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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 March 22, 2006

Speaker: Ellen Augustine, Productivity Enhancement Program [PEP], San Francisco

Topic: "Building Business, Building Friendship"

Our speaker from the Center for Citizen Initiatives will talk about the PEP which brings Russians to the United States for business training and cultural exchange. We'll hear how our Rotary Club can have a hand in shaping history---assisting Russia to become a more stable, democratic and open economy. More than 700 American Rotary Clubs have participated in PEP and more than 25 Clubs have been started in Russia by PEP delegates.

Host/Introducer: Phil Alexander

Song Leader: Russ Collins

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Looking Ahead

March 29 (Wednesday) - Stephen Goldstein, Ph.D., Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, U-M will present, "New Horizons in Joint Replacement"

April 5 (Wednesday) – John Hieftje, Mayor of Ann Arbor, "Update on Ann Arbor"

April 12 (Wednesday) – Carol Hollenshead, Director of the Center for the Education of Women, "Women in the Developed World: An Underdeveloped Resource?"

For your long range planning (Watch the upcoming Harpoons for details):

Annual Member Survey – to be distributed in late March with a due date in mid-April

Tree Planting – Two or more Saturday mornings later this spring

Spring Fling – Friday, May 19

"Rotate Your Food" – Mid-June

Ann Arbor Art Fair – July 19-22 (No Rotary luncheon meeting that Wednesday)

The "Rotary Invitational" – Monday, September 11

News from the Meeting of March 15

We received Rotary flags from Cape Henry and Princess Anne, Va., from those traveling Alexanders, Phil and Elaine.

Geoff Larcom paid a nice tribute to our late member, Doug Crary, who served on Ann Arbor City Council and as secretary of the UMS Board. Doug was a fine gentleman and dedicated public servant. The complete text of the "Legacy Conservation" from Geoff's column in the Ann Arbor News can be found at the end of this newsletter.



As part of our get to know your non-profits, Sandy Rupp introduced John Weiss, executive director of the Neutral Zone. John loves to do service work with young people. He's a former Peace Corps Volunteer and teacher. The Neutral Zone draws youth from throughout the region with its ongoing programs. John said the NZ was "a diverse, youth-driven teen center given to the promotion of ideas," among other things. You can learn more about the Neutral Zone by visiting their website at <http://www.neutral-zone.org/>.



We heard from our Pioneer High Junior Rotarians Jaimie Obidike, Michael Thomas and Katharine Tatum. They are shown left to right in the photos. Michael is headed to the U-M in dentistry, Jaimie is still waiting for the right bid to college and Katharine seems to be leaning to the College of Wooster in Ohio over Earlham College. It was a pleasure to hear from these motivated young people.

Notes from the Program of March 15

Our program was "Interact with Rotaract," introduced by Joanne Pierson. We heard from Interact club members at Huron and Pioneer High Schools, and from members of the U-M Rotaract Club.



U-M Rotaractors



Pioneer Interactors



Huron Interactors

The U-M Rotaract Club (<http://www.umich.edu/~rotaract/>) is in its third year. Club officers introduced other club leaders who said their service projects included tree plantings and work at St. Leo's soup kitchen. They did a Rotary-Rotaract bowling fundraiser and reported a mass meeting Sept. 20 that took in "a ton of new members."

The Pioneer Interact Club (<http://www.pioneerinteract.blogspot.com/>) is in its first year. With Jeany Zhang as president and our own Brandt Coultas as Rotary liaison, the club meets every Thursday at lunch. Their projects included planting trees, cooking at Ronald McDonald House and helping young children at the Hands-On Museum.

The Huron High Interact Club (<http://huron.aaps.k12.mi.us/organ/interact/>), now in its third year, has 40 regular members and meets weekly in the library. Ed Wier is Rotary liaison to the group. Their projects include helping with outdoor recreation at Camp Storer, tree plantings and helping Habitat for Humanity with its Raise the Roof concert. The group also did a musical performance at the Turner Senior Resource Center.

