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## The Program for May 24, 2006

**Speaker:** Jan Garfinckle, Partner, Aboretum Ventures; President, Michigan Venture Capital Association

**Topic:** "Venture Capital's Role in Michigan's 21st Century Economy"

There is no model of economic development in the United States that works without a healthy venture capital industry. VC has demonstrated a track record of success over several decades – in California, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Texas and other states – of converting technology into sound commercial businesses. It is estimated that for every \$21,000 invested by VCs, one new job results. The presentation will provide an overview of the Michigan Venture Capital industry and its future goals.

**Host/Introducer:** Michael Cole      **Song Leader:** Shelley MacMillan      **Accompanist:** Tom Strode

A highlight of the meeting this day will be a visit by District Governor Bob Baker. He will be making some special presentations.

## Looking Ahead

**May 31** (Wednesday) – Former Ann Arbor Rotarian (and our first female president) Elaine Didier, Director of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum will present, "The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum: A National Treasure"

Note: Details on the luncheon programs listed above can be found at <http://annarborrotary.org/may.htm>.

**June 7** (Wednesday) – Our speaker will be fellow Rotarian Robb Woulfe revealing details of this year's Summer Festival. This date is also the deadline to nominate potential new members. More information and the associated forms are available in a pocket at the bottom of the badge board or on-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/facts.htm>. Agnes Reading is the person to contact.

## News from the Meeting of May 17

Calling all World War II buffs! Farmington Rotary charter member Bill Bliss, who was part of the D-Day Normandy invasion force, will present a special program of his activities at that time on May 30, 6 p.m., at Ginopolis restaurant (12 Mile and Middlebelt). Dinner is \$20. See last week's Harpoon for details.

Walt Helmreich reports the following Rotarians in the news: Greg Cook, who commented on AATA routes to Ypsilanti, and

President Norman Herbert, who was a consultant to the Ann Arbor school board on budget and plans for the new high school.

The memorial service for Bob Hughes will be June 10, 1 p.m., Michigan League Ballroom.

Scott Westerman paid a nice tribute to member Harm Buning who died last week. Harm was an aerospace engineer who was an advisor and friend to our earliest astronauts in the space program.

Because of the wetness of the soil, there has been no rescheduled date for the last of our tree plantings. Ian Glassford and Terry Linden will identify another date and let us know.

New member applications are due June 7 for the new member class of July 12. See Agnes Reading or Tim Marshall, last week's Harpoon or the item for June 7 in the "Looking Ahead" section above.



Barbara Debrodt paid honor to Rotarians and their spouses who volunteered as Rotary tutors or substitutes during the 2005-2006 Rotary year at Angell and Burns Park Schools: They include the following: Bob Ause, Neil Bidwell, Bob and Jeannine Buchanan, the late Harm Buning, Sandi Burdi, Chuck Cares, Jim Cook, Andy Dahlmann, Barbara Debrodt, Cathi Duchon, Bill and Margaret Dunifon, Dave Felbeck, Beth Fitzsimmons, Terry and Bob Foster, Jerry Gray, Walt Hancock, Larry Hastie, Gene Ingram, Alice Irani, Lois Jelneck, Dave Keosaian, Jim Martin, Jim Miller, Hugh Morgan, Nels and Mary Olson, Chuck Olson, Josie Parker, Pat Pooley, Mary Pratt, Rick Reid, Jerry Prescott, Dave and Marcia Schmidt, Ingrid Sheldon, Bill Stegath, Len and

Lois Stenger, Vic Stoeffler, Al Storey and Burt Voss. Thank you to all these fine volunteers and to Josie Parker, next year's chair for Rotary tutors.

Would anyone be interested in hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Japan? Kozue Imai, 16, a female, will be arriving in our District in August. See last week's Harpoon for details.

## Notes from the Program of May 17

Agnes Reading introduced Joanne Pierson, associate director, U-M Center for Development of Language and Literacy, who spoke on "The Residential Aphasia Program at the U-M." Aphasia is an acquired language disorder resulting from brain injury which affects all aspects of communication, memory and thinking. Characteristics may include difficulty retrieving words, copying written information and producing words. It is NOT a loss of intelligence.



People with aphasia may be helped through the RAP, established in 1947 and the only program of its kind in the nation, Joanne said. The RAP provides speech-language therapy to clients from Canada and 31 states. The program served 78 clients in 2005. Often clients are adults who have strokes and require intensive therapy.

