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The Program for August 30, 2006

Speaker: Elsa Stuber, former High School Science Teacher, Adult Educator

Topic: "Teaching in Prisons"

Our speaker will share her experiences and reflections on teaching prisoners at Milan Federal Corrections and the Washtenaw County Jail. As a devoted educator to teaching prisoners, she will present some interesting insights about her work.

Host/Introducer: Burt Voss

Song Leader: Jim Irwin

Accompanist: Maurita Holland

Looking Ahead



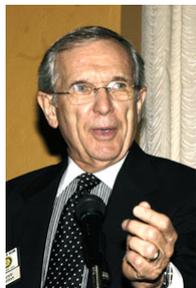
September 6 (Wednesday) – Ken Fischer, President of the University Musical Society, will present the UMS' 2006-2007 season and give us a preview of the visit by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

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.

Note: Details on all the programs for September are on the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/september.htm>

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

News from the Meeting of August 23



Lloyd Bastian, our song leader, led us in his swan song. He's leaving to join the Rotary Club of Clinton. We'll miss Lloyd's enthusiasm and we all joined in a rousing chorus of "For he's a jolly good fellow" as he bowed out.

Just wondering: What songs will they be singing in Rotary 50 years from now?

Don't forget the golf outing Sept. 11. Buy those dinner tickets now and remember, there's no meeting on Wednesday, the 13th. More than 100 golfers have signed up so far, hurray for them, but we can always use more.

The price of \$15 gets you a special Rotary rate to the "Verdi Requiem" Sept. 16, with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and our own Deanna Relyea. Call the AASO at 734 994-4801 and tell 'em you're a Rotarian. And when you see a member of

the social committee, thank him or her for helping to put on this event for members.



From the sick bay: Bernie Galler fell off a ladder and sustained hip injuries; he's rehabbing and coming along nicely. John Ackenhusen has been released from the hospital following an irregular heartbeat and related problems. We hope to see John and Bernie at meetings soon.

Sustainer pins for giving a minimum of \$1,000 to Rotary Endowment were given to Lyndon Welch (in photo at left), Lois Jelneck and Jim Reece. Thanks to them for their generosity.

Notes from the Program of August 23



Ingrid Deininger introduced Dr. Sandro Cinti, infectious diseases physician and clinical assistant professor, U of M Hospital/VA Hospital, on "Emerging Diseases, Pandemic Flu." When Dr. Cinti asked how many of us got their yearly flu vaccine, he received a response of 80 percent. (So what's keeping the other 20 percent from seeking protection?)

The difference between epidemic and pandemic is that the former is a yearly event while pandemics, although they come at regular intervals, are difficult to predict with accuracy. They are global in scope and, as Dr. Cinti noted, "an equal opportunity killer."

The 1918 flu pandemic, for example, claimed 40 million deaths; highest mortality was in the 15-34 age group. Mass vaccinations weren't available at the time and influenza patients died struggling to clear their airways of a blood-tinged froth that gushed from their nose and mouth. Dr. Victor Vaughn, of U-M public health fame, was a leading scientist at the time. Other pandemics included the 1957 Asian flu, the 1968 Hong Kong flu and the 1976 swine flu. The avian influenza, tagged H5N1, was first seen in 1997 in Hong Kong; its mortality in several countries Dr. Cinti cited was as high as 49 percent.

Are we prepared for a pandemic? Dr. Cinti said that at the hospital, "we're planning for field hospital conditions. For pandemic influenza, we're planning for patients any way we can." The H5N1 is an airborne virus, transmitted from human to human through breathing, sneezing, coughing, etc.

To plan for a pandemic, one should store a two week supply of food and water; periodically check your regular prescription drugs to ensure a continuous supply in your home; have nonprescription drugs and other health supplies on hand; talk with family members and loved ones about how they would be cared for if they got sick; volunteer for local groups to help with emergency response; and get involved in the community as it prepares for an influenza pandemic.