The News and Notes were compiled by Don Faber. Fred Beutler provided all the photos.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 133 members. We also had three guests, one visiting Rotarian, three Jr. Rotarians and 26 Interactors/Rotaractors. The Program and Internal Procedures Committees met before lunch. A total of 23 members participated in those two meetings. Earlier in the day, the Board of Directors met. A total of 20 officers, directors and guests were present.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: March 19 – Ann Neuenschwander; March 20 – Vic Rosenberg; March 21 – Downs Herold; March 23 – Bob Chapman and Herb Ellis; March 24 – Bob Hatcher; March 25 – Susan Smith-Gray

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Elaine and Phil Alexander (Cape Henry, VA on February 22 and Virginia Beach-

Princess Anne, VA on February 22 and March 1); Brad Bowersox (Saline on February 23 and Ann Arbor North); Hal Flynn (Saline on March 16); Mark Ouimet (Dexter on March 9); John Rasmussen (Santerém, Brazil on February 2 and Waterford on March 16)

Visiting Rotarian: We were joined by Manish Mehta of the Ann Arbor North Club.



Notes from the Board Meeting: The Club's Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on the morning on March 15. Much of the meeting was devoted to discussions with Rotaract officers but one significant financial note emerged from Dave Gunderson, our Endowment Treasurer. He announced that our Club's Permanent Endowment has now increased to almost \$1.2 million! A year ago, it was just over \$1 million. This significant increase is due to member contributions and careful management by the Endowment Investment Committee.

Significant Achievement Application Submitted to RI: On March 15, District Governor Bob Baker forwarded to RI our club's application for a Significant Achievement Award. We are seeking the honor based on our tree planting work. Our application directly addressed each of six criteria. Here's a synopsis:



1. Address a significant problem or need in the community – The Emerald Ash Borer has affected 11,000 trees in the city's streets, parks and residential districts
2. Involve most or all the club members in a personal rather than monetary way -Involved half of the membership, 150 volunteers that were physically able to plant
3. Be commensurate with club's size and resources – Historically, one of the largest projects this Club has ever taken on. Large dollar and volunteer commitment
4. Be capable of emulation by other clubs – Many of the communities affected by the Emerald Ash Borer are in our district.
5. Be currently active or reach a conclusion during the Rotary year for which the award is given - Project is currently active and the club has committed to it until spring 2007
6. Be carried out by a single Rotary Club – The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor is the only club involved



Ambassador of Goodwill Award: This is a new club level award for Rotarians who travel to another country at their own expense to further the goals and objectives of Rotary. Our own Phil Alexander is District Friendship Exchange Chairperson and the individual who will be overseeing the process. The eligibility requirements are:

1. The trip must be to another country,
 2. The trip must include a Rotary-sponsored activity or event in the other country and
 3. Travel must be at the traveling Rotarians own expense.
- The application is typically submitted after the traveling Rotarian has returned. Annually, the current recipients of the award will be recognized at the District Conference. You can contact Phil at philalex@provide.net or 662-8500 for more information.

Kudos to the Union Staff: Although we are accustomed to fine service from the Union each week, we need to give special recognition to Jesse Harrington, Media & Event Coordinator, for his expertise, problem-solving skills and fast action to set up internet access at the last minute to support the Interact presentation. Thanks, Jesse!

Rooms for the District Conference are Going Fast: District Governor Bob Baker has just been informed that there are only a few rooms left at the Radisson Plaza in Kalamazoo for the district conference. If you are planning to attend, please contact the hotel directly to make your reservations. The number is (269) 343-3333. The dates are May 5-7.



