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## The Program for November 9, 2005

**SPECIAL EVENT:** "New Members Induction, Rotary Club of Ann Arbor"

**Presiding:** Norman G. Herbert, Club President, 2005-2006

In keeping with a rich tradition of our Club, this is a meeting you will not want to miss! On this day, another new class will be formally introduced to you as fellow Rotarians. Each of our thirteen new colleagues brings to Rotary ---past, present and future--- a robust set of life experiences, and an indelible record of leadership and community service successes. So, do join in as we all extend the warmest of welcomes to each of our new fellow Rotarians who proudly will wear the banner of "Service Above Self."

**Hosts/Introducers:** New Member Sponsors, the Membership Development Committee and its Chair, John Eman

**Song Leader:** Don Devine      **Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

## Looking Ahead

**November 10** (Thursday) – The Rotary Foundation Gala, Novi Sheraton Hotel. Carolyn Jones, Foundation Trustee, is the featured speaker. To sign up, go to <http://www.rotaryofwaterford.com/Gala2005.html>

**November 10** (Thursday) – An evening at Performance Network See Millie Danielson at a meeting or [milleed@umich.edu](mailto:milleed@umich.edu)

**November 12** (Saturday) – A second Saturday morning of planting trees. Contact John Laird

**November 16** (Wednesday) – James N. Morgan, U-M Professor Emeritus of Economics, speaking on Social Security  
Note to Board members: the Board of Directors will meet at 7:30am at Washtenaw United Way offices.

**November 23** (Wednesday) - David R. Williams, U-M Collegiate Professor of Sociology, speaking on "Health Disparities: Racial & Socioeconomic Factors"

**November 30** (Wednesday) – "Our Annual Club Assembly" Note: this meeting will include elements of interest to prospective members. If you know of a possible candidate, please consider inviting him or her to accompany you.

## News from the Meeting of November 2

November is Rotary Foundation Month. We're being asked as members of Rotary to contribute at least \$100 annually to the Foundation. We reached our goal last year and hope to do even better this year. Each of us has received our statement; now let's plan to give generously. Remember, the club will provide \$1 for every \$3 donated to attain Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Mr. Secretary, Downs Herold, introduced the slate of officers for next year, to be voted on Nov. 30. They are: Vice President

elect (06-07) and President (07-08) Al Burdi; secretary, Downs Herold; treasurer, John Ackenhusen; and three director positions for 06-08: Barbara DeBrodt, Lou Callaway and Peter Wright.



Ian Glassford introduced the new city forester, Kay Sicheneder (in photo at left), a graduate of the U-M School of Natural Resources. She spoke briefly on tree plantings, a Rotary project, and the upcoming city millage on dead tree removal.

Our newest Junior Rotarians were introduced. From Pioneer High, they are Ami Li, Christopher Jennings and Stephanie Laing.

## Notes from the Program of October 26



Nishta Bhatia (in photo at left), for the international committee, introduced club Rotarians who spoke on current and future projects. “There are two projects in the pipeline we’ll hear more of in the future,” Nishta promised.

Dr. Hank Brown (second from left) was the project manager for the Ghana clubfoot remediation program. He reported “getting a big bang for our project buck.” Clubfoot is easily treated; Hank said 150 children are now walking normally because of Rotary’s generosity. The project cost is \$19,200.

Len Stenger (third from left), project manager for reading machines for the visually impaired, said our club’s contribution of \$2,000 out of an overall project cost of \$11,000 made available for purchase four machines which turn text into speech and operate much like our home computers. These machines were placed at schools for blind girls/boys to help with reading for vocational training. This project is in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Pune Central, India.

Anne Glendon (in photo at right above) addressed vocational training, a project undertaken with the Rotary Club of Bangalore Midtown, India. The project, which cost \$10,250, generated funds which were used to develop curricula materials and purchase basic equipment for classroom use to train high school students in skills needed by local businesses. Participants this first year included 106 young men at Loyola and 190 young women at Nirmal Jyothi. It is anticipated that a similar number will be trained each year.

Anne reported that the final documentation on the project has been submitted to The Rotary Foundation – an important milestone as everyone on the committee knows (a copy of the final report is attached to this newsletter)! She noted that we owe many thanks to Kiran Boal and Bangalore Midtown for their diligence and perseverance. She also acknowledged the help of her two co-chairs, Sue Beutler and Phil Alexander. Finally, Anne thanked such pioneers in India work as Don Devine, Harv Grotrian and Nishta Bhatia. The upshot of these three messages was that our dollars do count and that the results are tangible.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber. Dave Felbeck provided the photographs.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day’s meeting was 142 members. We had no visiting Rotarians but did have six guests. A total of 28 members in three committees met just before lunch.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** November 7 – Dave Matthews, November 8 – Howard Cooper and Jon Kinsey, November 10 – Joe Fitzsimmons

**Make-up Cards:** Jim Martin (Iowa City – Noon on October 20), Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on October 18 and Dexter on October 20) and Bill Stegath (Roseville MN on June 6 and Longmont CO on October 13)

**Latecomer’s Lament** (submitted by Paul Glendon): I was out of town last Wednesday morning and did not expect to make it back in time for Rotary, but luck was with me and I returned just in time for the program presentation – a wonderful one, I

might add – by the International Humanitarian Projects Committee. As I approached the hallway into the Anderson Room, however, I was all but run over by a very large and noisy group of early-departing Rotarians. Seemed like at least thirty of you, but I didn't try to get an accurate count. One of my modest innovations last year as club president was “early exit music,” to give some cover and sense to the inevitable few early departures and avoid disrupting/embarrassing the speaker introducer. It seems to have been well received and my observation from the lectern was that the music served its purpose but did not encourage early departures. I realize that for some Rotarians the decision of whether to stay for the program depends as much on whom the speaker is and what he/she will talk about as on the exigencies of the day's work schedule . . . few seem to leave before Lloyd Carr speaks! But it really shouldn't be that way, and I fervently hope there will not be such an exodus this Wednesday when we induct a large class of new members. What worse example could we set for them, and what worse insult could we pay them, than to get up and walk out just as they're about to be introduced? So . . . let's try to do a better job of hanging in there for all programs, Rotarians, but especially for this one.

