



Rotary Club of Ann Arbor for 2005-2006

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Meetings: Wednesday at noon
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The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor sponsors the U-M Rotaract Club and the Interact Clubs at Huron and Pioneer High Schools
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The Program for January 4, 2006

Speaker: Ambassador Ronald Weiser

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

Appointed by President George W. Bush, Ambassador Ron Weiser, one of Ann Arbor's dedicated community leaders, served in Slovakia from 2001-2004. He has many interesting stories from his tour as U.S. ambassador. He will present his perspective of a young country transitioning into the Euro-Atlantic community through accession in NATO and the European Union.

Host/Introducer: Beth Fitzsimmons

Song Leader: Don Devine

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Looking Ahead

January 11 (Wednesday) – Mary Kerr, President and CEO of the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, will present, "Ann Arbor: Where the Play Begins."

January 18 (Wednesday) - Brian Steglitz, Senior Utilities Engineer, City of Ann Arbor, will speak on, "Toward a Sustainable Water Future for Ann Arbor."

January 21 (Saturday) – An afternoon of fellowship and bowling with the U-M Rotaractors. Details soon.

January 28 (Wednesday) - Susan Lackey, Executive Director, Washtenaw Land Trust will discuss, "The Importance of Sense of Place."

News and Notes from the Meeting of December 14

The News and Notes from the meeting on December 14 were contained in the Harpoon published on December 19.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: January 2 – Herb Amster, January 3 – Jefferson Porter, January 4 – Jim Miller, January 7 – Rollie Leeds and Audrey Schwimmer

Attendance Oversight: Al Storey's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of "Five Star Attendees" in the Harpoon for the meeting of December 7.

Attendance Report to the District: We started December with 298 members (not counting our four Honoraries). After the resignation of one member (Sharon Baller), our attendance at the end of the month was 297. Reported attendance was 75%,

due to strong attendance at our two meetings (The Pioneer Choir and Mary Sue Coleman).

Nominations for Candidates are due February 22: (from John Eman) The next class of new members will be inducted into the Club on March 8. New member proposals are being accepted by the Membership Development Committee (MDC) thru February 22. Please contact John Eman or a member of the MDC if you have questions or need additional information. The necessary forms are available in a pocket at the bottom of the badge board or on our web site at <http://annarborrotary.org/facts.htm>.

Nomination of Members for Other Clubs: Meet any possible candidates for Rotary membership over the holidays? If so, consider this excerpt from RI's Membership Matters Newsletter.

“Do you know a friend, family member, or colleague from your business or profession in another locality who has all the qualities of a good Rotarian? If so, consider referring them for membership. Simply complete the form at <http://www.rotary.org/membership/prospective/referral.html>. When you press the ‘Submit’ button, the information you provide will be forwarded to a Rotary club in the candidate's locality. You can also print out a .pdf version of the form, fill it out and send it to RI headquarters.”

Please be advised that this form cannot be used to refer a person to your own club. For that nomination, follow the instructions in the article above.

Community Service Assessment Billing Update: A total of 30 checks received during the last week of 2005 were deposited on December 30 so that they can qualify for a donation in that calendar year. Regrettably, 63 members missed the due date of December 31. If you are one of the 63, please get your check in shortly. Thanks.



“Every Rotarian, Every Year” Campaign: Although this annual program runs until the end of the Rotary Year (June 30), donations from our club through the end of the calendar year 2005 totaled \$38,400 from 194 donors. Our goal was \$30,000 (roughly \$100 per member). Twenty-three of the donations were from first-time donors and 25 resulted in Paul Harris Fellowships. The campaign is still underway and there will be a presentation ceremony in the spring so there is still time to participate.

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 send in the checks and the Foundation will send you an appropriate receipt for your contribution.

Connecting with other Ann Arbor Rotarians: A new weekly article is planned for the Harpoon. It will include updates to the directory and other personal news related to weddings, births, anniversaries, hospitalizations, deaths in the family and other items of general interest of the membership. In keeping with today's privacy rules, submissions will have to be submitted or approved by the member. You may send your notice to a2rotary@comcast.net, mention it to John White at a weekly meeting or call him in the club office at 662-1734.

Harpoon Masthead Updated to Include Rotaract and Interact: Sharp-eyed readers of the Harpoon will note that the masthead now includes a reference to our club's sponsorship of the U-M Rotaract Club and the Interact Clubs at Huron and Pioneer High Schools. Club Presidents are Smrithri Srinivasan (Rotaract), Huiting Liu (Huron) and Jeany Zhang (Pioneer). More information on these clubs and their activities will be in upcoming Harpoons. Elaine Alexander and Terry Linden are our connection to the Rotaract Club while Brandt Coultas, Ed Wier and Peter Wright are involved with the Interactors.

Highlights of the January Rotarian Magazine: January is Rotary Awareness Month. The President's message elaborates on that topic and an article entitled “What the Heck is Rotary” reports some interesting responses to a random survey. Also included in the issue is a special report on the recovery from the South Asian tsunami in December 2004. Last winter, our club contributed over \$10,000 toward that effort in Sri Lanka. Also, the editors of The Rotarian are seeking inputs from members for future articles on identity theft, golf outings and conflicts of interest with investment advice. See page 53. Finally, “Rotary at a Glance” on page 60 reports a total of 1,206,670 Rotarians worldwide in 32,317 clubs in 168 countries.



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