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The Program for June 28, 2006

Speaker: The Program Committee

Topic: "A Musical Frenzy and More!"

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED! A special treat awaits you on this occasion when the gavel is passed from President Herbert to President-Elect Sheldon. It's a "can't miss it" program with several special surprises. Be sure to join us as it will be a fun-filled program for everyone to enjoy.
YUMMY, YUMMY?? (What does this mean?)

Host/Introducer: Ken Fischer

Song Leader: Henry Johnson

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Members attending this meeting (or the one on July) will receive their dues bill for the coming year. Payment will be due by the end of July but you are certainly welcome to bring your checkbook. Bills not picked up at one of these mailed out to member's home addresses on July 6.

Looking Ahead

June 29 (Thursday) – Cap off the 2006 "Rotate your Food" drive with a Rotarian Work Night (5:00-8:00pm) at the Food Gatherers' warehouse off Dhu Varren Road. Rotarians from the Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Dexter Clubs are invited to take a tour of the facility and do a little work such as sorting donations or packing food boxes. Tree-planting Rotarians may also want to stop by nearby Olson Park to see how last year's plantings are doing. Contact Chris McMullen (761-2176 x205 or chris@foodgatherers.org) to sign up or for more information.

July 5 (Wednesday) – William Vollano, Coordinator of the Veterans' History Project of the Ypsilanti Rotary Club, will speak on the Veterans' History Project of the Library of Congress

July 12 (Wednesday) – Induction of New Members

July 19 (Wednesday morning) – The Board of Directors will meet at 7:30am in the Washtenaw United Way building.

July 19 (Wednesday noon) – **No luncheon meeting!** Enjoy the Art Fairs.

July 26 (Wednesday) – Coach Lloyd Carr will preview the 2006 U-M football season

July 30 – Last day to pay your 2006-2007 dues on time!

News from the Meeting of June 21

Lois Jelneck introduced Conception “lele” Martinez, a visiting Rotarian who is past president of her club in the Philippines, also a director of Habitat for Humanity.

President Norman had a number of important announcements from the Board of Directors meeting this morning.

1. Club dues will increase by \$5 due to an increase in dues to our Club from RI. Dues statements will be available in July.
2. Six new members will join at the July 12th meeting.
3. The Board is planning a New Member Workshop, a time when new members (and current ones, as well) can become better acquainted with our activities and projects, also learn about the various committees.
4. The Endowment Fund has grown by 17% per year over the last 3 years, excellent performance with thanks to the investment trustees. President Norm also announced several changes to the Board of Trustees.
5. The Board approved a proposal from the International Outreach Committee to participate in the Productive Enhancement Program, sponsored in part by the State Department. In this program, a group of up to 14 Russian entrepreneurs will be hosted by our Club to gain business experience for a 3 week period. This program is planned for Fall, 2007, to be coordinated by Ashish Sarkar. Other Rotary Clubs have told us that one result is the formation of new Rotary clubs throughout Russia. More information will be provided in October.

Note: Membership-related business from the above board meeting include: leaves of absence granted to Bob Chapman (six months) and Don Devine (four months) and the resignation of Ellen Abramson (business pressures).



Chris McMullen reminded us about the Rotary Work Night for Food Gatherers on Thursday, June 29th, 5 – 8 pm. Food Gatherers are located at 1 Carrot Way. This is part of the Rotary Community Service Program, a chance to see the new facility and work on packaging family food boxes.

Hal Flynn appointment as Assistant District Governor officially begins on with the new Rotary year on July 1. He will be working with Gerry Jackson, the incoming District Governor.



Jim Cook and Ann Schreiber gave more information about the fall Golf Outing, scheduled for Monday, September 11th at the Travis Point Country Club. The weekly Rotary meeting will be held at the dinner meeting that evening. Ann is continuing to look for some excellent donations for both the live and silent auction. Donations are tax-deductible.



Milo White introduced the final four of this year's twelve Rotary academic scholarship recipients. Peter Christmas (at left in the photos) from Pioneer will attend Michigan in the fall with an interest in psychology. Peter plans to run cross country and track. Cole Bertsos (second from left) also from Pioneer will attend MSU with an interest in journalism. Audrey Hammonds (third from left) from Huron is planning to attend U-M, majoring in business or languages. Joshua Kitchens (at right) from Community will be attending MSU in law enforcement, hopes to become a detective.

Notes from the Program of June 21



Mayor John Hieftje introduced Laura Rubin, Director of the Huron River Watershed Council (<http://www.hrwc.org/>) who talked to us about “The State of the Huron; What We Can Do.”