**RRR (Recycle your Rotarian for Rotaract):** Rotaractors do not receive the Rotarian magazine as part of their membership but many are interested in its articles and the other information contained therein. If anyone would like to donate their copy, please bring it to a meeting. Elaine Alexander has offered to gather them up and see that they get distributed to our Rotaractors. If you don't see Elaine, you can leave the magazine at our check-in desk.



**“Every Rotarian, Every Year” Campaign Kicks Off:** Almost half of the Club's membership received individual envelopes at the meeting of November 2. Each contained a donation form and EREY brochure. The remaining envelopes will be available for pickup at this Wednesday's meeting. Any remaining will be mailed. Checks for donations should be made out to “The Rotary Foundation” but mailed to the club address or handed to Downs Herold or John White at a weekly meeting. Details on the campaign are available from the RI website at <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey.html>. “Early bird” awards go to Joel Berger, Joan Knoertzer and Ingrid Sheldon for their lightning-fast response.



**Tree Planting Update:** Thanks to everyone who helped out last Saturday. Ian Glassford will report the details at Wednesday's luncheon meeting. Next Saturday morning's planting session will be the last one for this year. We will be joined by Rotaractors and Interactors. If you still want to sign up or need directions, you can contact John Laird by phone at 971-4470 or by email to [mmlaird@comcast.net](mailto:mmllaird@comcast.net).

**Interact Club at Pioneer High School** - Jeany Zhang, President of the Pioneer Interact Club provided this article.

The Interact Club at Pioneer High School has finally settled and is up and running. Before school began, the President, Vice-



President, and Secretary were voted into office so there would be leaders to guide the group until Interact was fully organized. Currently, Interact is holding the election for five new board members. The results will be counted and announced by Brandt Coultas, the Ann Arbor Rotary Liaison, in two weeks. Interact has already volunteered in several small projects at Pioneer. Recently, a new partnership was formed with Lawton Elementary School; Interact members will be volunteering at Lawton events such as International Day and helping with childcare during meetings. Interact will also be helping with several other projects, including tree planting for the Ann Arbor Rotary. During this time, Interact has also been

fundraising by selling cookie dough with Maredy Fundraising. Interact intends to donate half of the money raised to a community or international organization and use the other half to help fund the basics of their service project- which was originally a recycling system within Pioneer, however, it was discovered another club was also planning the same project. Pioneer Interact certainly has their challenges cut out for them, but will definitely be enjoying them the entire way.

Late news flash!: The paperwork to officially charter the Pioneer Interact Club has been approved at RI. The chartering ceremony will take place at Pioneer High School on Thursday, November 10.

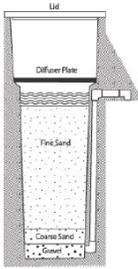
**Printed Directory Coming Soon:** The latest edition of the printed membership directory is in process. It will be available for purchase later in November. Thanks to all of you who submitted updates or confirmation of your contact information as part of the dues collection process this summer. If anything has changed since that time, e.g., business information, home address or email address, please contact John White right away at [jtwhite@umich.edu](mailto:jtwhite@umich.edu) or 662-1734. At the same time, our website is also being updated. Right now, everything but the membership directory should be in pretty good shape. Please stop by <http://www.annarborrotary.org> and take a look. Contact John if you find any outdated pages or have suggestions for improvements.

**Rotary Multi-district Fair in Ecuador** (submitted by Luis Chonillo): The 4400 District is organizing a Multi District Fair in

Cuenca, Ecuador on January 13-14, 2006. Rotary Clubs from Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia will present to the world our socially responsible projects. You are cordially invited to join us in this great event allowing us to offer our hospitality and the opportunity to show our beautiful country. You can be assured that we will do our utmost to ensure that our visitors will have an unforgettable time in Ecuador. Please visit our website <http://www.rotarydistrito4400.org/> where you will be able to evaluate this very interesting venture.



**Rotary in the Rose Parade:** The 2006 Rose Parade will mark the 26th consecutive year for the Rotary Float. This year's theme is "The Magic of Caring" and features Teddy Bears in its whimsical acknowledgement to Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio worldwide. The committee is seeking donations from Rotary clubs throughout the USA. Details are available at <http://rotaryfloat.org>. If you are interested in contributing through our club, please contact John White.



**Training on the Biosand Filter:** Learn about household water filtration for third-world countries and construct a concrete Biosand filter with your own hands! This workshop is for anyone that is interested in household water treatment in developing communities. Agenda includes lectures on water quality, Biosand technology, filter construction, media reparation, filter startup, & maintenance. Half of the workshop will be spent 'getting dirty' constructing and commissioning a concrete Biosand filter! Who should come? Anyone interested in how the Biosand filter works. Date: Sat. November 12. Cost: \$10 (max. 15 people) includes lunch. Time: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Place: 5600 Livernois, Troy (Fire Station #2). Interested? Contact Eileen Heasley at 248-689-5634 or [ehasley@wideopenwest.com](mailto:ehasley@wideopenwest.com). Reservations are required. The event is sponsored by Rotary International, the District 6380 Water Task Force and the Rotary Club of Troy.



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