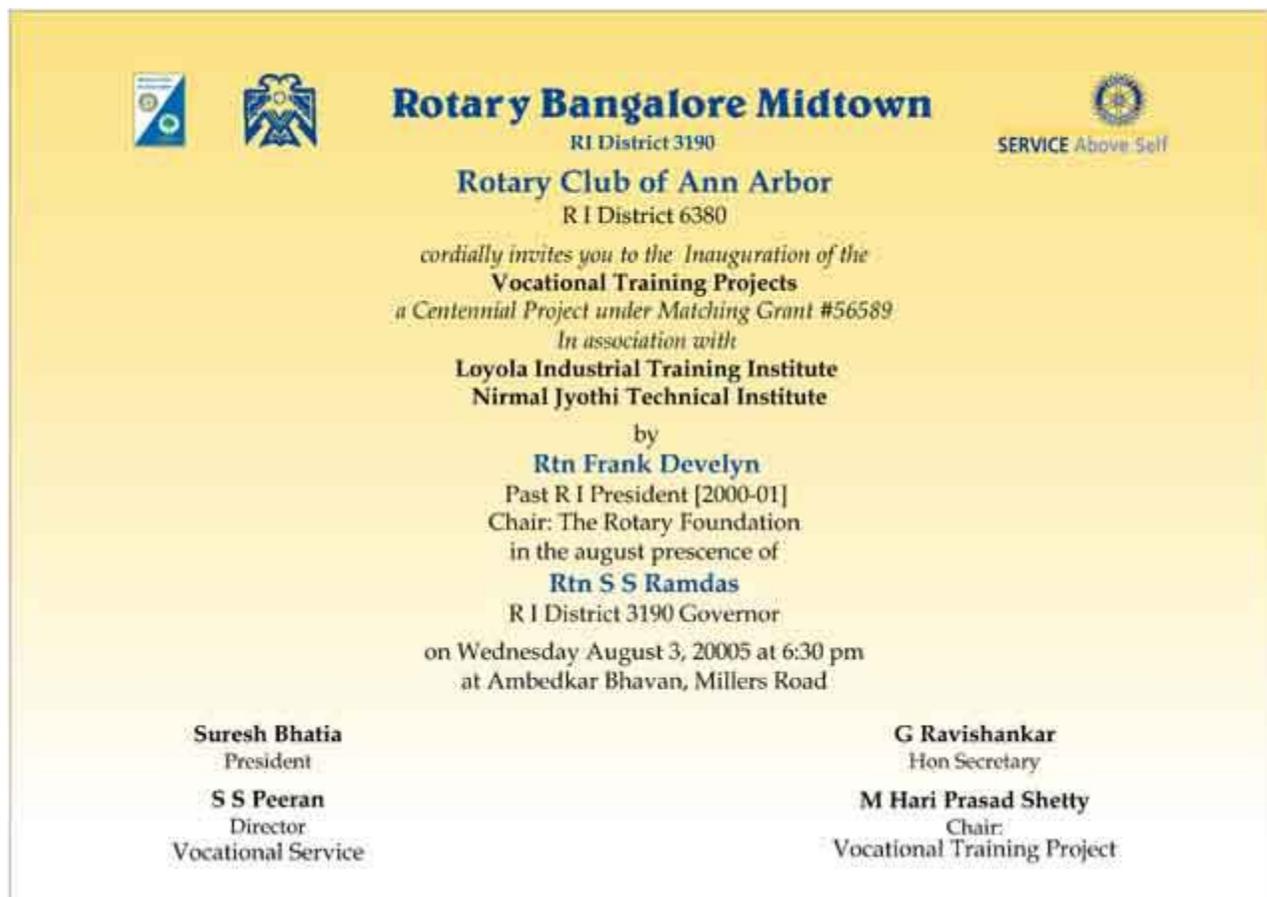
"Rotarians worldwide have an opportunity and an obligation to put a new emphasis on Literacy. By our very own presence, we can put a "face and a heart" on this mission and raise literacy levels in our homes, communities and in the world. During this year, let us continue in our service to others by allowing the self within us to make life better for all. A literate world can cure most of life's problems of poverty, hunger, health and even bring peace. LET'S GO FORTH TO SERVE."

