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The Program for June 7, 2006

Speaker: Robb Woulfe, Executive Director, Ann Arbor Summer Festival

Topic: Pull Up a Blanket ... and Stay Awhile

The Ann Arbor Summer Festival is an exhilarating celebration of performing arts, outdoor entertainment and community spirit. Each year, the three-week event offers dozens of performances, activities, exhibitions, and more, with eclectic music, dance, theater, film, visual arts and family fun. Join Festival Director Robb Woulfe as he shares some of the highlights of the 23rd season, which takes place from June 16-July 9.

Host/Introducer: Ingrid Sheldon

Song Leader: Shelley MacMillan

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Looking Ahead

June 7 (Wednesday) – In addition to our program on 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.

June 14 (Wednesday) - Stephanie Kadel Taras, Ph.D., Owner of Time Pieces Personal Biographies, will speak on "Saving Lives: How To Capture Your Family Stories For All Time."

June 21 (Wednesday) - Laura Rubin, Director, Huron River Watershed Council will present, "The State of The Huron; What We Can Do."

June 28 (Wednesday) – At this meeting, we will make the leadership changes that will carry us into the 2006-2007 Rotary year. The Program Committee is planning the program, "A Musical Frenzy and More!" On this date, you can also expect to receive your dues bill for the coming year. Payment will be expected by the July.

The complete listing of programs for June will be available as a handout at Wednesday's meeting and is also on-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/june.htm>.

News from the Meeting of May 31

Deb Polich filled in for President Norman today and did a very capable job. We could say it was her "Deb"-ut, but we won't.

Terry Linden reminded us that the last of the tree plantings is June 3 at S. Maple Park.

Speaking for Rotate Your Food, Chris McMullen said 50 businesses had signed up. Way to go! She thanked Rotary for its participation in this program.



Strive students John Abess, Jonathon Miller and Jennifer Roopchand

Check out the coming attractions for June! Always a first-rate job by the Program Committee, huzzah, huzzah!

New member applications are due June 7 for the new member class of July 12. See Agnes Reading or Tim Marshall if you have questions.

Standing in for Gail Dybdahl, Daphne Slater introduced our newest over-achieving STRIVE students. Noting the nine-year partnership with Rotary, Daphne said she was proud to introduce Jennifer Roopchand, who entered school with a 0.974 GPA and reached 3.334 in her senior year. Jonathan Miller came in with a 0.833 GPA, he's now at 3.370. And finally, John Abess, who entered with a 0.583 GPA, is graduating with a 3.679 grade point average. A warm round of applause was given to these fine students of the STRIVE program.

Notes from the Program of May 31

Maurita Holland introduced Elaine Didier, a former president of our club, who is director of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum. Elaine spoke on the dual facility in our state as "a national treasure." She reported the former president, who will be 93 soon, and wife, Betty, are "doing well."



Elaine Didier

The Ford Library in Ann Arbor and the Ford Museum in Grand Rapids are part of the National Archives. The elements of creating a presidential library are that the president raises funds, the library is operated by the National Archives and the Gerald R. Ford Foundation provides funding for exhibits, research grants and community events.

Why two sites? Well, the 12-term congressman from Grand Rapids is still much loved there and the city wanted to build a museum for him there. Ford gave his papers as a congressman to the Bentley Library here in Ann Arbor, and so it was a given that his own library would be near the facility that housed his papers. Both library and museum are 25 years old.

Elaine gave us a virtual tour of the library. It has temperature and humidity-controlled archival storage. Post 9-11, there's also more security. "We're used by high school students, advance placement kids as well as collegians and people from around the world," Elaine said.

The museum offers a spectacular view of Grand Rapids from the Betty Ford Garden. In the museum are the Oval Office Replica, the Cabinet Room Replica and core exhibits from Ford's childhood and the Watergate years. When Jerry Ford left office, his papers and some gifts were transported in nine semi trucks to a warehouse in Ann Arbor.

What's at a presidential library? Papers about Ford's administration, for starters, along with artifacts documenting his life and career, and audiovisual materials. An overview of the holdings shows 21 million pages of material, 12,500 artifacts and 500,000 audiovisual items. "About 70 percent of our materials are open for inspection and study," Elaine said. "We have lots of security-classified documents."

Ford, she said, is the last living member of the Warren Commission report on the assassination of President Kennedy. The library has documents relating to the fall of Saigon and other memorable events of the Ford years in the White House. "And you can handle these documents with your bare hands, without gloves," Elaine said, providing you show you're a scholar or researcher. The photos were interesting, too; one showed Jerry Ford in jersey number 48 while he was at the U-M. Another showed Betty modeling a dress at Herpolsheimer's, once Grand Rapids' posh department store.

"We also have privately donated papers," Elaine said, citing the late Ann Arbor pollster Bob Teeter, Alexander Haig, Alan

Greenspan and Mel Laird. And among the tacky Bicentennial gifts still being stored is a Gerald R. Ford bobblehead doll, wearing number 76. There's no accounting for taste, is there?

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 four visiting Rotarians and three guests (other than the Strive attendees mentioned above). Eight members of the Golf Outing Committee met just before lunch. Also reported was the meeting of the Endowment Board of Trustees on March 20. Nine members participated.