A watershed consists of all the lands that drain to a common point, such as a river. The Huron River watershed runs from near Milford down to Flat Rock, through 63 towns, 7 counties with a population area of about half a million people. It has 98 dams, 19 on the main river. Dams are a problem because of water stagnation, increased silting. 85% of

Ann Arbor's drinking water comes from the Huron, the other 15% from wells.

The Huron has been designated a natural river, one of the cleanest in Michigan. However, some stretches such as Barton Pond and Gallup Park do not meet top quality water standards. A measure of water quality is the presence of aquatic insects who like clean water. In addition to drinking water, the Huron is a source of fishing, recreation, wildlife, improved property values.

Perhaps 40 years ago, industrial waste drained into the Huron but this point source drainage has essentially been stopped. Now the problem is non-point drainage such as land run-off with oils, grease, pesticides, etc. Land cleans and purifies water but as land is developed with roads, parking lots, etc., it is no longer available to act as a water filter to clean and purify water. The result is decreased water quality.

So what can be done? Land development should be controlled so that the infrastructure is in place for water management. This means that water should flow through land to reach a river, not through a storm sewer. Small lawns with natural plantings will aid water cleansing by land. From Joe Fitzsimmons – the Huron is a great place to canoe.

President Norman's thought for the day from A. A. Milne (author of the Winnie the Pooh stories), "There is no hurry, we will get their sometime."

The News and Notes this week were compiled by Bob Buchanan. Fred Beutler provided the photos.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 122 members. We had three visiting Rotarians and seven guests (including the four scholarship attendees mentioned above). The Program and International Outreach Committees met just before lunch. A total of 26 members participated. Earlier in the day, the Board of Directors met. Nineteen members were present. Also reported was a subcommittee meeting of the Community Allocations Committee that met on June 9. Three members participated. Finally, the Musical Frenzy team (a subcommittee of the Program Committee) reported the attendance at four of their meetings. Twelve members received a total of 32 attendance credits. To be processed shortly are the recent lists of Rotary Tutors.

Reminder to committee chairs: The program year ends on June 30. If you have any attendance credits to report, please turn them in by that date. If you are planning any off-site meetings in the coming year, please pick up a few orange attendance sheets from the "secretary's windowsill" so that they will be ready for your meetings. You can deliver them to the Attendance Table at the next Wednesday luncheon or mail them to the club address.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: June 25 – Rick Hadler; June 28 – Bob Kerschbaum and Bob Warner; June 29 – John Psarouthakis.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Neil Bidwell (Petoskey on June 7); Ray Hunter (Ebensburg PA on June 13) and Jack Walker (Damarisotta Newcastle ME on June 6 and June 13).

Visiting Rotarians: We were visited by Conception "Iele" Martinez (Dumaguete City, Philippines), Susan Moore (Ann Arbor North) and Dick Rosenfeld (Jackson).

Thanks to our Hosts for Ambassadorial Scholars in 2006-2007 [from John Rasmussen]:

Peter Allen will be hosting Yeri Cho from Korea who is studying Management. Marsha Chamberlin will be hosting Joachim Klima from Germany who is studying Engineering. Jim Kosteva will be hosting Yoshiyasu Harada from Korea who is studying Finance. Vic Rosenberg will be hosting Bomoon Jang from Korea who is studying Politics. Also, Flip Connell is continuing to host Kazuyo Nakatani from Japan who is studying Business. Two scholars transferred to other Universities, New Castle on Tyne, UK and Georgetown University. We saw a decline from nine scholars in 2005-06 to four choosing to come to the University of Michigan in 2006-07. This suggests Rotarians need to make every effort to welcome scholars who do come so they will tell other students when they return home.

Note: John chairs the District 6380 Incoming Scholar Subcommittee.



Official RI Directory for 2006-2007 now on CD: Rotary International has sent our club a CD with the entire directory on it. In printed form, this document is the size of a small telephone book. If you would like a copy of this CD, please contact John White. The information will be very handy to have on your laptop when traveling around the country or the world.



Rotarians in the News [as reported by Paul Glendon]: Club member Josie Parker, Director of the Ann Arbor District Library, has been chosen as president-elect of the Michigan Library Association, to take office as such this July and as president of the organization in July 2007. The Association is the oldest and largest library organization in Michigan, advocating for libraries for more than 100 years, with a membership of more than 2,200. Congratulations, Josie, and good luck with this honor and the associated “service above self” that it surely entails.

