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## The Program for April 5, 2006

**Speaker:** John Hieftje, Mayor of Ann Arbor (and fellow Rotarian)

**Topic:** "What Are They Thinking About Over at City Hall?"

The Mayor will discuss how the City is holding up in the current state economy, and he will discuss Downtown and the current "visioning" process. He will share his vision for downtown. He will also look to the future and discuss transportation and renewable energy. There will be plenty of time for questions.

**Host/Introducer:** Roger Fraser

**Song Leader:** Lloyd Bastian

**Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

## Looking Ahead

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

**April 19** (Wednesday) - Robert S. Grese, Director, UM Nichols Arboretum, "Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum – Treasures In Our Midst"

**April 21** (Friday) – Member Survey responses due (see article later in this newsletter)

**April 26** (Wednesday in the Union Ballroom) - "Music of the Americas," a special program conducted by Richard Ingram, Music Department Chair, Huron High School

**April 29** (Saturday morning) – The first of three tree planting sessions. See the article later in this newsletter.

Details on each of the luncheon programs above can be found on the Club's website at <http://annarborrotary.org/april.htm>.

### For your long range planning (watch an upcoming Harpoon for details):

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 (All members are encouraged to attend the banquet that evening. There will be no regular luncheon meeting on Wednesday, September 13)

## News from the Meeting of March 29

The District Conference will be May 5-7 in Kalamazoo (yes, there is a Kalamazoo). You can go to the website for more details.

Jim Cook briefed us on the Rotary Invitational, set for Monday, Sept. 11. Remember, that also will be our meeting date for that week. The fundraiser, with money to go to plant trees and scholarships, will be at Travis Pointe. There will be tennis, if an interest is shown, golf (of course) but no kids' games this year in the interest of preserving time. Rotarians, make your plans.

Ian Glassford, Johnny Appleseed himself, said there would be three more tree planting dates, so set aside April 29, May 6 and May 13. "We'll be planting 230 trees in four city parks," Ian promised, "and we need 50 volunteers." Long after we're gone, Rotarians, the trees we plant will still grace our city. See Ian's write-up later in the newsletter.

Elaine Alexander is doing well after surgery. And we tip our hat to Harm Buning, who was recognized by the Michigan Daily for his work on space-related items.

We heard from our Junior Rotarians.



Meg Martinez from Greenhills is president of her senior class, and her passion is community service. She'll be attending Yale University.



Robert Moran from Huron High helps with the Salvation Army when he's not playing bass in the Huron Jazz band. He is in the National Honor Society and planning to attend U-M.



Yi-en Shih, better known as Angel, is in the National Honor Society and vice president of her Interact club. She wants to be an international lawyer and doesn't know where she'll be attending college. Nice to hear from these spirited, motivated young people.



As part of our get to know your nonprofits, Robb Woulfe introduced fellow Rotarian Larry Voight, executive director of Catholic Social Services. CSS has been addressing issues of child abuse, homelessness and at-risk families since 1959. CSS makes a point of respecting the dignity of all families. Larry thanked Rotarians "for what you inspire." He said staff had grown from 7 to 70 while administering 18 programs. "Nearly two-thirds of our clients are at or below the poverty level," he said.

## Notes from the Program of March 29

Ellen Abramson introduced Stephen Goldstein, professor of orthopedic surgery and bioengineering at the U-M, who spoke on "new horizons in joint replacement." Stephen has more than 25 patents.



"Our skeleton is a fabulous structure," he said. Bones hold us up, protect our vital organs and bone is itself a responsive and vibrant tissue. There have been many advances in orthopedics, he said, while citing such advances in total joint replacement as "improved implant design, improved fixation strategy, analytically conceived designs and advanced instrumentation for surgical guidance."

Implants, he said, last about 15-18 years. "We'd like them to last 30-50 years." The success of total joint replacement is dependent on a good mechanical environment, immediate stability and the optimal mechanical response. With bones, "form follows function," Stephen said.

The cell is the decision-maker in total joint replacement. Emerging research in tissue regeneration aims at stimulating bone to regenerate and heal itself. The future, he said, is not screws, metal and polymers (today's bonding agents) but orchestrating cells to replace structure and let the joint reconstitute itself.

