



Rotary Club of Ann Arbor for 2005-2006

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The Program for December 7, 2005

Special Program: "A 2005 Choral Prelude to the Winter Holiday Season"

Conducting: Kenneth R. Westerman, Choirs Director, Pioneer High School

The Club welcomes more than one hundred Pioneer students in the A Cappella, Bel Canto and combined choirs which over the years have accrued numerous high honors for their sterling performances. Accompanied by Gail Jennings, and under the masterful direction of Ken Westerman [now in his 25th year as Director of the Pioneer choirs], we will hear a sampling of the choirs' repertoire ranging from the well-known classics of George F. Handel, Johann Sebastian Bach to the more contemporary seasonal selections from Audrey Snyder and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Crafted especially for our Club, this 2005 seasonal choir concert continues a rich Club tradition of more than 53 years. Let's give a robust Rotary welcome and a rousing "hats off" thank you to our Pioneer Choirs! Host/Introducer: Joan Knoertzer

Family members and friends are warmly welcomed to be with us on this day!

Note: We will meet in the **Michigan Union Ballroom** and that a **full buffet for \$10** will be offered. Included will be hot entrees and dessert. The alternative is the usual \$2 beverage-only option.

Looking Ahead

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

December 21 and 28 - No meetings. Enjoy the Holiday Season

January 4, 2006 (Wednesday) - Ambassador Ronald Weiser, "The Role of the U.S. Ambassador in Foreign Policy"

News from the Meeting of November 30



John
Psarouthakis

We welcomed back John Psarouthakis as a returning member after several years away.

The Farmington Rotary Club is hosting a program, "China – the New Economy" on Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. See a recent Harpoon or contact John White or President Norman for details.

Don't forget, next week we meet in the Union ballroom. We'll be entertained by the Pioneer High School choirs.

When we give to the Rotary International Foundation, the money goes to a DDF (District Designated Fund) or to the World Fund (WF).



This is a reminder that our annual expected \$100 contribution goes to some truly remarkable humanitarian causes.

Paul Glendon introduced our outbound returning Ambassadorial Scholar Marlise Beaudoen (in photo at left). She studied art history at the University of Provence. Marlise related her experiences abroad, including her brush with the French educational system. A most articulate young woman, we can be proud of our club's association with her.

Notes from the Program of November 30

Meeting as our club assembly, we elected by acclamation the following officers introduced by Paul Glendon. President-elect Al Burdi, Secretary Downs Herold, Treasurer John Ackenhusen and the three directors Barbara DeBrodt, Lou Callaway and Peter Wright.

Bernie Bedell spoke on Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment. He said our assets were over \$1 million. The endowment contributes to our club's scholarship, community and international service programs. The Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment is within our club and NOT part of Rotary International or The Rotary Foundation.

Jim Frenza, commenting on the community allocation process, said that we concentrate on young people – “helping kids succeed.” We allocated about \$42,000 to 21 organizations.

The annual report, just out, covers a lot of ground, including to whom community grants were made last year.

Fred Beutler produced a CD about us – a snapshot as it were – which was used at our twin clubs in India, Pune and Bangalore. We have 297 members, 25 percent of whom are female and we have 94 honorary Paul Harris Fellows. The service projects which we have sponsored overseas include the restoration of an irrigation system in Sri Lanka, reading machines for the blind in Pune, India and a clubfoot remediation project in Ghana. Community support locally includes dollars given to Peace Neighborhood Center, the Red Cross and the Family Book Club, among many others. We don't neglect hands-on activities. We sorted food for Food Gatherers, planted trees in different city parks and awarded scholarships through the STRIVE program. We support Ambassadorial Scholars, chartered a Rotaract club at the U-M and sponsored two Interact clubs at Huron and Pioneer High. We sponsor Junior Rotarians and tutor children at several local elementary schools.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor. Bill Dunifon took the photo of Marlise.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 147 members. We had three visiting Rotarians and were also joined by six guests. Just before lunch, a total of thirty members participated in meetings of the Audit, Rotary Tutors and Rotaract committees. Thirty-seven members participated in the Tree Plantings of November 5 and 12.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: December 4 – Abbie Vander Meulen, December 8 – Hal Flynn, December 9 – Ray Fitzgerald.

Make-up Cards: Brad Bowersox (Saline on 11/17) and Dale Berry (Plymouth on 11/23). Note: When making up, be sure the card you complete has the date and location of the meeting on it. Recently, several cards have come in without the name of the club.