World Water Day (an excerpt of a note from RI): On Wednesday, March 22 - observed internationally as "World Water Day" - the Starbucks Corporation will work in cooperation with Rotary clubs in an effort to raise awareness of the world's shortage of clean, safe drinking water. Over one billion people (20% of the world's population) currently lack access to safe water. To help draw attention to this global crisis, Starbucks is sponsoring Walks for Water on World Water Day 2006. Walks have been planned for eleven major cities in the U.S.: Atlanta, Boston, Detroit, Hartford, Los Angeles, New York City, Philadelphia, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, and Washington, DC. To help make World Water Day 2006 a success, and to demonstrate

Rotary's commitment to addressing this important issue, you are encouraged to visit the World Water Day Web site (<http://www.worldwaterday2006.org>) to learn how to participate in the Walks for Water.

Berkeley Rotary's 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament: The Berkley Club will be holding this tenth annual fundraiser for local and worldwide projects on Saturday, April 1. All ages are welcome. For more information, contact Larry Gallagher at (248) 837-8028 or lgallagher@berkeley.k12.mi.us.

Doug Crary, an Ann Arbor Rotarian since 1965: Doug slipped away from us on February 23, 2006. Although there was only a one-line death notice and no funeral, memories of him will be with us through the column that fellow Rotarian Geoff Larcom wrote in the Ann Arbor News of March 13. That text is reprinted below.

Crary made time for the city he loved

Ann Arbor lost a special person last month.

Doug Crary left without fanfare, without an obituary or a memorial service.

Crary, who died at age 95, had wanted it that way, said Rachel, one of his two surviving children.



But some of us with long Ann Arbor memories won't forget how Crary served this city with distinction during the 1960s and 1970s.

He was a Republican who worked well with Democrats, a man wary of excess spending yet acutely aware of the potential of good government.

At the height of his academic career, Crary assumed an astonishing variety of civic posts.

Among the dozen or so roles he fulfilled were stints on the Ann Arbor City Planning Commission, the Washtenaw County Land Conservancy Board, the Washtenaw County Planning Commission, and the Ann Arbor Historical Foundation.

He chaired the Ann Arbor Sesquicentennial Commission and led citizens' committees on the Huron River dams and on parks and recreation bond issues.

Most impressive, he served two terms on the Ann Arbor City Council. Done right diligently and with the correct focus that's one of the toughest and most meaningful ways you can help our city.

Crary did so during the mid-1960s, at the peak of his U-M teaching career, which lasted from 1941 until his retirement in 1973.

Eunice Burns, a Democrat who worked with Crary on council in the 1960s, recalls how prepared he was at meetings, keeping notebooks on a wide variety of city activities.

"Those notebooks would drive me up a wall," Burns says fondly. "We would be talking about something, and he would get out a notebook and recall what had happened."

The notebooks, piled high in the Crary basement and offering a detailed glimpse into Ann Arbor's past, have been donated to the U-M's Bentley Historical Library, Rachel says.

Crary's civic reach extends to our city even today.

He played a key role in the ordinance that limits the size of commercial signs, along with key township annexations and the city's efforts to preserve Huron River property for park development.

Crary came to Ann Arbor in 1929 and was a ho-hum student at U-M until he discovered geography, a discipline that later dovetailed into an interest in land use, demographics and city planning.

"When he took that (class), everything began to make sense ..." Rachel said from her home in Marquette. "The work he did was the perfect fit for his background."

Crary studied the world, but he loved Ann Arbor, and channeled his affection into substantive and nonpartisan city service.

Crary even liked to campaign door to door, his daughter said. "He enjoyed finding out something new and getting the feel of the community. It was like fieldwork."

Crary's wife, Margaret, died in 1997, and he lived his final years quietly in Glacier Hills.

He told his family that working for the city was one of the most exciting times of his life. That's quite a sentiment from a Middle Eastern and African specialist who packed up his four kids for a year's sabbatical journey from Capetown, South Africa, to Cairo, Egypt, in the mid-1950s.

I hope more U-M people such as Doug Crary commit to Ann Arbor's future.

----- "Service above Self" -----