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The Program for February 8, 2006

Speaker: Erica Gwynn, District 6380 Outbound Ambassadorial Scholar for 2006-2007

Topic: "Ecosystem and Human Health Linkages along the Texas/Mexico Border"

As a bright and highly enthusiastic graduate student in UM Public Health School, Erica Gwynn will first share with us her current fascinating experiences in environmental health projects along the Rio Grande in Texas/Mexico. Then she will describe how she will build upon those experiences in her future work as an Ambassadorial Scholar in South America.

Host/Introducer: Paul Glendon

Song Leader: Don Devine

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Looking Ahead

February 15 (Wednesday) – Jim Duderstadt, U-M President Emeritus, will describe "A Road Map to Michigan's Future: Meeting the Challenge of a Global Knowledge-driven Economy"

February 17 (Friday) – This day is the deadline for submission of nomination forms for the next class of new members. Contact John Eman if you have any questions.

February 22 (Wednesday) - James R. Irwin, Chairman and CEO, Wolverine Technical Staffing, will reveal "The University of Michigan's Top 20 Athletes of the 20th Century"

Note: If you want any details on the above meetings, you can refer to the "Coming Attractions" sheet passed out at the meeting of January 25 or go on-line to our website at <http://www.annarborrotary.org>. Click on the Events Calendar at the top of the page.

February 23 (Thursday) – Rotary's 101st Birthday Celebration. For details, see the article in last week's Harpoon.

News from the Meeting of February 1

Chris McMullen for Food Gatherers announced another food drive for the county's food rescue program as Rotary's community service project. If you can help on the food drive committee, see Chris or fill out that orange sheet you had on your table Wednesday.



Don Faber for the Harpoon is recruiting Rotarians to help in putting out that weekly publication. "We're most in need of someone with computer skills who can gather material electronically and put it in final form for distribution," Don said. If interested, see Don or Deb Polich, communications chair, or John White.

No change from last week: Community assessments are due. Other standing news is that new member applications are due Feb. 17 for the new member class of March 8.

Pam Horiszny for the Red Cross announced a raffle that included two Super Bowl tickets among the prizes. Contact the chapter for more information.

President Norman referred to a story in The New York Times announcing that polio had been stamped out in Egypt and Niger. That leaves four countries still to go. "We can take pride as Rotarians in the progress that's been made thus far in eliminating polio," Norm said.

Our Legacy conversation, artfully delivered by Frank Cambria, was on Dr. John Atwater, retired Washtenaw County health officer (1973-1989). Dr. John at one time closed the Pretzel Bell for health violations, but that's not what he's really known for. He was a founder of the Corner Health Clinic and helped to develop a module for the Head Start program. A member of our club since 1962, John served a year in India on the polio project there. Dr. John is a peerless public health officer and we are honored to have him in our midst. Frank's notes for his presentation can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Notes from the Program of February 1



Jim Cook introduced John Drake, Senior Vice President for human resources, CMS Energy, who spoke to us on the Lingap Orphanage project for children in the Philippines. Drake helped to set up a much needed orphanage in a remote location on Cebu. After giving city of Toledo 15 computers for its school system, the mayor asked Drake if he could renovate the Lingap children's center.

Drake cited several cases of abused, neglected and ignored children. At one point he was offered the "services" of very young girls. He mentioned another girl who'd had boiling water poured on her back, and John Doe, also called Jack, who was literally thrown away and put into a garbage can. With a need so apparent, Drake went to work.

He found "horrible conditions" at Lingap. A new facility he helped to raise money for will have dorms for boys and girls, a full kitchen (to replace an overworked hot plate), a play area and furnishings provided by Rotary. Total construction costs came to \$350,000; the building is now 96 percent complete. "I wanted to give these kids hope and an education," Drake said.

The Toledo City West Rotary club were proud to be a part of the new Lingap facility which will serve about 33 children in the 6-16 age range. Fundraisers here in the States will contribute to its ongoing operating costs. To the question, "why me?", John cited a poem which has God saying "I made you, now do something about what you see." John's love for children and humanitarianism were evident throughout his presentation and is on display at the orphanage whose move-in date is one month away.

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

Addendum: In response to inquires from the membership, Jim Cook has suggested several options to contribute to the Lingap Center: 1) Contribute using the brochures distributed by Mr. Drake after the meeting; 2) Go to <http://www.lingapcenter.org> and click on "make a donation" or 3) Make a designated contribution to the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment naming the Lingap Center as the beneficiary. All three of these options will result in tax deductions through approved 501(c)3 organizations.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting included 131 members, seven visiting Rotarians and six guests. Before lunch, eleven members participated in a meeting of the International Projects Committee.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: February 6 – Chris McMullen and Steve Oldstrom, February 8 – Millie Danielson and February 11 – Bob Pehlke.