The complete document is available on our website at <http://annarborrotary.org/LiteracyAwardsbrochure-2005-final.pdf>.

Our club surely has a head start because of our ongoing Rotary Readers program at Angell School. The brochure prescribes a total of ten types of activities. Accomplishment of five of those can qualify us for an award. More information will be coming soon.

2005-2006 Membership Dues: As of August 7, we are still short dues from over sixty members. Please get them in promptly. Our first semi-annual payment to Rotary International for our club dues, along with additional amounts for liability insurance premiums and subscription fees for our Rotarian magazines, will be sent in soon.

Your Rotary Foundation Donations are Working: Pasted in below is the invitation to the inauguration of Vocational Training Projects in Bangalore India being conducted under a Matching Grant through the Rotary Foundation. Our club is a co-sponsor of this project. Details and updates are planned for future Harpoons.



  **Rotary Bangalore Midtown**
RI District 3190

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Rotary Club of Ann Arbor
RI District 6380

cordially invites you to the Inauguration of the
Vocational Training Projects
a Centennial Project under Matching Grant #56589
In association with
Loyola Industrial Training Institute
Nirmal Jyothi Technical Institute

by
Rtn Frank Develyn
Past RI President [2000-01]
Chair: The Rotary Foundation
in the august prescence of
Rtn S S Ramdas
RI District 3190 Governor

on Wednesday August 3, 2005 at 6:30 pm
at Ambedkar Bhavan, Millers Road

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Vocational Service

G Ravishankar
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M Hari Prasad Shetty
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Vocational Training Project

Membership Tidbits: Only a week after our membership total exceeded 300 for the first time, the Board of Directors accepted the resignations of two members; Bill Broucek and Tony Paulus. Bill recently retired from Bank of Ann Arbor. He was a member of our club for almost thirty years. Tony was a member for ten years and is now in Turkey where he is the headmaster of a private school near Istanbul (formerly Constantinople for those that remember back to the Four Lads' gold record from 1953 if not to the actual date of the official change in 1930). Also at the board meeting, Active-Exempt status

(formerly known as Senior Active) was granted to Tim Carrigan and Art Holtz. In Art's case, it was well deserved, if not an administrative oversight, since he has been a member of two other clubs and has achieved 48 total years of Rotary service.

Member Access: Although a vast amount of information on the RI website is available to the public, even more is available only to Rotarians through its Member Access feature. Examples include your own history of giving to The Rotary Foundation or details on Rotary Clubs all over the world. You will have to create a password-protected account but that only takes a few minutes. You will need some basic information about your membership. If you want to set up an account, go to the home page at <http://www.rotary.org> and click on the Member Access button. It is on the right hand side near the top of the page. Contact John White at jtwhite@umich.edu if you need any help.

More Membership Items from RI: On the RI website are many valuable resources related to membership. You are welcome to explore all of them at <http://www.rotary.org/membership/index.html> but here are couple special ones:

1. Best Practices: Looking for ideas to improve your membership development strategies? RI is pleased to host the Membership Development Best Practices Database. The searchable database contains club and district strategies about recruitment, communication, new member orientation, diversity, public relations, attendance, retention, and continuing member education. Check it out at <http://www.rotary.org/membership/resources/practices.html>.

2. The Membership Minute: Subscribe to this resource to receive a periodic e-mail newsletter for Rotarians regarding new membership development ideas and tools. Simply register your e-mail address at <http://lb.bcentral.com/ex/manage/subscriberprefs.aspx?customerid=47151> to sign up.

Our Club's Membership Profile: In keeping with RI's August theme of membership, here are some statistics on our club as they were presented to our new member class of July 13. The figures below are based on the club's 292 members on the day before the new class was inducted. In terms of the medians for age and years of service, our club is not much different than Rotary in general.

Number of Women	74
Age of Eldest Member	94
Number of Members of Age 80 and over	36
Number of Members of Age 70 and over	98
Median Age of Members	64
Number of Members under Age 50	42
Number of Members under Age 40	13
Age of Youngest Member	28
Most Years of Service in our Club	55
Number of Members with over 40 Years	12
Number of Members with over 30 Years	36
Number of Members with over 20 Years	68
Median Years of Membership	10
Number of Members with under Three Years	73

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