To limit the spread of germs and prevent infection, wash hands frequently with soap and water; teach your children to cover their mouths when sneezing or coughing; and teach your children to keep their distance from others if they are sick. Also, stay home from work and school if sick. For more information, go on the web to pandemicflu.com or avianflu.gov.

"Vaccines take six-nine months to develop," said Dr. Cinti, in response to a query about speed in getting relief to flu victims. The price of a pandemic can be in the billions of dollars. More information on this topic is available at <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>.

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 117 members. We also had three guests and three visiting Rotarians. Two committees met before the luncheon; (Interact and Rotaract). A total of 11 members participated.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: August 27 – Chris Fischer and Eric Pless; August 28 – Al Burdi; August 28 – Sam Offen; August 29 – Mike Nold; August 30 – Margie McKinley and September 2 – Tony Nam

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Fred Beutler (Ann Arbor Briarwood on August 18), Sue Beutler (Ann Arbor Briarwood on August 18), Neil Bidwell (Petoskey on July 19, July 26, August 2 and August 9), Steve Oldstrom (Sault Ste. Marie on August 14), Nels Olson (Frankfort on August 2, August 9 and August 16) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta Newcastle ME on August 8).

Visiting Rotarians: We were visited by Lloyd Bastian (Clinton), Fritz Schneider (Kenosha WI) and Christine Uthoff (Ypsilanti). Fritz is a long-time Rotarian visiting Ann Arbor. He brought his son-in-law, John Dahl, a local Kiwanian.



Interact News [submitted by Dan Romanchik]: This item appeared in the Saturday, August 19 edition of the Ann Arbor News: Jenny An, a student at Huron High School in Ann Arbor, received an Alexander Hamilton Citizenship Achievement Award in a national competition from the Alexander Hamilton Friends Association in Seattle. Zhen-ying “Jeany” Zhang, a student at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, also received the award. They received the award based on academic standing and work in their communities. Jenny An is the president of Huron Interact and Jeany Zhang is the president of Pioneer Interact.

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>. You can also pick up a low-tech paper copy on the attendance table at this week’s meeting.



Directory Committee Meeting Coming Up: The Directory Committee will be meeting in the Anderson Room at 11:00 on Wednesday, September 6. Anyone interested in serving on the committee or even in just offering a suggestion on the new printed directory is welcome to attend. Note to other committee chairs: Keep John White (jtwhite@umich.edu) posted on your meeting dates and he will run them in the Harpoon. Not only will the listing remind current committee members, it may help recruit new ones.

A Note from Merle Loch, District 6380’s Rotary Information Officer:

“Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

We in Rotary are frequently talking about our DISTRICT...but...just what is a district and how did districts come about? In 1912, delegates to the RI Convention saw the need to create geographic groupings of clubs because Rotary was growing at such a great pace. So they organized the Rotary world into 8 'divisions' each headed by a vice-president. By 1915, Rotary changed the word division to district and used numbers to differentiate between the districts. Each district had 45-60 clubs that --on average--is the same today with the exception that NOW there are 32,000 clubs in 168 countries.

Today, in 2006, some districts are compacted into a very small geographic area. For example, London, England, is a district all by itself --with 80 clubs. At the other extreme, some districts extend through many countries and even cross multiple time zones. District 5010 takes in USA Alaska, Canada’s Yukon Territory and Russia’s Siberian Territory--6.5 million square miles. Carolyn Jones, who spoke at last year’s Foundation Gala, is a past governor of District 5010.

Each District --there are now 529 worldwide--is presided over by a District Governor who is elected by the clubs in his/her district. The governor must conduct an Annual Conference, a training seminar for club presidents (PETS), and must visit every club in the district and evaluate its activities. This is no small task if one’s district covers 12 time zones and 3 countries! Our District 6380 is comprised of 50 clubs with about 2100 members. We have the uniqueness of being an international district because we have 42 clubs in Michigan and 8 clubs in Ontario, Canada.

Yours in Rotary Service, RIO Merle

Note: Gerry Jackson, our DG, will be making his official visit to our club on October 4.

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. One area of interest to Rotarians related to membership is

<http://www.rotary.org/membership/resources/global.html>

• **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.

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