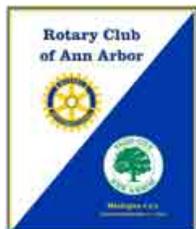


Harpoon for the Meeting of January 4, 2006. (No meetings on December 21 and December 28)



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The Program for January 4, 2006 (No meetings on December 21 and December 28)

Speaker: Ambassador Ronald Weiser

Topic: "The Role of the U.S. Ambassador in Foreign Policy."

Details on this presentation and other information will be included in the Harpoon of Monday, January 2.

Looking Ahead

December 30 (Friday) – This is the last business day of 2005. If you want your Community Service Assessment payment and any other contributions, e.g., to The Rotary Foundation or the our own Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment, to count as donations in this calendar year, please make sure they arrive in the Club's PO Box (address above) or are otherwise in John White's hands by noon that day. You may contact John at jtwhite@umich.edu or 662-1734 if you have any questions.

January 4, 2006 (Wednesday) – Our regular weekly meetings resume with Ambassador Ronald Weiser speaking on "The Role of the U.S. Ambassador in Foreign Policy."

January 11 (Wednesday) – Mary Kerr, President and CEO of the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, will present, "Ann Arbor's Super City Events and Programs for the Super Bowl."

News from the Meeting of December 14



We had two flag presentations. Former member Jody Tull, who promises to be back in the U.S. next year, presented a flag from the Brentwood a Becket Rotary Club of the U.K. She said they may be implementing a STRIVE program there. Roger Fraser displayed a Rotary pennant from the Rotary Club of Blaine/Ham Lake MN.

Where does the money go? Paul Glendon made a brief announcement of what we've been giving to lately, including the Rotary Foundation and our mandatory \$170 assessment to Rotary Endowment. He asked if we could contribute voluntarily to build the Endowment. Paul also thanked the membership of the Legacy Circle – "we take that word legacy seriously."



Paul McCracken will reach the youthful age of 90 years later this month. Happy Birthday, Paul!

Beth Fitzsimmons was made a Paul Harris Fellow by way of a generous contribution from her sister in Concord MA. Congratulations, Beth!

Notes from the Program of December 14



Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Michigan, spoke on the “State of the University” as pertaining to the arts, funding and new facilities under way.

In the arts, we’re celebrating a major anniversary of the Hopwood Awards. “Good writing,” she said, “is the hallmark of leaders and best.” Exhibition space at the Art Museum is being doubled, with more room for “our treasures” to display. The Royal Shakespeare Company is returning in ’06 to do three plays, and we can thank the University Musical Society for bringing the royal thespians to the colonies again.

“We’re at the midpoint of the Michigan Campaign,” Mary Sue said, “and we’ve raised \$1.9 billion. That helps to give us a competitive edge.” The state picture isn’t quite so rosy. The economy of the 21st century is a different one from what we’re used to seeing.

U-M is still a work in progress in new facilities. “We want to bring to completion the Life Sciences complex,” President Coleman said. Other projects include demolition of the Frieze Building and part of the Business School. The Arthur Miller Theatre will open on North Campus. And the gateway to the campus from the south will be the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, which is set to be dedicated in 2006 by the former president himself. Michigan Stadium’s infrastructure must be addressed, she said, and its special needs remedied. “Changes won’t be easy or inexpensive,” she said.

In the Q. and A. period, President Coleman said Asia is an extraordinarily important place for us to be. “We have collaborations in many areas.” Part of U-M’s strategy may be to offer a joint U-M degree with a major university in Shanghai, a truly happening place. But the issue of academic freedom must be addressed before joint degrees are issued. She said the ISR is doing groundbreaking social studies research in China.

Technology transfer? “We’re not where we should be, but we’re on a roll,” she said. “I want southeastern Michigan to benefit from technology transfer.” Think recruiting coaches is tough? “You don’t know tough until you recruit in stem cell research and nanotechnology,” she laughed.

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

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day’s meeting was 165 members. This total is the largest (by over a dozen) in recent memory. In addition, we had three visiting Rotarians and were joined by 16 guests. During the week, a total of 30 members participated in meetings of the Board of Directors and two committees, International and Bowling.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: December 20 – Mary Jo Callan, Lee Danielson and Paul Wright, December 23 – Verna McDaniel, December 25 – Brooks Sitterley, December 26 – Bob Holmes, December 28 – Ken Fischer, Paul McCracken (90!), December 30 – Bob Ause, December 31 – Chris Conlin.

Make-up Cards: None this week.

Visiting Rotarians: Douglas Gross of Ann Arbor-Briarwood, David Maltby of Liberty MO and Jamie Walsh, an officer of the U-M Rotaract Club.

Board Meeting Notes: The Board met on the morning of December 14 and heard reports and plans from the officers and directors. Items of note are Sharon Baller’s resignation due to business pressures and the granting of Active-Exempt membership status to David Milling and Chuck Rubin.

Directory Update: Chris McMullen’s email address is chris@foodgatherers.org (not .com as shown in the directory). Please remember to contact John White with any errors or updates. He will make the changes in the Club’s records and update Rotary International, as appropriate.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season! See you on January 4.



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