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The Program for July 12, 2006

Special Event: New Members Induction, Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

Presiding: Ingrid Sheldon, Club President, 2006-2007

In keeping with the rich tradition of our club, this is a meeting you will not want to miss. On this day, our mid-year class will be formally introduced to you as fellow Rotarians. Each of our six new colleagues brings to Rotary – present and future – a robust set of life experiences and an indelible record of leadership and service successes. Do join in as we all proudly extend the warmest of welcomes to each of our new fellow Rotarians who will wear the banner of "Service of Self!"

Hosts/Introducers: Sponsors of the new members and the Membership Development Committee

Note: The Social Committee will be meeting this day at 11:00. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer suggestions.

Song Leader: Shelley MacMillan **Accompanist:** Tom Strode

Looking Ahead



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!

Coming up in August: New member workshops (open to all members) that will gather representatives from all committees to describe their work and present other information that will allow members to make an informed choice on how to get involved. Dates and other details will be coming soon.

News from the Meeting of July 5

Gae Miller's invocation was a short course in human relations:

The six most important words in the English language are: I WAS WRONG - PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

The five most important words: YOU DID A GOOD JOB.

The four most important words: WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

The three most important words: CAN I HELP?

The two most important words: THANK YOU.

The one most important word: YOU.

The least important word: I.

President Ingrid presided over her first meeting and of course, things went smoothly. Who'd have thought she once got a "D"

in a speech course at EMU! Now, public speaking and Ingrid Sheldon are a perfect fit.



Don't forget next week's meeting. It's new member induction and let's welcome our new Rotarians! This week, Ingrid also welcomed back Herb Amster who has been recuperating lately.

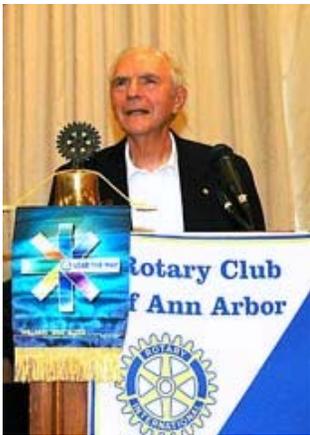
President Ingrid thanked all – the producers, performers and song-writers – who made last week's musical such a success. And a nod to Ken Fischer who moved things along so well.

Bowlers needed for next season. We're hoping for two teams to knock down pins on Thursday nights at Colonial Lanes. See Dick Elwell if your kegling skills are calling you.

Our new president shared Rotary International convention highlights from Copenhagen. Our club even received a stainless steel flag – now how do we hang that up? Ingrid spoke briefly on the family of Rotary teaming up together. Ingrid even looked up some relatives while in Denmark while husband Cliff, like good Prince Philip, stayed a respectful step and a half behind Ingrid while she was doing her official duties.

Notes from the Program of July 5

John Eman introduced William (Bill) Vollano, coordinator for the veterans history project of the Ypsilanti Rotary Club, who spoke on "Library of Congress: Veterans History Project." Set up by Congress in 2000, the project aims at collecting and preserving the experiences of veterans of all wars. With so many World War II veterans dying monthly, there's no time to lose.



Bill interviewed many veterans who were part of his PowerPoint presentation. His oral history presentations included a farm girl, Doris, who was recruited to work at the Willow Run Bomber Plant. Doris drilled holes in the side panel of the B-17 bomber's fuselage and became known the country over as "Rosie the Riveter." Then there was Leon, a bombardier, who was shot down and became a POW, and Dick Laws of the airborne infantry, who related the loss of his buddy. "The Japs kept on shooting, they hit the Jeep, a shell exploded and a small piece of shrapnel went into his temple...."

Lt. Col. Alex Jefferson, a Tuskegee airman during World War II, talked about the "separate but equal flying unit." Only pressure from the NAACP, the Urban League and others got the armed forces to train Negroes for separate but equal flying duty. Jefferson talked of the difficulty returning to civilian life where he "couldn't even get a job washing test tubes for Parke-Davis" even though he had a college degree.

