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## The Program for November 23, 2005

**Speaker:** David R. Williams, Collegiate Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan

**Topic:** "Health Disparities: Racial & Socioeconomic Factors"

A highly-recognized scholar in his field, Professor Williams, who also holds appointments as Professor of Epidemiology in School of Public Health and Research Scientist at Institute of Social Research, will candidly share with us his findings and observations on the "not-so-benign" influences of race and other socioeconomic factors on both physical and mental health.

**Hosts/Introducer:** Paul Glendon      **Song Leader:** Lloyd Bastian      **Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

Also, the Washtenaw Dental Clinic will be highlighted in our "Meet Your Local Not-for-Profits" series.

## Looking Ahead

**November 30** (Wednesday) – "Our Annual Club Assembly." Highlights will be the election of new officers and a presentation on our activities and accomplishments. This meeting will be of general interest to prospective members. If you know of a possible candidate, please consider inviting him or her to accompany you.

**December 7** (Wednesday) – We will be entertained by the Pioneer High School Choir under the direction of Ken Westerman. This meeting is a holiday tradition is an excellent opportunity to bring your spouse or a guest. We will be in the Union Ballroom that day.

**December 14** (Wednesday) - Mary Sue Coleman, U-M President, will present, "The State of the University"

**December 21 and 28** – No meetings. Our regular weekly luncheons will resume on Wednesday, January 4.

## News from the Meeting of November 16

We gave a spirited "Go Blue" rendering of "Bye Bye Buckeyes," to the tune of "Bye Bye Blackbird." Now if things just work out right....

New member Mark Foster, son of Bob Foster, was welcomed to the group. And we wish our best to dad in his recovery. Mark will be officially introduced to the Club in the near future.

The Rotary Foundation has recognized us for our contributions to the Foundation. However, we're still seventh in the district on a per capita basis, so there's still a way to go to get to number one.

Honors: Lois Jelneck and John Eman received the Margaret Maurer Gift of Heart humanitarian award from Glacier Hills. Congratulations to both. And while we're on the subject, Wayne Colquitt and former club member Jed Jacobson have set up

a scholarship at the U-M Dental School to honor H. Dean Millard, their former teacher.



Sandy Hilton



Gayl Dybdahl

A total of 78 Rotarians, Rotaractors and others planted 115 trees in November at two city parks over the past two Saturday mornings. Now we can watch 'em grow.

As part of our "Get-to-Know Your Local Nonprofits" series, we featured Perry Nursery School, serving families since 1934. Sandy Hilton spoke to us.

We heard from Gayl Dybdahl, principal of Stone School, who introduced five achieving members of the Rotary-sponsored STRIVE program.

## Notes from the Program of November 16



Jim Morgan

Our speaker was James N. Morgan, professor emeritus of economics at the U-M, who spoke on Social Security. Social Security originally was set up as a "pay as you go" plan. Today, the real problem isn't Social Security, as some think, but the medical care crisis, says Prof. Morgan.

"We need to set up a universal, long-term care and major medical care insurance program to take care of the cases that run over half a million dollars," Morgan said. "We can cut Medicaid budgets by more than half, reduce employers' health care costs and make private non-major medical care insurance affordable," he said.

Congress, he said, must admit that it is responsible for Social Security, but few really understand it. "They're up against the insurance companies," Morgan said.

As to privatization, "it sounds great, but competition is what makes the system run," he said. We'd probably create a private monopoly if we went to privatization, Morgan said.

What about investment to prepare for more aged in the future? The government could reduce its deficit to free up resources. And what about the surge of baby boomers and their future demands? Well, he said it is simply the obligation of the federal government to provide supplemental financing for a few years "until the boomers die off."

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 145 members. We had no visiting Rotarians but were joined by ten guests, including seven from Stone High School. A total of 66 members participated in seven committee meetings or other activities. In addition, 33 Rotarians and Interactors planted 39 trees at Ellsworth Park on the morning of November 12.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Our Condolences to Bob Moenart:** Karen Moenart, Bob's wife, passed away on November 14. They were married for 45 years. She is also survived by four children and six grandchildren. Before her retirement in 2003, she was a DP manager and Training Coordinator for the U-M Credit Union. The complete obituary was in the Ann Arbor News on November 16 and is available on-line at <http://www.legacy.com/annarbor/LegacySubPage2.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=15683985>. A sympathy card will be available at the luncheon meeting this week.