Clients stay in residence for six weeks. During that time, they receive 23 hours of speech therapy a week, or a total of 138 hours. They also get three hours of computer lab session/week. They work in therapy Monday-Friday, 9am-4 pm. As a result, thousands of persons have "found their voice" at U-M's RAP, which also gives support services for spouses and caregivers. Art therapy and music therapy also are provided to clients.

We watched a powerful 13-minute video on RAP which highlighted some of its programs. Post-aphasia clients go back to work and lead rewarding lives, Joanne said. The cost for six weeks of therapy is \$26,000, plus \$4,000 for living expenses, but the outcomes are impressive: 113 out of 115 clients showed an increase in learning scores. "They have strategies they can take home," Joanne said. The mean age of clients is 52, the age range is 16-80. More information about the program is available on-line at <http://www.umich.edu/~comdis/services/adults.html>.

The News and Notes this week were compiled by Harpoon Editor Don Faber. Fred Beutler provided the photos.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 144 members. We had two visiting Rotarians and five guests. The International Outreach, Membership Development and Golf Outing Committees met just before lunch. Overall, 21 members participated. Also reported was that a total of 30 Rotarians attended a Strive Committee breakfast meeting on May 17, the Board of Directors retreat on May 16 and the District 6380 Conference from May 5-7.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** May 22 – Dean Millard; May 23 – Terry Linden; May 24 – Marlys Schutjer; May 25 – Dennis Norton; May 26 – Jerry Prescott; May 27 – Gene Ingram.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Brad Bowersox (Ypsilanti on May 1 and May 15, Ann Arbor North and Chelsea); Brooks Sitterley (Marion OH). Note to Rotarians “making up” at other clubs: Please ensure that the card you bring back has the date of the meeting along with the name and location of the visited club.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Markey Butler (Snowmass Village CO) and Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore, St. Joseph) were our visiting Rotarians.



**Lois Jelneck Honored** [a first hand report from Scott Westerman]: “I attended a luncheon yesterday (referring to May 15) sponsored by the Women's Council of the Washtenaw Community College Foundation which attracted close to 300 persons. Three women were honored for their community leadership, including our very own Lois Jelneck. Other Rotarians who have been honored in the past (1997-2005) are Ingrid Deininger, Cheryl Elliott, Terry Foster, Ann Schriber, and Ingrid Sheldon.”

**Highlights of the Board of Directors Retreat:** Members of the Board met on the evening of May 16 to wrap up the current year and begin plans for the new one. Accordingly, President Norman chaired the first half while President-Elect Ingrid Sheldon oversaw the second half. Karen Valvo granted a leave of absence owing to temporary business pressures. Thanks to the expertise and diligence of the Endowment Trusts, the Permanent Endowment fund has now reached \$1,240,000 after steady gains in the last year. Sam Offen made a presentation on the compiled results of this year's survey. The specific results will be used to help plan for next year. With a remarkable level of responses (233), the information should be very useful. The lists of individual members responding to the questions of their interest in various committees were sorted out for distribution to the chairs through their directors. Bill Dunifon reported on the results of the work of the Community Allocations Committee. A total of 62 applications were received. The board approved the recommendation to distribute \$49,800 to a total of 17 local organizations. The board also determined that club dues will increase by \$5 for the 2006-2007 year to accommodate an increase of that amount in the bill we will receive from Rotary International. Thus, members will pay \$245 per year (\$205 for members over 70). Bills will be coming out at the end of June.

**Spring Fling Mini-Report** [from tidbits provided by Downs Herold]: About 120 Rotarians and guests attended the Spring Fling on Friday, May 19 at Barton Hills. Joan Knoertzer played the piano for everyone's enjoyment (ask her about the mysterious appearance of a tip jar). Lloyd Bastian led the group in singing three songs with a group of song leaders doing the song once and then asking everyone to join in. No one went home hungry.

**Rotarians in the News:** An essay by Art Holst was published in the “Other Voices” section of the Ann Arbor News on May 18. The title was, “Drilling in Alaska would curb our precarious reliance on foreign oil.”