District 6380 Newsletter for June: The district newsletter has recently been posted on their website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>. This edition featured coverage of the International Conference and included a farewell note from outgoing District Governor Bob Baker. In addition, an article featured our own Phil Alexander in his district-wide role as chair of the Friendship Exchange Committee and chair of the Ambassador of Goodwill Committee. A photo of Phil showed him at the recent District Conference reading the names of 24 Rotarians who have or will receive the new Ambassador of Goodwill Award. In addition to Phil, members of club so honored are Elaine Alexander, Sue and Fred Beutler, Jim Cook, Anne Glendon, Jim Martin and Ashish Sarkar. Congratulations to all!



Social Committee Kicks off the New Year: Their first meeting of the new Rotary year will be held in the Anderson Room at 11:00am on Wednesday, July 12. This meeting, as well as membership on the committee (hint, hint), is open to all. In the last year, the social committee is the one that organized the Spring Fling and planned our outings to the Performance Network and “Wine, Women and Song.” Contact Millie Danielson or Chris Conlin if you need more information.



Wanted - More Rotary Bowlers [from Paul Glendon]: For many years our Club has been a fixture in the Thursday Night Service Club Bowling League at Colonial Lanes. Now opportunity has presented itself for us to double our pleasure and presence in the league with the formation of a second Rotary team – let’s call them Rotary Blue and Rotary Gold! At this point we have full-time commitments from seven members, enough for 1.4 teams, plus another five who only can commit to part-time participation: too many for one team, not quite enough for two. So Captain Dick Elwell and his squad are hoping to recruit a few more club members for either full- or part-time participation.

What’s it cost? A one-time “sanction fee” of \$13 to join the league, and another \$13 for each three-game night that you bowl.

What’s the season? Every Thursday from the end of August to late April, except Thanksgiving, from approximately 6:30 to 9:30, plus an optional half-hour post-match period of fellowship with libation of bowler’s choice.

Do you need to be a really good bowler to participate? No, we carry averages ranging from the 120’s to the 170’s, and the competition is handicapped relative to the averages to put all bowlers on equal footing each week.

Who’s on the team now? Dick Elwell, Chuck Olson, Peter Wright, Russ Reister, and Greg Cook are holdovers committed for full-time participation in ’06-7; returning part-timers are Wayne Colquitt, Al Burdi, Brooks Sitterley, Bill Stegath and Paul Glendon; Bob Dascola and Dan Romanchik have signed on as new members to bowl full-time.

Is this “men only”? No . . . although the Service Club League started as and traditionally has been a men’s league, the tradition has changed over the past few years and three or four teams (including our brothers/sisters of Ann Arbor Kiwanis) have female members. We’d love for Rotary Blue and Gold to be part of the new tradition, so female Rotarians are not only welcome but actively recruited.

To join the team, please e-mail Capt. Elwell at rfelwell@aol.com. If you need a bit more information before making such a momentous commitment, call Dick (747-7485) or talk to any of the other team members at a luncheon meeting.

Unfortunately Dick won’t be at meetings for another few weeks, as he recovers/rehabs from recent dual knee replacement surgery.

Notice of Special Meeting of Members [from Paul Glendon]: This week’s Club meeting will be special in many ways, the least of which is that it will be considered a “special meeting” of the members of the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment for the purpose of amending the Endowment Bylaws. The amendment, approved and recommended to the membership by the Club Board of Directors at its regular meeting on June 21, 2006, will make Endowment Secretary an office filled by annual appointment by the Club Board of Directors, rather than one of the Endowment Trustees appointed by and from amongst themselves for that responsibility, and thereby will increase the total number of members of the Endowment Trustees from ten to eleven. The amendment affects two provisions in the Endowment Bylaws, as follows:

ARTICLE III: Board of Trustees (currently)

The Board of Trustees shall consist of ten persons, all of whom must be members of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, namely:

the president, vice president/president-elect, and immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor; the Endowment Treasurer, appointed annually by the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor; and six trustees appointed by the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor. Each of the six trustees shall serve a two-year term, with a group of three trustees being appointed each year. Any member of the Board of Trustees shall be eligible for reappointment. Any member of the Board of Trustees may be removed from office at any time by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor.

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ARTICLE IV: Officers (amended)

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Lost and Found Department: A men's coat was left behind at the meeting last Wednesday. It is blue with a yellow liner of a weight warmer than necessary for the season. It will be available at this week's meeting.

“Service above Self”