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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 18, 2006

Speaker: Brian Steglitz, Senior Utilities Engineer, City of Ann Arbor

Topic: "Toward a Sustainable Water Future for Ann Arbor"

This timely presentation will be a summary of Ann Arbor's water system master plan. It will include a candid discussion of future water needs for the community, availability of water resources, and reliability and security of our water system. Costs? Our speaker will also summarize the needed investments in the system over the next decade and the impacts of such investments on customers' water rates.

Host/Introducer: Jim Kosteva

Song Leader: Lloyd Bastian

Accompanist: Maurita Holland

Note to Officers and Directors: The January Board meeting will be at 7:30am at the headquarters of the Washtenaw United Way.

Looking Ahead

January 21 (Saturday) – An afternoon of fellowship and bowling with the U-M Rotaractors. The event will be from 1:00-3:00pm at the Ypsi-Arbor Lanes (on Washtenaw at Golfside).

January 25 (Wednesday) - Susan Lackey, Executive Director, Washtenaw Land Trust will discuss, "The Importance of Sense of Place."

January 26 (Thursday) – "Wine, Women and Song IV" at the Kerrytown Concert House. Rotarians and their guests get a preview of this show at a dress rehearsal just for us. See article below for registration information.

February 1 (Wednesday) – John Drake will speak on "The Lingap Project – Orphanage for Children in the Philippines."

News from the Meeting of January 11

Joanne Pierson said the Washtenaw Literacy Power tutoring session will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. at the Washtenaw Community College Liberal Arts & Sciences Building. This free series of literacy workshops will help tutors and learners work together more effectively.

Joanne also reminded us of the Rotaract bowling event Jan. 21 at Ypsi-Arbor Lanes from 1-3 p.m. For \$15, you can test your kegling skills. For \$7.50, you can simply show up for a good time. Contact Joanne Pierson or Dick Elwell to sign up. A flyer on the event can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Put "Wine, Women and Song IV" on your calendar. This event, at the Kerrytown Concert House on Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m., will

feature singing Rotarians Shelley McMillan and Deanna Relyea. Admission is \$15, and the “do” is sponsored by Jim and Millie Irwin.

New member applications are due Feb. 17 for the next class which will be inducted on March 8. Nomination forms are available in a pocket at the bottom of the badge board or on the club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/facts.htm>.

Congrats to new daddy Tony Nam and to new grandpop, Sang Nam!

Al Storey introduced our new Junior Rotarians from Huron High School. They are Jung-Ho Kim, Sarah Kause and Marissa Lapedis.



As part of our “Get to Know Our Local Nonprofits” series, Jon Kinsey introduced Sherry Fernandez of the Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy. This group looks after adults with mental disabilities, develops civil and human rights and works for choices and opportunities. She reminded us all people need to be treated with respect and dignity.

Note: Here is some additional informational on her organization as taken from the NEW Center website:

WASHTENAW ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY ADVOCACY: ACA’s mission is to ensure that people with disabilities and their families have choices, opportunities and the supports they need to be fully included in community life. ACA advocates for the human, civil and constitutional rights of persons with disabilities as well as their right to lead self-determined lives. ACA focuses on individual person-centered planning, and works with individuals of all ages to secure the supports and assistance needed to become fully participating, productive citizens. ACA has served the communities of Washtenaw County since 1949. ACA receives funding from the Washtenaw United Way, along with a variety of federal, state and county grants and contracts. Contact: Sherry Fernandez, 734.662.1256.

Notes from the Program of January 11



Our speaker, introduced by Deb Polich, was Mary Kerr, president of the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau. The bureau is funded by a hospitality tax and also sells advertising. The bureau works to promote Washtenaw County as a destination for overnight visitors. “We’re partners with the Arts Alliance and the U-M,” she said.

“We’re limited by the size of conventions we can go after,” Mary said, but sports events play to Ann Arbor’s advantage. Last year visitors spent \$367 million in Washtenaw County, at restaurants, B & Bs and museums. We get about 4 million visitors each year, which breaks down to 28 percent daytrippers and 28 percent on overnights in hotels.

Did you know that tourism spending accounts for 95 percent of all hotel sales and 17 percent of restaurant sales? In 2005 tourism here provided 5,700 jobs and generated \$111 million in wages. Mary said our hotel occupancy is the highest in the state at nearly 70 percent, compared to 58 percent in Detroit and 64 percent, nationwide.

Super Bowl XL (that’s 40 for you non-Romans) means a lot to Washtenaw County. We’re catching an overflow because Detroit doesn’t have enough hotel rooms. In 2004, Mary said, “we were invited to be a Super City. Ann Arbor was tabbed because it has a lively downtown and a proven track record of hosting athletic events.