Make-up Cards: Brad Bowersox (Ann Arbor North on January 19 and Saline on January 26), Anne Glendon (Flint on January 29) and Chuck Olson (Bowling Green OH on January 28). In addition to attending the meeting in Bowling Green, Chuck was also the speaker!

Visiting Rotarians: We were joined by a number of "regulars:" John and Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore), ADG Neil Loney

(Ypsilanti), Dick Rosenfeld (Jackson) and Bryan Schindel (Cranbrook, BC). We also had two other visiting Rotarians: Marty Pavlick (Rochester) and Wim de Ruijter (Monnickendam, Holland).

Rotarians in the News: The Ann Arbor News of Saturday, February 4 featured two of our Rotarians; Downs Herold and Millie Danielson. Downs was pictured on the front page for his shrewd decision 18 months ago to sign up for an alternative supplier of natural gas. Millie earned a full-page spread in the Community Life section for her contributions as a board member at Performance Network. As a coincidental revelation of Millie's Rotary spirit, one of the article's subtitles is "Lending a Hand" which echoes the RI motto from the 2003-2004 year.

In our club's monthly report to the District, we reported attendance of 70% over four meetings along with the reinstatement of Damian Farrell and the terminated memberships of Larry Eiler, Tom McMullen, Sara Mehraban and Lois Stenger,

Wrap-up of Wine, Women and Song IV: A total of 42 Rotarians and their guests attended the special dress rehearsal of this annual performance on the evening of January 26. Thanks to the Social Committee, and especially Shelley MacMillan, for helping to make this fun get-together possible!

Our Club and a New Matching Grant: The Rotary Foundation has approved a Matching Grant project established by our Club and the Rotary Club of Gumaca in the Philippines. This ecological and livelihood generating project will provide funding for materials to construct additional biodegradable artificial reefs in the barangays along coastal Gumaca on the island of Luzon. Our club has sent off its contribution of \$6,274 toward a total projected cost of \$15,297. Our district, the Gumaca Rotary Club, the district in the Philippines, and the Rotary Foundation are providing the remaining funds. This is another example of Rotarians around the world getting to know each other and working together for the long term benefit of humanity. This project is being managed for our Club by a subcommittee consisting of Don Devine, Ashish Sarkar, and Leonard Stenger.

Club Meeting Assignments are Posted: Attached to this newsletter as a .pdf file is the roster for our Greeters, Attendance Takers and Invokers for the six months beginning with the meeting of February 22. Please take a look at the list and add any assignment(s) to your personal calendar. If you are unable to fulfill your duties on the listed date, please contact another member to arrange a trade. For other questions, contact Ingrid Deininger at 973-0547 or Lois Jelneck at 663-5160.

Every Rotarian, Every Year Newsletter: This monthly publication from The Rotary Foundation is your source for news about the monumental effort uniting our international membership. It offers Annual Programs Fund updates, features on what Rotarians are doing to meet their club goals and stories illustrating how APF contributions enhance people's lives. Here's the link: http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey_news.html.

The Historical Oracle Recalls Wendell Lyons: Wendell Lyons was one of those few people who could actually count his personal friends in the hundreds. When he was our Club President in 1969-70, Wendell reinforced a couple of Rotary meeting traditions, which he noticed were not being observed too closely: First, he insisted that business affairs were not to be discussed during meetings, that meetings were a time for fellowship and camaraderie. Second, he stated emphatically that Rotary programs should maintain a certain dignity of informative purpose. There were to be no programs attempting to raise funds or sell anything, no political speeches, and no controversies. "We all get enough of these in our everyday lives," he said, "Rotary should be an escape for higher purposes." Wendell Lyons thus set the tone for future fellowship and programs, which our Club has faithfully observed throughout the years.

District 6380 News: Their website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/> contains an article featuring our club. The accompanying article relates some basic information about the club and ends with a photo of the group of tree planters from last November.

The February issue of the District newsletter has also been posted recently and is available from a link on the home page. The lead article reminds us that February is World Understanding Month and goes on to cite a number of examples to be found within our district, including Ambassadorial Scholarships, World Peace Fellowships, Group Study Exchanges and the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Not mentioned specifically were the myriad individual projects related to literacy, medical care, water quality and, of course, the eradication of polio. Page 2 contains an article by Brandt Coultas on the formation of the new Interact Club at Pioneer High. The direct link to the District newsletter is:

http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/NewsBulletin/441/District_6380_February.pdf.

Legacy Conversation with John Atwater: Below are the notes used by Frank Cambria in his presentation on February 1.



Personal

- Born Olean, New York, 1929
- Father was County Public Health Officer and later Executive Secretary of the American Public Health Association; an early memory was watching him nail up a scarlet fever quarantine notice on a dairy farm
- Married Leah Cannon on Midland, MI, June 1954
- Three married sons and nine grandchildren.