"Charlie" jumped from a B-17 when he was a gunner and became a POW. At first, he jumped and pulled the ring but nothing happened. He remembered that he was told he could return the parachute if it didn't work but finally was able to get it out. He descended, only to land in a tree. "Hoppy," another airman, described a bombing raid in Korea. "We had no GPS back then; it was strictly old fashioned navigation. He came out of the clouds "by dead reckoning," saw his supply depot target, and hit it, causing a lot of smoking, burning and explosions. On another occasion, "Hoppy" inadvertently flew over North Korea, a real no-no back then.

Bill Vollano told us hold to help these men tell their stories. "Recruit veterans to share their experiences," he said, "and volunteer to do the interviewing." He said the Library of Congress is putting these interviews on a website. If interested, call Bill at 734-973-2536. His cell phone is 734-646-9835. You can also contact Bill by email to wmjv@sbcglobal.net.

The News and Notes this week were compiled by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor. Peter Wright provided the photos.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 99 members. Our average attendance at weekly meetings for the 2005-2006 year was 135 but this meeting was held just a day after Independence Day. We had three visiting Rotarians and one guest. One Golf Outing Subcommittee met just before lunch. A total of four members participated. Also reported was the attendance at the Rotate Your Food work project on June 29. Twelve members (along with spouses Enid Galler and Sandy Herold) participated.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: July 9 – Jack Henke; July 10 – Scott Westerman; July 11 – Terry Foster; July 12 – Bruce Benz; July 15 – Bob Johnston and John Laird.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Phil Klintworth (Point Loma San Diego CA on June 16).

Visiting Rotarians: We were visited by Jim Campbell (President of the Ann Arbor-Briarwood Club) and Christine Uthoff (President of the Ypsilanti Club). Andrew Eastman, a U-M Rotaractor, also joined us for the meeting.

Monthly Attendance Report to the District: We started the month of June with 305 members (including our three honoraries). We lost three members and reported an average attendance of 62% over four meetings.

Community Allocations: We received our first thank-you note from the letters that were sent out recently. Robert Coller of C.O.P.E. (Center for Occupational and Personalized Education) expressed his appreciation for the support that his organization has received and noted our funds will be used to provide “educational programming to those young people most in need of specialized classrooms.” He also welcomed visitors from our Club. If interested, you may call him at 734-547-0419 or contact him through their website at <http://www.cope1.org>.



Golf Outing/Fundraiser Update: Please get those foursomes and tennis groups organized and the registrations in to John White or Dave Gunderson. The committee is still looking for high end items that will create strong interest at the auction. We need more super vacation spots (perhaps some in urban settings), fine wine lots, art and jewelry treasures, etc. Also, the deadline for submitting these wonderful items to the committee has been extended until the end of August. Contact Nishta Bhatia or Ann Schriber with questions. Auction donation forms are available at the attendance table.

Rotarian Magazine for July: By now, each member should have received his/her July Rotarian magazine. It will provide you a chance to meet Bill Boyd, the new RI president. He is from New Zealand and has chosen “Lead the Way” as this year’s Rotary motto. The issue went to press too early to mention that he is now an acquaintance of our own President Ingrid! In this issue, you can also learn about the PolioPlus program. Since it was launched by RI in 1985, two billion children have been immunized, five million have been spared disability and more than one million deaths have been averted. Did you know that there were only 66 cases of polio in India in 2005, an all-time low? Did you also know that the “Plus” in PolioPlus was added to express Rotary’s conviction that a focused attack on polio would also spur a dramatic increase in immunizations against the five other childhood vaccine-preventable diseases targeted by WHO’s Expanded Programme on Immunization? Those diseases are measles, tuberculosis, diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. Also in this issue are advertisements for a range of fund-raising events and activities such as car raffles, a barbeque rib cookout, bridge tournament, cell phone recycling and goose dropping (<http://www.goosedropping.com>).

District 6380 Website: Be sure to stop by the district website on occasion at <http://rotary6380.org/>. The postings there since the June newsletter include a bio on Gerry Jackson, our new District Governor and information on a trip to India this fall to take part in a National Immunization Day.

Rotary Flags: Thanks to the photographic skills of Fred Beutler, here is a collection of flags that have been recently presented to the club by visiting Rotarians or brought back to us by our members.



“Lead the Way”