**Update on Memorial Donations for Bob Hughes:** Through the U-M Glee Club, we have learned that the family has asked that any memorial gifts in Bob's honor be directed to The Robert C. Hughes Memorial, Schoolcraft County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 452, Manistique, MI 49854. Checks should be made out to the Foundation so they are tax deductible. The funds will be used for scholarships to help youth in the Gulliver area. This will directly benefit local kids like the ones Bob hired and mentored at Thistledowne. Cards and letters should be directed to: Robert C Hughes Memorial, 320 West Washington, Ann Arbor MI 48103

**The Obituary for Harm Buning** [as published in the Ann Arbor News on mlive.com on 5/16/2006]:



Buning, Harm Ann Arbor, MI Age 83, passed away unexpectedly Friday, May 12, 2006. Harm Buning was born in The Hague in the Netherlands in 1922, the son of Harm Leopold Buning and Annie Uhlenbeck. He is survived by his wife Helena Suzanna (Suzie), two sons, Harm Gregory of El Paso, Texas, and Pieter George (Gail) of York town VA, and a granddaughter, Nyssa. He is survived by three sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law, and many loving cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by a half-sister, Lizzie van Beusekom, a step-sister, Bertie Mans, and a step-brother, Kees Kalis. Harm Buning grew up in Holland and came to the United States after World War II. He studied Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Michigan, from

which he received Bachelor's and Master's degrees. He began his long and much enjoyed career in teaching with his first job at Oregon State College in 1954. He joined the faculty of the University of Michigan in 1956 where he taught for 40 years. Inspired by both students and colleagues, Harm returned this energy through his dedication to teaching and advising, reaching out to support and encourage many students through the years. His specialties included mission analysis, aircraft performance, and class projects in space systems design. Also involved in the NASA Space Program, Professor Buning gave classes in orbital mechanics to the early astronauts in the 1960's, a high point in his life. Other teaching experiences included semesters as visiting professor at the University of Arizona in 1962 and at the Technical University Delft in the Netherlands in 1988. He retired in 1992 as Arthur F. Thurnau Professor of Aerospace Engineering. Harm and Suzie owned an island in Canada which brought them happiness through many summers. In later years they enjoyed extended stays in Holland, reconnecting with family there and also visiting relatives in Norway. He loved his wife and family and enjoyed interacting with all generations of his extended family, all of whom will miss him very much. For 30 years he was a member of the First Congregational Church. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on June 7 at the First Congregational Church. Donations may be made to Food Gatherers or Peace Neighborhood Center.

**An Ann Arbor News Article on Harm Buning [by Dave Gersham, News Staff Reporter, on May 17]:**

Former U-M professor Harm Buning dies. Astrodynamics, spacecraft design expert also taught early astronauts

Harm Buning was always fascinated by flight.

As a young boy growing up in the Netherlands, Buning liked nothing better than to be taken to the airport. "Some (boys) want to go to the zoo or the beach, but he would go to the airport," said his wife, Suzie Buning.

Harm Buning of Ann Arbor died Friday at 83. As a professor of aerospace engineering at the University of Michigan for nearly 40 years, Buning was recognized as an expert in astrodynamics and spacecraft design.

Buning played a key role in the space race. In the 1960s, Buning was invited to give classes in orbital mechanics to the early astronauts in the NASA space program. Among his students were astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

Jack Lousma, another former astronaut who lives in Ann Arbor, was a student at U-M and had Buning as a professor. Then, Lousma found himself in Buning's orbital mechanics class at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Lousma said Buning was well-respected by the astronauts, who liked his thoroughness and sense of humor. "He talked in words we could understand and made sure we understood it," Lousma said.

Buning came to the United States after World War II and received a master's degree from U-M in 1951. He began his first teaching job at Oregon State College in 1954. He came back to U-M in 1956 to teach as an assistant professor of aerospace engineering and rose up the ranks. He became a full professor in 1963.

Buning served as undergraduate program adviser and as associate chairman of the Department of Aerospace Engineering from 1966 to 1992. He retired from active teaching status in 1992.

Tom Adamson, a retired U-M professor who was the chairman of the department from 1983 to 1992, said Buning especially enjoyed teaching undergraduate students. "He was just a superb teacher," Adamson said. "He was one of the most honest, sincere and straightforward people I've ever known. He was a tough grader but very honest with the students, and he was willing to spend time with them when they needed it."

In addition to his wife, survivors include his sons, Harm Buning of El Paso, Texas, and Pieter Buning of Yorktown, Va. A memorial service will be held June 7 at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, Ann Arbor.

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