"Tissue engineering is what we're talking about," Dr. Goldstein said, "and I mean re-training cells to make your own tissues. There's been some progress already in that we have proteins that enhance repair of tissue." Can we program genes to make bone tissue? "We need to know the right genes and combination of genes," Dr. Goldstein said, in wrapping up a fascinating presentation of what our bodies may look like short years from now.

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

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 146 members. We also had two visiting Rotarians, three Junior Rotarians and eight guests. Three committees (Rotary Invitational, Website and Rotary Youth Exchange) met before lunch with a total of 22 attendees.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** April 2 (a big birthday for Rotarians) – Dave Felbeck, Jerry Gray, Jim Kosteva and Ted McLogan; April 3 – Bettye Elkins; April 5 – Barbara Bryant and Mary Hays; and April 8 – Bob Hughes.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Neil Bidwell (Key West FL – Sunrise on March 24); and Brad Bowersox (Ann Arbor North on March 23)

**Visiting Rotarians:** We were joined by two regular visitors; Betsy Hammond of the Lakeshore Club in St. Joseph and Dick Rosenfeld of the Jackson Club.



**Five-Star Attendees for March:** For the five luncheon meetings in March, we had a number of members who attended each one; John Atwater, Bruce Benner, Joel Berger, Sue Beutler, Nishta Bhatia, Chuck Cares, Barbara Debrodt, Don Faber, Dave Felbeck, Gloria Kerry, Karen Kerry, Bob Kerry (a Kerry Trifecta!), Joan Knoertzer, John Laird, Mike Marich, Sang Nam, Sam Offen, Chuck Olson, Joanne Pierson, John Rasmussen, Ingrid Sheldon, Jack Walker and Ed Wier. In addition, three of our newest members also attended all four meetings since they joined on March 8. They are Steve Kesler, Eric Pless and Dan Romanchik.



**Tree Planting Dates Set:** Come join your fellow Rotary Tree Planters this spring as we embark on our third season of making Ann Arbor greener. This spring will be our biggest endeavor to date. We intend to plant over 200 trees in several Ann Arbor Parks. Our tree planting dates are all on Saturdays and demand no more than three hours of your time. You only need to bring gloves, shovel and smile to help out! Our dates are April 29th, May 6th and 13th. Look for sign-up sheets at our upcoming luncheons. Come out and help!

**Debunking the Moon Myth:** In a story on the cover of the March 29 edition of the Michigan Daily, fellow Rotarian Harm Buning is pictured and interviewed regarding the legend that there is a Michigan flag on the moon.



Here's an excerpt, "Two alumni set foot on the lunar surface on the Apollo 15 mission in 1971. They established a chapter of the University's alumni association on the Moon. They carried with them about 20 flags into orbit. But according to Harm Buning, a retired aerospace engineering professor who knows the Apollo 15 astronauts personally, rumors of an extraterrestrial block M flag being only one of two along with the U.S. flag are misguided. Buning said he thinks the rumor started because of the 20 miniature Michigan flags that accompanied the astronauts as they broke the bounds of Earth but never left the spacecraft. Upon their return to Earth, some of the flags were given to the aerospace engineering department. Buning keeps one at his Ann Arbor home. None of the flags ever made it to the lunar surface."

You can read the entire story for yourself at:

<http://www.michigandaily.com/media/storage/paper851/news/2006/03/29/News/Debunking.The.Moon.Myth-1763410.shtml?noreferrer=200603301716&sourcedomain=www.michigandaily.com>

**Annual Member Survey:** (reprinted from last week but with a correct URL for Survey Monkey.) All members are being asked to complete the annual survey. This year, the big push will be toward completing the questionnaire on-line using a service by Survey Monkey. Use of this internet resource will provide immediate collection and tabulation of responses contributing to a fast, accurate and efficient compilation of results. Members will soon receive an emailed invitation from Survey Monkey. If you want to get a head start, go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=468151840252>. In either case, please respond by April 21 so that your inputs can be analyzed and transformed into recommendations for the May Board meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Sam Offen at [sgoffen@umich.edu](mailto:sgoffen@umich.edu).

