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The Program for August 9, 2006

Speaker: Brian Ignaut, Michigan Solar Car Team Project Manager

Topic: "Go Fast, Go Smooth, Go Blue: The 2007 University of Michigan Solar Car Team"

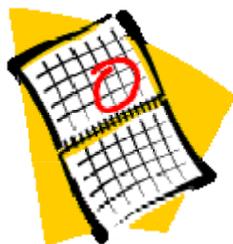
In more than fifteen years of competition, the Solar Car Team has offered world-class engineering and business experience to over a thousand Michigan students. Having built eight cars, placed third in world competition three times, and won four national championships, Michigan has the most successful Solar Car Team in North America. The presentation will cover the Team's long history of success along with the 2007 campaign to win the 20th anniversary of the World Solar Challenge in Australia.

Host/Introducer: Michael Dubin

Song Leader: Downs Herold

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Looking Ahead



August 16 (Wednesday) - Constance Cook, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, and Director of the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching will speak on, "The Emerging Relationship Between the University of Michigan and the People's Republic of China"

August 23 (Wednesday) - Sandro Cinti, M.D., Infectious Disease Physician and Clinical Assistant Professor at U-M Hospital/Veterans Administration Hospital will present, "Emerging Diseases, Pandemic Flu"

August 30 (Wednesday) - Our speaker will be Elsa Stuber, former High School Science Teacher and Adult Educator. Her topic will be, "Teaching in Prisons"

Note: Details on the programs for August are on the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/august.htm>

News from the Meeting of August 2

In his invocation, Mark Ouimet took responsibility for the heat wave by saying that in January he had prayed for relief from the cold. Moral: Always be careful what you ask for.

This week President Ingrid remembered to turn off her cell phone. Avoid those embarrassing moments, eh, Madame President?

The golf outing still needs volunteers to work in 2-3 hour shifts. See Chuck Cares.

Millie Danielson reported 51 responses to the survey that was handed out last week. Remember, surveys are meant to be helpful, not intrusive, or busy work for somebody with time on his/her hands.

Marsha Chamberlin for membership development reported that the first orientation for new members was a success, as committee chairs outlined their group's functions. The presence of many committee chairs made the showcase event worthwhile for all who attended. There'll be another one next Wednesday from 11:00am - noon in the Anderson Room.

Russ Collins was in Hollywood to accept an award for the Michigan Theatre as "the outstanding historic theatre of North America." Maybe members saw the writeup in The Ann Arbor News, but in any event, congrats to Russ and to the farsighted individuals "back when" who saved the Michigan Theatre from becoming a fast food joint, or a parking lot, or whatever.

Former President Norman Herbert was asked to come forward to accept a special plaque from Rotary for his "dedicated leadership." President Ingrid did the honors and Norman was given a nice round of applause.

Our one-woman orchestra, Joanie Knoertzer, gave as her exit music "Sweet Georgia Brown" and we all helped out with clapping and a "sa-wishhh" on the seventh beat. And introducer Karen Kerry got into the spirit of Coach Tommy Amaker's presentation by wearing her Maize Rage T-shirt. Then, special prizes were given out to those who answered correctly several Tommy Amaker trivia questions.

Notes from the Program of August 2



Coach Tommy Amaker of U-M's basketball team started off by praising Rotary as a friendly, supportive group. He was "excited" about the upcoming season, with special words of praise for the incoming freshman class. "It should be the nucleus of an outstanding group. New players have to learn to be competitive all the time. This is a critical year for us," he said, "as we make the final step in our five-lap race." (Coach Tommy is in his fifth year at Michigan).

"We want to be healthy, happy and hungry," he said, "and we control two out of those three. Our schedule is complete – we open with the John Thompson challenge during which we'll play EMU." Other dates include Georgetown, a marquee name, at Ann Arbor, plus away games at UCLA, Miami of Ohio and North Carolina State.

On board is DeShaun Sims, 6 feet, 8 inches, from Detroit Pershing, home of Spencer Haywood. Then there's Deon Harris, Brent Pettway and Lester Abrams, "the old man of the group" as a fifth year senior. "We're counting on our seniors this year, we finished right last year," Amaker said. "But we need you in attendance," he told Rotarians.

In the Q and A, Tommy was asked whether there was a "consistency pill" for Courtney Sims. "Well, he needs to be consistent, we're working on him," he said.

