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The Program for February 15, 2006

Speaker: James J. Duderstadt, President Emeritus and Professor, University of Michigan

Topic: "A Roadmap to Michigan's Future"

We welcome Jim Duderstadt who has and continues to be a visionary and highly-effective leader in shaping the futures of the University, higher education and our State of Michigan. On this day, while he may delve into other important issues, our speaker will focus especially on the timely topic of "A Roadmap to Michigan's Future: Meeting the Challenges of a Global Knowledge-Driven Economy."

Host/Introducer: Walton Hancock

Song Leader: Russ Collins

Accompanist: Maurita Holland

Looking Ahead

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 sponsored by District 6380. For details, see the article on the district website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>.

March 1 (Wednesday) – Regular weekly meeting. Details shortly

March 8 (Wednesday) – New Member Induction

News from the Meeting of February 8

We sang a rousing "Happy Birthday" to Millie Danielson who also had a nice story on her in The Ann Arbor News recently.

A list with our meeting assignments were attached to last week's Harpoon (and is also attached to this one). Check it out to see if and when you are expected to serve as a greeter, invoker or attendance-taker.

The Harpoon committee met after the meeting Wednesday to solidify plans for electronic distribution. A good turnout of folks expressed interest in helping to make Harpoon a more interesting read.

Deadline for applications is Feb. 17 for the new member class of March 8.

Al Storey introduced Junior Rotarians Keon Min Park from Gabriel Richard, Vincent Alessi from Community High and Julia Hawley from Greenhills. We'll hear from them at our next meeting.

Congratulations to our Rotarians (Don Faber, Hal Flynn, did we miss anybody?) who won a Grammy award last week for participating in the category of "best choral performance" through the UMS Choral Union! Hollywood's Grammy went to Ann Arbor's Bill Bolcom for his "Songs of Innocence" which was presented last year and at which the Choral Union and other groups sang.

Notes from the Program of February 8



Our speaker, introduced by Paul Glendon, was Erica Gwynn, Outbound Ambassadorial Scholar, District 6380, who spoke on "Ecosystem and Human Health Linkages Along the Texas-Mexico Border," more specifically at Laredo, Texas and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico where she worked.

She presented a slide show focusing on (1) environmental degradation and water-borne diseases (2) environmental medicine and border health and (3) border medicine. Erica said only three percent of the water in the world is fresh, and only one percent is accessible for drinking. "We need to think about our water use and how vital this resource is in our lives," she said.

"My experience on the border was as a STEER fellow", (Southwest Environmental and Educational Research) and we worked at Laredo, a major port on the U.S-Mexico border," Erica said. Her role there was to understand the ecology of the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo Basin relative to flow rate and fecal coliform count, to understand the current water treatment process and to study the needs of all communities in the basin. "We wanted to educate the locals about water-borne diseases," she said.

Rotary got involved through District 5930 in having health educators instruct families how to chlorinate water and to cover up water sources. Erica's plans are to work with other scholars in studying water-borne diseases in South America or Africa. With a partnership through our district, 6380, she'll be applying for a study grant. On a more local basis, she'll be creating a website accessible to members of district 6380. She'll be studying in either Kampala, Uganda, Montevideo, Uruguay or Cordoba, Argentina.

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

A footnote related to scholarships: The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program is Ambassadorial Scholarships. Since 1947, nearly 37,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. In the 2003-2004 academic year, more than 1,000 scholarships were awarded. Through grants totaling approximately \$428 million, recipients from some 70 countries studied in more than 70 nations. Details on the program are available on the Rotary International website at

http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/



While The Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships have become well known, many people think of "Fulbrights" with regard to grants for study abroad. What those people probably don't know is that J. William Fulbright (1905-1995) was a Rotarian! He was a member of the Rotary Club of Fayetteville AR. Fulbright was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1944 and it was his legislation in 1946 that established the Fulbright Program. Since then, over 250,000 grants have been awarded. More about Fulbright and the program is available on the U.S. Department of State website at

<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/fulbright/fulbbio.htm>.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting included 137 members, one visiting Rotarian and five guests. In addition, a total of 16 members participated in meetings of the Golf and Harpoon committees.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: February 12 – Joe Edwards, February 13 – Walt Helmreich, February 14 – Damian Farrell, Sabrina Keeley and Bob Meader, February 15 – John Rasmussen, February 16 – Mary Barnett and Jack Weg, February 18 – Griff McDonald and

Chuck Olson

Make-up Cards: Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on January 23 and 30) and Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on January 24)

Visiting Rotarian: We were joined by Bryan Schindel (Cranbrook BC, Canada).

In the February Rotarian Magazine: Each member should have received their February issue early this month. The President's message reminds us that February is World Understanding Month, a time when Rotarians, clubs and districts think of international service. A series of feature articles tell the stories of Rotarians from different cultures and countries using common languages to communicate. A sidebar even provides the background on Esperanto and its relation to Rotary. Also in the February issue is the news that the RI Board of Directors has voted to charter the Beijing and Shanghai provisional clubs, paving the way for a growing Rotary presence in China.

District 6380 News: The information for the 2006 District Conference in Kalamazoo from May 5-7 has been finalized. Details, on-line registration and a brochure are available through the district website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>. The direct link to the brochure as a .pdf file is <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/html/7962/2006%20District%206380%20Annual%20Conference.pdf>.



