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The Program for August 23, 2006

Speaker: Sandro Cinti, M.D., Infectious Disease Physician and Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Michigan Hospital/Veterans Administration Hospital

Topic: "Emerging Diseases, Pandemic Flu"

Dr. Cinti will present information for us on infectious diseases and will speak about his ongoing involvement in the preparation for bioterrorism and emerging infections at the national, state and local levels. The presentation will include how the National Center for Critical Incident Analysis (NCCIA) is exploring ways that diverse groups can better respond to critical incidents. He will also give us information about his experience in teaching and training groups to respond to bioterrorism.

Host/Introducer: Ingrid Deininger

Song Leader: Lloyd Bastian

Accompanist: Deanna Relyea

Looking Ahead



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>

September 6 (Wednesday) – Ken Fischer, President of the University Musical Society, will present the UMS' 2006-2007 season and give us a preview of the visit by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

September 11 (Monday) – Our fourth Annual Golf Outing. It will be held at Travis Pointe Country Club. Also planned are some activities for tennis players. The dinner portion of the event begins at 5:00

with a social hour and will take the place of the regular luncheon meeting scheduled for Wednesday. Opportunities to register for golf, tennis and/or dinner (and maybe ride-sharing) will be available as you arrive at the upcoming meetings.

September 13 (Wednesday) – No regular luncheon meeting! See the Golf Outing article above.

News from the Meeting of August 16

Among Rotarians in the news, county commissioner Mark Ouimet provided a meal for all first responders in Washtenaw County, honoring firefighters and paramedics for their valuable work. And Rotarian Chris Mile competed in the Ann Arbor Senior Golf Championship.

Speaking of golf, remember Rotary's golf outing on Sept. 11. There will be no regular meeting on the 13th. The dinner is \$30/person, and it won't be a tuna fish sandwich with chips on the side. Golfers are still needed so sign up.

What a trooper! John Ackenhusen, club treasurer, gave a financials report despite being hospitalized for tests regarding his

heart. This man is ALL heart!

Dick Elwell reports the bowling teams have a full complement of keglers. Now go get 'em, bowlers!

The social committee has lined up a premiere event for Rotarians at a nice group rate: Attendance at the “Verdi Requiem,” September 16, featuring the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, the University Choral Union and soloists who include Deanna Relyea. You won't want to miss this outstanding musical event. Note: In last week's Harpoon, it was mentioned that this event was a UMS production. In fact, it is being presented by the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. Sorry for any confusion. You can learn more about this event and others at <http://www.a2so.org/main.html>. When you visit the website, check out the program for December 9 and see if Santa looks like anyone familiar to us.

Downs Herold reminds us it's only two more weeks till the annual student move-in. Please plan accordingly for the Aug. 30 meeting.

John White wants to transfer some of his Harpoon responsibilities, so the word has gone out to any one who wants to contribute to the Harpoon, editorially or the formatting process. See John or Don Faber if you want to add your talents to the Harpoon.

Tips for living longer? Take a nap, suggests news reporter Bill Stegath. Your heart has only so many beats, so why waste them on exercise?

Notes from the Program of August 16

Her husband, Jim Cook, introduced Connie Cook, associate vice provost for academic affairs and director of the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, speaking on “The Emerging Relationship between the University of Michigan and the People's Republic of China.”



Connie focused her talk on the Michigan-China University Leadership Forum, May 12-27, '06, held at the U-M. Why have a relationship with China, Connie asked. Well, she quoted author Tom (The Earth is Flat) Friedman, who said, “if you can't figure out how to get into China, you won't be a global leader.”

In higher education, China will soon have the leading global universities. This year, said Connie, “the number of college graduates in China was 20 percent higher than last year. We need collaboration with China.”

Way back in 1880, President Angell of the U-M knew of the value of China; he stressed bringing Chinese students to the U-M. Now the U-M leads in educating Chinese student; we have 800 enrolled today.