Visiting Rotarians: We had three visiting Rotarians. One was Neil Loney (our Assistant Governor) from the Ypsilanti Club. Another was Rev. Bryan Schindel of Cranbrook, British Columbia. He has recently moved to Ann Arbor. The third is Victor Pooler, a former member of our club and currently the president of Ann Arbor – North.

“Five Star” Attendance Awards: The following members attended all five luncheon meetings in November: Lloyd Bastian, Al Burdi, Chuck Cares, Flip Connell, Lee Danielson, Millie Danielson, Barbara Debrodt, Ingrid Deininger, Don Faber, Hal Flynn, Jim Frenza, Anne Glendon, Norman Herbert, Downs Herold, Gene Ingram, Joan Knoertzer, Mike Marich, Dave Matthews, Sang Nam, Jerry Prescott, Ashish Sarkar, Dave Schmidt and Scott Westerman.

Attendance Report to the District: We started the month with 293 members. After adding losing five members, welcoming

13 new members and reinstating one member, we finished November with 302. For the five meetings, reported attendance was 66%.

A Reminder on Attendance: We need to make sure that all participation is properly credited. As you attend a committee meeting before a weekly luncheon, please make sure your name is on the attendance sheet for each of those two events. If you arrive for the weekly luncheon after the orange sheets are picked up from the tables (around 12:20 or 12:25), please stop by the attendance table to sign in. For Rotary activities away from the Anderson Room, the committee chair or other responsible person should take attendance and submit the list, either by mail to the club address or by dropping it off at the attendance table on the following Wednesday.

Rotarians in the News: Lyn Welch was written up on page 11 in the December issue of the Ann Arbor Observer because he has a special connection to the current movie, "Good Night, and Good Luck." This film features footage from 1954 depicting Lyn's late father, Boston Attorney Joseph Welch confronting anticommunist zealot senator Joseph McCarthy. A photo in the article shows Lyn with a Life magazine cover picturing his famous father.

Annual Report Notes: Updates to the 2004-2005 Annual Report were published in last week's Harpoon. If you have a printed copy of the report and have added those updates, you have the final version of the document. Copies with the updates added will be available at Wednesday's meeting. You can pick one up (or trade in your original version) at that time. If you want to print a complete copy (12 pages) on your own, the final version is available as a .pdf file from the home page on the Club website at <http://www.annarborrotary.org>.

New Printed Directories: You will have another opportunity to get a new printed member directory at this Wednesday's meeting. Each committee chair, director, officer and new member is eligible to receive a complimentary copy. Other members may purchase a copy for \$5. Electronic versions are also available to members. Contact John White about the electronic version at a2rotary@comcast.net. We have learned of two oversights in the printed edition. One was that Jerry Prescott's Distinguished Service Award was not listed. The other was the omission of Jim Cook's status as a Paul Harris Fellow. Please add those names to your copy.

Community Service Assessment Billing Update: Envelopes containing this annual bill were handed out at the meeting on November 30. Kudos for the first members to pay go to Cheryl Elliott and Agnes Reading. The envelopes will also be available at the meeting this Wednesday. Bills remaining after that meeting will be mailed out. Your payment of \$170 is due by the end of December. A suggested donation of \$100 to the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment is also welcome.



"Every Rotarian, Every Year" Campaign has Turned the Corner: We are approaching the home stretch in our goal of \$30,000 (approximately \$100 per member). Donations so far from 145 members total almost \$23,000, including 17 first-time donors. Nineteen Paul Harris Fellowships will be created. 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. We will make every effort to see that donations get to The Rotary Foundation in time to be counted as a donation in calendar year 2005.

Rotarian Magazine Highlights: The December issue of the Rotarian includes a number of articles and other items of interest. Many are related to the theme for December as "Family Month." One amazing statistic is that nearly 24 million children in Indonesia received the oral polio vaccine during National Immunization Days held on August 30 and 31. Over 2,000 Rotarians participated. Another article addresses the "big picture" in membership growth. Overall, membership totals from the past ten years show a general decline in the USA, Canada and Latin America, among others. During that same period, the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, along with Europe, Africa, Southeast Asia and the Philippines have been showing positive growth. Coming up in the January issue will be the details of a photo contest for photos from recent Rotary activities and events. Our club should surely have an entry or two.



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