So what can we expect Jan. 29-Feb.5? About \$4 million in spending here, for one thing. For your guide to Super City events, be sure to check the Jan. 26 edition of The Ann Arbor News. We’ll have activities such as the Economic Club luncheon and the Souper Bowl of Caring that benefit local charities. Stay tuned to the Harpoon for more details on these upcoming events.

Note: for more information on the AACVB, visit their website at <http://www.annarbor.org/>.

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 139 members, two Rotaractors, three Junior Rotarians and eight guests. In addition, seven members of the STRIVE Committee met before the luncheon meeting.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: January 17 – Dan Balbach and Paul Glendon (perhaps January 17 should be known as the “Past Presidents” holiday), January 20 – Carl Gingles.

Make-up Cards: Bernie Galler (Sutton’s Bay on 1/3), Steve Oldstrom (Greenville SC on 12/27 and 1/5) and John Rasmussen (Farmington). Joan Knoertzer also reported make-ups but she deserves a few sentences. On a Florida vacation in December, she attended meetings of a number of clubs: Largo on 12/12, Pinellas Bardmoor Bayou on 12/13, Clearwater/Bellaire on 12/14, Pinellas Park on 12/15 and St. Petersburg on 12/16. In addition, she tried twice to attend the 7:15am meeting of the Clearwater/Feather Sound club. On 12/13, she was told the meeting was changed to 12/15. When she arrived that morning, the only Rotarians present were also making up! What a trip! She also brought back a number of club newsletters and three banners.

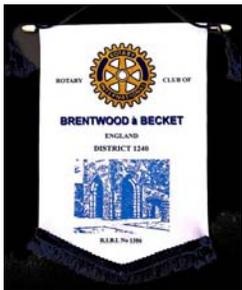
Visiting Rotarians: Laura Zeligman and Amine Tourki of the U-M Rotaract Club joined us. We also hosted three Junior Rotarians as listed above.

Substitute Math Tutors Found!: Barbara Debrodt reports that two members came forward to serve as substitute tutors. Thanks for your support to this program.

Wine, Women and Song IV: (reprinted from last week’s Harpoon) The Social Committee has arranged for Rotarians and their guests to attend a closed dress rehearsal of this production at the Kerrytown Concert House. The date is Thursday, January 26. The time is 7:30. The evening promises to be full of surprises complete with laughter, tears and wine. Admission is \$15. Make your reservations by phone to 769-2999 or on the web at <http://www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com>. The event is sponsored by Jim and Millie Irwin while Rotarians Shelley MacMillan and Deanna Relyea will be among the vocalists.

Community Service Assessments: Your payment of \$170 was due at the end of December (except for our newest members who paid a pro-rated portion of that amount upon their induction). Despite that deadline, there are still 45 members who are overdue. Each is being reminded by email or snail mail. If you have any question about your status, please contact John White at jtwhite@umich.edu or 662-1734.

District 6380 News: The December issue of the District 6380 newsletter has been posted on their website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>. One of the articles reports on the Ypsilanti Club’s participation in the Veterans History Project by identifying and videotaping veterans to preserve their memories and their experiences. Here is a direct link to the newsletter: http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/html/7175/District_6380_December.pdf.



Flags from Other Clubs: Pictured below are the two flags that were presented to us at the meeting of December 14. The one on the left is from Brentwood a Becket in England and was from former member Jody Tull who now lives “across the pond.” The one from Blaine/Ham Lake MN was presented to us by Roger Fraser after a visit to that club last fall. There will be several more flags pictured here soon. Joan Knoertzer brought back three from her visits to Clubs in Florida and Bernie Galler picked up one in Sutton’s Bay. Thanks to Fred Beutler for his photographic expertise in photographing these banners.



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What?
**Rotary vs. Rotaract
Bowling Competition**

Who?
All Rotarians, Rotary friends, Rotaractors, and potential Rotaractors of District 6380

Where?
Ypsi-Arbor Lanes, 2985 Washtenaw Ave, Ypsilanti MI

When?
Saturday, January 21, 1-3pm

Why?
Rotaract in District 6380 is relatively new. Last year, the Ann Arbor Rotary club chartered the only club still active in our district: University of Michigan Rotaract Club. This is the first year of District 6380 with a District Rotaract Representative. With some structure established, our goal as a district is to charter as many new clubs in the upcoming years as possible. With this in mind, this competition has been planned. Many active Rotaractors and Rotarians involved in the past chartering of clubs will be at this event. We are hoping many Rotarians and potential Rotaractors from all clubs within our District will also attend this event. This way, we will hopefully be able to generate enough "Rotaract-interest" in both potential Rotaractors and Rotarians so that several new Rotaract clubs will be chartered this year.

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