Education

- Moved to Bronxville, NY at age five. High school soccer and tennis teams and sports editor of school newspaper.
- Oberlin College, premedical, BA 1951, four years soccer team, helped build first college radio station, met future wife.
- Yale Medical School, MD degree 1955, doctoral thesis on the effects of cortisone on infectious tumors.
- Pediatric intern, Yale- New Haven Hospital
- U S Public Health Service Reserve, Active duty 7/56 to 9/58. Principle work was a study of ways to provide continuity of health services to migrant farm workers between Texas and Michigan. Inactive reserve to 1996
- John Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, Masters and Doctoral of Public Health degrees, 1959 and 1960, doctoral thesis was a study of the impact of migrant farm labor on the health services of rural communities.

Employment

- City of Trenton, NJ, City Health Officer 7/60 to 6/62. Added responsibilities included conversion of closed TB hospital to a chronic disease rehab center as well as oversight of the dog catcher!
- City of New Haven, CT, City Health Officer, 7/62 to 6/73. Part of the first “War on Poverty” demonstration programs; developed the prototype health service for Head Start and an innovative “Young Mothers” program and the planning for the first Hospice program in the United States. Noted for having closed “The place where Louis dwells” of Wiffenpoofs fame.
- Washtenaw County MI, Health Officer, Medical Director and Chief Medical Examiner, 7/73 to 9/89. (The County now has three people doing the HO, Medical Director and Medical Examiners jobs.) Directed a staff of 240 with combined budgets of over six million dollars. Major activities included environmental health, maternal and child health programs, and involved the consolidation of five nursing agencies into a single public health nursing program providing more than one thousand home visits per week. Noted for having closed the Pretzel Bell, and being one of the founders of The Corner Health Center. (Medical examiner position included the unique authority of being the only person in the county with the ability to arrest the sheriff!)
- Acting Medical Director for varying periods in Jackson, Livingston and Genesee Counties for a total of nearly five years between 1975 and 1992.

Part Time Academic Appointments

- Lecturer in Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Howard University Medical School, 1959 to 1960
- Lecturer (Associate Professor), Pediatrics and Public health, Yale School of Medicine, 1962 to 1973
- Lecturer, in Community Health, Southern Connecticut State College, 1965 to 1973.
- Adjunct Professor, University of Michigan School of Public Health, 1973 to 1990. Chair of Public Health and Preventive Medicine Residency program for eleven years overseeing the training of more than sixty public health physicians.

Professional Recognition and Offices

- Medical licenses in Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Michigan.
- Certified as Specialist in Public Health by the American Board of Preventive Medicine, 1963.
- Trustee, American Board of preventive Medicine, 1978 to 1987, chairman of Credentials and Examination Committee.
- Consultant in Public Health Medicine, Professional Examination Service, 1963 to 1978, (wrote exams for civil service medical and public health positions and was twice invited to apply for positions for which I would have had to have taken the exam that I had written!)
- Chairman, Health Officers Section of the American Public Health Association, 1972
- President, Michigan Public Health Association, 1978
- President, Michigan Health Officers Association, 1984-85, Distinguished Service Award, 1988
- President, Washtenaw County Medical Society, 1986
- Michigan Association for local Public Health, Distinguished Service Award, 1989
- Served as a member and/or officer of numerous local, state and national nonprofit and professional health and social agency boards and/or medical advisory committees.

Post Retirement

- Consultant and lecturer, at the Rural Unit for Health and Social Affairs of the Christian Medical College in Vellore, India. • Taught community health and conducted demographic and epidemiological studies, and served as a consultant to the Rotary Polio Plus program in the State of Tamil Nadu, India, 1990 to 1991.
- United Nations Volunteer with the World Health Organization in Sierra Leone, Africa. Taught public health and medical subjects to community health workers, 1992-1994. While there, the Ann Arbor Rotary Club provided eighty copies of a communicable disease manual for distribution to my students and sent several boxes of books for the school library.

Rotary

- Rotary Club of New Haven, Connecticut, 1962-1973
 - Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1974 to present
 - Honorary Paul Harris Fellow, Ann Arbor Rotary Club, 1991
 - Rotary Club speaker, more than twenty times, (seven times for Ann Arbor club)
- (Most interesting were the Rotary Club of Vellore India where I was asked to cut the talk very short so the entire club could adjourn to the wedding reception of one of its members and Bo, Sierra Leon with the audience of three members!)

Areas of special professional interest

- Health of migrant farm workers.
- The organization and credentialing of public health nursing agencies.
- The development of services for teenage and unwed mother.
- The provision of school health services.
- The control and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.
- The training and credentialing of public health physicians.

Avocations

- For thirty years a private pilot with instrument rating. Multiple flights to East and West coasts, Florida and Texas.
- Foreign and domestic travel for adventures including, whitewater rafting, sea kayaking, dog sledding, barge sailing on the Isselmeer, and camping in the Sahara desert.
- Bicycling with group trips in the US, Canada and Europe including Munich to Vienna and Coco Beach to Key West.

“Service above Self”