Connie Cook said “the U-M has a stellar reputation in China. China selected us as a site for training their higher education leaders. In May, 25 of their leaders came here and they were given tours of the Campus, Diag, Ford Library, the Big House and Hill Auditorium. Pollution in China? “We gave them green space – the Arb, Matthaei Botanical Gardens,” said Connie.

The topics of discussion included budget and strategic planning, research administration and managing medical schools. “We showed them forms of active learning,” said Connie, “while trying to model for them the open and transparent process at the U-M.” Pedagogy in China might strike Americans as more than interesting.

The Americans tried to sell the Chinese on the concepts of academic freedom and intellectual property rights. The Chinese team, in departing, said they would bring up fundraising and the tenure system, decentralizing power and student-centered education when they got back to China. But will their ideas come to fruition? “We'll monitor as best we can,” promised Connie.

Outcomes of the visit include more collaboration, an increase of U-M prestige in China and the hoped-for influence of the U-M model on Chinese higher education. Our knowledge of Chinese higher ed includes a shortage of qualified faculty there, a huge and growing number of students and a struggle between academic freedom and academic quality. They're still using the old Soviet model, said Connie.

President Mary Sue Coleman said “we need to understand China; this (visit of Chinese leaders) is valuable to us.”

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

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day’s meeting was 138 members. We also had eight guests and one visiting Rotarian. Three committees met before the luncheon; (Program, Golf and International Outreach) held their meetings. Earlier in the day, the Board of Directors met. A total of 63 members participated in these four meetings.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: August 24 – Robb Woulfe; August 25 – John Atwater, Doug Freeth and Tom Strode

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Maurita Holland (Manistique on August 7) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME on August 1)

Visiting Rotarians: We were visited by Dick Rosenfeld (Jackson). Dick brought along his wife, Edie, to the meeting. It turns out that the Rosenfelds were friends of Connie and Jim Cook when both couples lived in Jackson before moving to Ann Arbor.

Get Well Soon: Bernie Galler will be out for a time while he recovers from surgery after a fall while gardening. We wish him the best and hope to see him back soon.

Upcoming Assignments: The roster of Invoker, Greeters and Attendance-takers for the next six months has been posted on the website. You can open it from a link on the home page or you can go to it directly to it at <http://annarborrotary.org/GreeterAttendanceEtc060800.pdf>. In either case, please find your name on the list and make note of your assignment(s).

Membership Notes: At the Board of Directors’ meeting on August 16, the resignations of Joe Edwards, Don Robinson and Lloyd Bastian were officially acknowledged. John Psarouthakis was granted a six month leave of absence.

Thank You Note: The Club received a card with the following message. “The Buning family did very much appreciate the many signatures and messages of Harm’s fellow Rotarians on your sympathy card after his death. Thanks to each and every one of you. Scott Westerman also sent a copy of his remarks which we enjoyed.” The note was signed, “Suzie Buning and family.”

Dexter Rotary Club Relocation: As of September 7, the Dexter Club will be meeting at the Cornerstone Elementary School. The school is at 7480 Dan Hoey Road, between Baker and Dexter-Ann Arbor Roads. The club meets at 7:30am on Thursdays.

Rotate Your Food 2006 [submitted by Chris McMullen]: A huge thank you to all the Rotary Club members, businesses and organizations that donated food or placed food collection bins in their establishments June 5 – 17 as part of the 2006 Rotate Your Food canned food drive for Food Gatherers--our county’s food rescue/food bank program. As we joined this year with the Dexter and Ypsilanti Rotary Clubs, we increased the number of bins placed from 36 to 47 this year. Congratulations to all for bringing in 3,306 pounds of food! This food is valued at \$5,256 and translates into 2,204 meals for our neighbors in need throughout Washtenaw County. Food from our drive was distributed by Food Gatherers to several of its partner non-profit programs working in the frontlines of hunger relief in our communities every day of the year.

In addition, several Ann Arbor Rotarians joined with a few of our Ypsilanti Rotary friends for a fruitful work night out at Food Gatherers following the drive. Food Gatherers put us to work cleaning food racks in the shopper’s pantry, re-packaging rice and other dry goods and creating personal size bags of extremely pink yogurt covered pretzels.