Correction: In the Harpoon for the meeting of May 24, the number of Rotarians attended the meeting of May 17 was incorrect. It should have been 117.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: June 4 – Peter Allen and Ingrid Deininger; June 5 – Shelley MacMillan; June 8 – Ian Glassford and Jon Gordon; June 10 – Cathi Duchon

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Jim Cook (Jackson on May 24), Anne Glendon (Jackson on May 24), Nels Olson (Frankfort on May 24), Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on May 30) and Dave Williams (Salida CO on May 22)

Visiting Rotarians: Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore, St. Joseph), John Hammond (Lakeshore, St. Joseph), Dick Rosenfeld (Jackson) and Eric Thuma (Imlay City) were our visiting Rotarians.

June Rotarian Magazine: Members should have received their June Rotarian Magazine recently. This month's issue is devoted to photography and features the work of several staff photographers, the winners of a contest among members and tips on how to take better pictures.

Attendance Statistics for May: Our Club's monthly report to the District reflected the loss of Bob Hughes and Harm Buning. Thus, we started the month with a total of 307 members and ended it with 305. Overall for the month, our reported attendance for the five meetings was 65%.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Five Star Attendees for May:** Following is a list of those members who attended each the five luncheon meetings in May.

Phil Alexander, Henry Amble, Fred Beutler, Sue Beutler, Barbara Bryant, Bob Buchanan, Chuck Cares, Flip Connell, Lee Danielson, Millie Danielson, Don Devine, Don Faber, Mark Foster, Walt Hancock, Downs Herold, Gene Ingram, Dave Keosaian, John Laird, Liz Leidy, Tim Marshall, Chris McMullen, Josie Parker, Pete Richards, Ashish Sarkar, Dave Schmidt, Ingrid Sheldon, Bill Stegath, Victor Stoeffler, Al Storey, Burt Voss, Jack Weg, Scott Westerman, Milo White and Paul Wright. Note: Make-ups and participation in committee meetings or other club activities have been dutifully credited but are not counted toward the "five-star award" status above. Please be sure that your name is recorded on an orange attendance sheet at the Wednesday luncheons and that your director, committee chair or their designee takes attendance at other meetings and official functions.

Dave Williams Succeeds Al Burdi as Sergeant-at-Arms: Effective June 1, Dave will take over to give Al extra time to prepare for his upcoming year as President-elect. Dave will also oversee the Setup Committee. Thanks and congratulations to both Rotarians as they take on these new roles in Club Service.



New Rotarian Liaisons for the Pioneer Interact Club: Dan Romanchik and Dennis Norton are stepping in to head up Pioneer Interact. Brandt Coultas, outgoing liaison, notes that he plans to stay as involved as much as he can with work during the day and grad school at night. He also expresses his gratitude for the club's generous support of RYLA since he believes it was critical in solidifying the group. Photos and summaries of the Pioneer Interactors RYLA experiences are on their website at <http://www.pioneerinteract.blogspot.com/>.

Rotary Invitational Update [from Ann Schriber]: The Acquisitions Subcommittee would like your suggestions and donations. We are looking for special items that will be hotly contested -- interesting and unique items, values over \$100, something people will "fight" over. Here are some categories of "hot" items in the past: wine, dinners, antiques/jewelry, trips/

cottages, sports/music/theatre tickets. Please fill out a form which will be on the tables Wednesday or see Nishta Bhatia, Ian Glassford, Lou Callaway or Ann Schriber about a donation! The more you give, the more Rotary can give!

An Update on Paul Harris Awardees: A number of new Paul Harris Fellows were announced at the meeting of May 24 and listed in last week's Harpoon. Tom Conlin and Chris Mile are two who missed being publicly recognized.

District 6380 Update: The June newsletter has not yet been posted but there are a couple new entries on their website at <http://rotary6380.org/>. One article offers Rotarians the experience of the Eastpointe Rotary's "Blues-N-Cruise Festival" on June 16-17. The other invites participation in a banquet on June 23 in Davisburg to honor outgoing District Governor Bob Baker and welcome Gerry Jackson as his successor.

Email address corrections and updates: The address to use for John White is jtwhite@umich.edu. Carl Gingles is cegingles@juno.com. Terry Linden is rtryterry@empireofideas.us. John Laird is mmllaird@comcast.net (note the double "M" and double "L"). Also, in the envelope with your upcoming dues bill will be a printout of the personal data and contact information currently in our records. Please take a close look at it, mark it up accordingly and return it with your dues payment.

Lost and Found from Tree Planting: At Saturday's tree planting, the City workers brought along a grey fleece XL Land's End jacket that had been left at the site of our previous activity. It has a logo on the chest (a diamond with a block M in it). Under that is the writing: pew6@umich.edu (not a valid U-M email address). Downs will bring the jacket to the meeting on Wednesday. The planting event will be reported separately but it was a beautiful day and around 33-35 trees were put in the ground.

Correction to an Article from Last Week: It is the Livingston-Sunrise Club, not the Brighton Club that has a new location. Here's the complete article after the appropriate changes have been made:

New Meeting Location for the Livingston-Sunrise Club [excerpts from a message from President Linda Barnwell]: "Just wanted to let you know that we are moving meeting locations effective Friday June 2nd, due to overcrowding at our current location. We are moving to Independence Village of Brighton Valley at 7700 Nemco Way (behind Home Depot off Challis Rd), Brighton MI 48116." The Livingston-Sunrise club meets at 7:30am on Fridays.

"Service above Self"