Will this year's team be quicker? "South Carolina was really fast in the (NIT) finals last year. We seemed to shoot ourselves in the foot whenever we started on a run. We hope to elevate our play in that area."

What teams are Big Ten contenders? "Wisconsin is a tough out. Ohio State will be strong. Penn State will surprise some people. And U-M will get some votes."

Quick fact, as noted by the coach: The minimum salary in the NBA is \$400,000, you can't sign a player for less than that. Now which one of us couldn't manage to live on that? Tommy closed the meeting by donating some U-M merchandise to the club, which President Ingrid immediately donated to the auction at the golf outing.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor. Bill Dunifon provided the photographs.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 125 members. We also had eight guests and three visiting Rotarians. Before the luncheon, 15 members attended the Committee Showcase. At the same time, two committees (International Humanitarian Projects and Social) held their meetings. A total of 15 members participated.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: August 6 – Susan Westerman; August 9 – Jan Newman

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Lois Jelneck (Strasbourg, France on July 27) and Steve Oldstrom (Sault St. Marie on July 24)

Visiting Rotarians: We were visited by Doug Bacon (Flint), Robert Reizner (Jackson Noon) and Manish Mehta (Ann Arbor North). Manish is also an Assistant District Governor in our district. His clubs are Ann Arbor Briarwood, Chelsea, Dexter and Ypsilanti.

Committee Showcases This Week: The first showcase last Wednesday drew 15 attendees. The Membership Development Committee is hoping for a greater level of attendance this Wednesday at 11:00am in the Anderson Room. All Rotarians, particularly newer ones and others not currently on a committee or two, are invited to attend. Committee Chairs will explain the work of their committee, the tasks involved and the time required. The “outreach” committees that organize and staff our community projects will be featured on August 9. Come learn about what our Club is doing, and sign up to try something new.



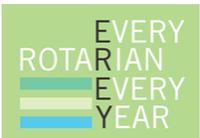
Dues Payment Updates: Thanks to those of you who paid your dues on time. There are now 78 members whose payment has not yet been received. If you are one of those members, please submit your payment promptly. Make out your check according to the instructions on invoice #1 and give it to Downs or John at a meeting or put it in the mail to the club address.

Monthly Attendance Report: Our attendance for the month of July was posted to the District 6380 website last week. For our three meetings in July, we reported an average attendance of 52%. We began the month with 302 members and added six new ones for a total of 308 to end the month. A significant portion of the attendance we report is from committee meetings and other Club activities, such as Rotary Tutors, tree planting and Rotate your Food. As a participant, please be sure that your name gets recorded. As a committee chair or activity leader, please be sure the list of participants gets to Downs or John at a meeting or the Club’s post office box.

The August Rotarian Magazine: Long-time members should have received their issue in the mail by now. Our new members from the class of July 12 should get this issue as a bonus when their subscription starts with the September issue. Since August is Membership Month, the President’s Message offers a “to-do” list for clubs and an interview with the Chair of RI’s Membership Development and Retention Committee. Also in the issue are feature articles on identity theft and the rebuilding of New Orleans. A particularly valuable eight page “article” is a publication entitled, “Rotary Basics.” As a separate brochure, this publication is given to each of our new members as a part of their packet of information. All members now have a chance to read the latest version of this key reference. An interesting tidbit is the recent release of two U.S. postage stamps to honor polio researchers Jonas Salk (injectable vaccine) and Albert Sabin (oral vaccine). Unfortunately, the stamps carry \$0.63 and \$0.87 values and will not find their way to many ordinary bills and letters.



Every Rotarian, Every Year: Although the official annual campaign does not start until November, our club is off to a good start as about three dozen members have already submitted their donation. Following is a recent message from The Rotary Foundation to help everyone learn more about the work it does with the funds they receive.



“We are happy to inform you that the August 2006 edition of the Every Rotarian, Every Year newsletter is now available on-line. The newsletter is your source for news about the monumental EREY effort uniting our international membership. It provides updates on the Annual Programs Fund (APF), features on what Rotarians are doing to meet their club goals and stories illustrating how APF contributions enhance people’s lives.” Here’s the link to the page on the RI website that will give you access to past newsletters and allow you to subscribe to upcoming ones:
http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey_news.html

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