**Birthdays:** November 20 – Jack Dobson, November 22 – Bob Guenzel and Burt Voss

**Make-up Cards:** None this week

**Replacement Member Badges:** We have just received a shipment of new badges. They look the same as the old ones but have a magnetic clasp arrangement rather than a pin or spring clip. See John White or Downs Herold at an upcoming meeting if you would like to trade in your old one.



**Board Meeting Highlights:** At the meeting on November 16, the Board acknowledged the resignations of five members (Liz Barry, Markey Butler, Jamie Morris, Sally Rudisill and Judy Dow Rumelhart), awarded active-exempt status to four members (Phil Alexander, Steve Oldstrom, Dave Schmidt and Randy Tisch) and granted a Leave-of-Absence to Fred Beutler. Jim Cook reported net revenue from the Golf Outing and Family Fun Day was \$53,800. Reports from our Treasurers indicate we are in good financial shape. Our Endowment Fund remains at over \$1,000,000. John Eman, chair of the Membership Development Committee, announced that February 17 will be the deadline for nominations of our next class of new members. He also presented some thoughts on how to address our policy of 50% attendance in light of the participation of some members.



**“Every Rotarian, Every Year” Campaign Now in Full Swing:** Thanks to the 100+ members who have already sent in their donations. Based on our giving to date, we will be awarding at least ten Paul Harris Fellowships. Background information on the campaign is available from the RI website at <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey.html>. 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.

**The Historical Oracle Remembers Some Maize and Blue Members:** During the mid-1960s, our Rotary Club counted two University of Michigan active head coaches and an Associate Athletic Director among its members. Football coach Bump Elliott, basketball coach Dave Strack and Associate AD (and also former head baseball coach) Don Lund were regular members who kept up their attendance faithfully. Elliot and Strack relocated out of Ann Arbor and left the club. Lund reluctantly resigned because job travel forced him out of town with little chance for makeups. Since that time, no U-M Head Coach, either current or former, in any sport has been a member of our club.

**World Affairs Seminar for High School Students:** RI is a sponsor for this event at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater which has been going on for thirty years. Dates for 2006 are June 17-23. Complete information, including a brochure and video, is on the website at <http://www.worldaffairsseminar.org> but here is an excerpt, “The World Affairs Seminar is a unique, high energy educational program for high school students which provides a forum for future leaders to be introduced to some of the most perplexing global issues and problems. It enables hundreds of students from around the world to come together to study and discuss these issues in a safe and non-threatening environment.” Perhaps some of our children, grandchildren or Interactors may be interested.



**2007 RI Convention Now Set for Salt Lake City:** The RI Board of Directors has chosen Salt Lake City as the site for 2007 RI Convention. It will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center from June 17-24. This decision essentially switches New Orleans, now designated to host the convention in 2011, with Salt Lake City. In August, Hurricane Katrina not only destroyed much of the New Orleans infrastructure, but also jeopardized the ability of local Rotary clubs to organize and host such a large-scale, international meeting in 2007. The switch gives New Orleans Rotary members ample time to rebuild their lives and businesses without taking on the formidable task of planning and hosting an international convention. Salt Lake City last welcomed a Rotary convention in 1919.

**Rotary Evening of Culture and Fellowship – China:** (reprinted from last week’s Harpoon) District 6380 Rotarians and their friends are invited to a dinner meeting at the Lines at Pinewood in Walled Lake at 6:30 on Thursday, December 8. The event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Farmington and will feature Dr. Wolfgang Fuerniss speaking on “The Economic Transformation of China and its Impact on the World’s Economy.” Here’s a link to the flyer on the District 6380 website: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/html/6841/Rotary-Culture%20Evening-120805V2.pdf>. Also, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar studying at U-M would like a ride to the event. If you are planning to attend and would like to help out, contact John White at [jtwhite@umich.edu](mailto:jtwhite@umich.edu).



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