The Historical Oracle Recalls Sit-down Lunches: Up until the early 1970s, our Rotary Club lunches at the Michigan Union were served to the members by student wait staff. For those who wanted dessert, there was a dessert table, where members could get up and get their own desserts. The separate dessert table was the Union's solution to the fact that only about half the members wanted dessert, which caused a staffing problem. One member, a very popular, well-known community leader, was so corpulent that he found it very uncomfortable to get up from the table and get the dessert he so eagerly craved. So each week he brought one of his staff to the meeting, paid for both meals, and then sent the staff member to the dessert table for both of them. Other members at the table would chuckle to themselves every time this weekly ritual was performed. For the staff member would return with a heaping plate of desserts for the member, stating that he picked up so many selections because he had no idea what his boss would want. The member would audibly groan, give his staff member a rebuking glance, then proceed to eat the entire selection of éclairs, cookies and cakes. It was rumored but not proven that various Club members would compete for the chance to sit at this particular member's table, just so they could witness his dessert ritual.

p.s. Regarding the sit-down served lunches, our members not only liked the practice, they expected it. Of the several reasons for our Club moving its meetings from the Allene Hotel to the Michigan Union, one of them points out that the Allene set out buffet lunches while the Union served sit-downs. "Time marches on!"

Note: If you have an anecdote of interest to share with the membership, you, too, can become a Historical Oracle. Contact John White for details.

Corrections to last week's Harpoon: The Harpoon for the meeting of February 8 contained an incorrect URL for the Lingap Center. The correct one is <http://www.lingapcenter.org>. Also, that issue did not include any photos. If you want a final copy of that edition, or any other recent one, you can download it from the Club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/harpoon.htm>.



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. A supply of printed copies will be available at the Attendance Table.

For your convenience, the roster mentioned above has been pasted in below. If it does not come through properly in your email version of the Harpoon, please refer to the attached .pdf version or contact John White.

Ann Arbor Rotary Club Assignments

Date: February 22, 2006

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

By: Ingrid Deininger (734) 973-0547 & Lois Jelneck (734)

DATE	INVOCATION	GREETER	GREETER	ATTENDANCE
2/22/2006	Steve Dobson	Bob Dascola	John Debbink	Chris Fischer Beth Fitzsimmons
3/1/2006	Bettye Elkins	Don Devine	Lee Danielson	Penny Fischer Mark Foster
3/8/2006	John Eman	Tom Dickinson	Pete Eberbach	Terry Foster Ginny Geren
3/15/2006	Cheryl Elliott	Herb Ellis	Peter Fayroian	Patricia Garcia Larry Hastie
3/22/2006	Ken Fischer	Dave Feldbeck	Dick Elwell	Mary Hays Jack Henke
3/29/2006	Roger Fraser	Don Faber	Damian Farrell	Libby Hines Alice Irani
4/5/2006	Jim Frenza	Joe Fitzsimmons	Hal Flynn	Pam Horiszny Ray Hunter
4/12/2006	Anne Glendon	Bob Foster	Clayne Frazer	Howard Mathwon Sabrina Keeley
4/19/2006	Carl Gingles	Doug Freeth	Bernie Galler	Jon Kinsey Joan Knoertzer
4/26/2006	Ian Glassford	Paul Glendon	Amy Goodman	Karen Kerry Gloria Kerry
5/3/2006	Dave Gunderson	Jon Gordon	Bob Guenzel	Phil Klintworth Jim Kosteva
5/10/2006	Bob Holmes	Bob Hatcher	Walt Hancock	Ed Lady Liz Leidy
5/17/2006	Jud Hoffman	John Hieftje	Buz Hoff	Rollie Leeds Mike Marich
5/24/2006	Art Holst	Gene Ingram	Hank Johnson	Tim Marshall Susan McClanahan
5/31/2006	Susan Katz Froning	Bob Johnston	Dave Keosaian	Jim Martin Verna McDaniel
6/7/2006	Bob Livingstone	Joh Kang	Bob Kerry	Griff McDonald Judy McGovern
6/14/2006	Dave McDowell	Dave Krehbiel	Jeff Levin	Chris McMullen David Milling
6/21/2006	Lois Jelneck	Reno Maccardini	Frode Maaseidvaag	Margie McKinley Chris Mile
6/28/2006	Shelley MacMillan	Dave Matthews	Sue McCormick	Doug Moffat Jim Montgomery
7/5/2006	Gae Miller	Bob Meyers	Ted McLogan	Tony Nam Jan Newman
7/12/2006	Robbie O'Brien	Jim Miller	Roy More	Ann Neuenschwander Hugh Morgan
7/19/2006	ART FAIR ~ NO MEETING			
7/26/2006	Roger Pohl	Sang Nam	Mike Nold	Dennis Norton Sam Offen
8/2/2006	Mark Ouimet	Rob Pasick	Steve Oldstrom	Chuck Olson Josie Parker
8/9/2006	Joanne Pierson	Bob Pehlke	Deb Polich	Pat Pooley John Rasmussen
8/16/2006	Stephen Postema	Jefferson Porter	Bob Pratt	Agnes Reading Prue Rosenthal

P.S. Invocation -- not to exceed 2 minutes

Please call another above-listed member and arrange to trade dates if you are unable to attend the meeting on the date assigned and notify Ingrid Deininger at 973-0547 or Lois Jelneck at 663-5160