With a 77% increase since 2001 in the number of individuals in Washtenaw County seeking emergency food assistance, Rotary’s work in gathering nutritious food for distribution means a warm breakfast, lunch or dinner for someone right here in our county who may not know where their next meal will come from. Good work by all who lent a helping hand, putting “service above self.”

Roving Rotarian Report [submitted by Fred Beutler]: “On a recent trip to Peru, we were near Iquitos on our way to a jungle camp on the Amazon River when Sue contracted conjunctivitis. Since our camp was remote, even without electricity or running water, we had no expectation of access to medical facilities. Amazingly, we were taken by boat to a nearby clinic staffed by a volunteer physician from Wisconsin. This clinic was the sole medical facility serving the inhabitants living within a radius of sixty miles. Near the clinic entrance was a brass plaque informing us that the clinic had been built by Rotary International with the participation of clubs from Duluth, Iquitos and Thunder Bay. It is at times like those that we appreciate what it means to be a Rotarian. We are proud to be part of an organization that makes so great a positive impact on lives around the world. The outcome of our visit was that the doctor gave Sue a bottle of eye drops which were quite effective. I later caught the infection from Sue, and used the same eye drops.” As you might expect, Fred had his camera. Pictured below are the exterior of the clinic, a shelf in the pharmacy and the plaque.



International Travel Opportunities for Rotarians [Compiled by Phil Alexander]:

- **India:** Participate in a polio National Immunization Day (NID) and Jaipur Limb Camp. Some sightseeing and homestay with Rotary family. Join tour lead by PDG Terry Youlton. Dates 11/16/06 – 12/1/06. Leave from Detroit. Cost \$2800 all inclusive. This one is highly recommended. Contact Terry Youlton at tyoulton@mnsi.net.
- **Ghana:** Join tour lead by PDG Brad Howard. Participate in a two-day polio NID in Ghana, Africa, two day West Africa Project Fair and visit project sites. Dates 10/29/06 – 11/8/06. Leave from Detroit. Cost \$1400 plus airfare from Detroit. This one is highly recommended. Contact Phil Alexander at philalex@provide.net.
- **India:** Friendship Exchange. Invitation from District 3030 (approx 250 miles NE of Mumbai) to individual Rotarians (may be accompanied by family members). Cultural exchange, home stays with Rotarians, project visits. Can be combined with optional sightseeing in northern India. Cost variable. Dates: 2 – 4 weeks, Dec 2006 thru Feb 2007. This is “do it yourself” on U.S. to India travel. Indian travel agent can be recommended. Contact Phil Alexander at philalex@provide.net.
- **Open:** Friendship Exchange. Visits of 2 – 4 weeks can be arranged for individual Rotarians or small groups (with spouses or families) with Rotary districts or Rotary clubs almost anywhere through District Friendship Exchange Coordinators. These can include cultural events, sightseeing, homestays with Rotarian families and possible involvement in NIDs, etc. Contact Phil Alexander at philalex@provide.net.

Links of Interest: Below is a short list of links to various websites that will be of interest to Rotarians.

- **Rotary International:** <http://rotary.org/>. The RI home page has links to About Rotary, The Rotary Foundation, Club Locator and Member Access
- **District 6380:** <http://rotary6380.org/>. This is the website for our district (covering a total of 50 clubs in the counties of Washtenaw, Livingston, Oakland, Macomb and Kent (in Ontario). The district’s monthly newsletter is also posted here.
- **Rotary Club of Ann Arbor:** <http://annarborrotary.org/>. This is our Club’s own website. It contains a great deal of background material and current information. One topic coming up soon is the recruiting of new members. The next class will be inducted on November 8 so you can expect that nomination forms will be due in early October. Guidelines for membership (which include a nomination form) are available from a link on the home page (and also in a pocket on the bottom of the badge board). Potential members may be interested in scanning past issues of the Harpoon to become familiar with our organization. Past copies are available from a link on the home page (and in a binder in the check-in desk).

“Lead the Way”