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## The Program for Wednesday, October 18, 2006

**Speakers:** Jennifer Gratz and Paul Hillemonds

**Topic:** "Civil Rights Showdown - Pro & Con on Proposal 2"

According to the ballot language, Proposal 2 on the November 7 ballot would "amend the State Constitution to ban affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes." Jennifer Gratz, Executive Director of the organization behind the proposal, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative Committee, and plaintiff in the affirmative action case that U-M lost (Gratz v. Bollinger, which challenged racial preferences in LS&A admissions), will speak for the proposal. Paul Hillemonds, former Speaker of the State House of Representatives and now Senior Vice President for Corporate Affairs at DTE Energy, will speak against it. The program will start no later than 12:45, to give both speakers ample time to state their case and take questions, so be sure to attend and bring good questions with you.

**Host/Introducer:** Paul Glendon

**Song Leader:** Terry Foster

**Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

Printed directories are still available at \$5 each to members. See John White at a meeting. Contact him also if you would like an electronic copy so that you can upload it to your laptop or desktop. Finally, this will be the last call for the generous person who paid way too much for his or her copy. If it was you, see John.

## Looking Ahead

**October 25** (Wednesday at noon) - Ted Brader, U-M Political Science Professor and Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies, IS will speak on, "Uses and Impacts of Emotion in Political Campaign Advertising"

Note: Details on all the luncheon programs for October are on the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/october.shtml>. Paper copies will be available at the attendance table.

**October 27** (Friday evening) – "Nosferatu" at the Michigan Theater. This is the first Dracula movie ever made. It is a silent film but will be accompanied by a live orchestra. Lecture (optional) at 7:00. Movie at 8:00. Call 734-668-8397, ext. 23, to reserve tickets at the special Rotary price of \$15 each. Also, note that the date for "The Fantastiks" at the Power Center has been changed from November 9 to November 16.

**October 28** (Saturday morning) – Fall Tree Planting. This is the first of three sessions on three consecutive Saturdays. On this date, we will be planting 88 trees in Brookside and Clinton Parks (off Stone School Road between Eisenhower and the I-94 overpass). Sign up at an upcoming meeting or contact John Laird or Terry Linden. The schedules have been arranged to

ensure planters don't miss the kickoff for the U-M football games on those Saturdays.

**November 1** (Wednesday noon) – Jim Cook and Anne Glendon will describe their experiences with the Lingap Orphanage Project in Cebu, Philippines.

**November 4** (Saturday morning) – Fall Tree Planting (second session of three)

**November 8** (Wednesday noon) – Induction of New Members

## **News from the Meeting of October 11, 2006**

He's ba-a-a-ck! Mr. Johnny Appletree himself, Ian Glassford, with three more opportunities for Rotarians to plant trees in Ann Arbor parks. The tree plant dates are Oct. 28 at Brookside Park and Clinton Park, 88 trees; Nov. 4 at Glacier Highlands and at Creal Park, 61 trees; and Nov. 11 at Esch Park, 75 trees. With some 200 trees to be planted, we need lots of Rotarians to dig out their work gloves, shovels and hard rakes. Plan to participate in one of Rotary's finest service projects.

Buz Hoff will be flying home from Italy to rest and recuperate; we're glad he's coming back. Ginny Geren had some heart problems and she's glad to know we're thinking of her.

Coach Tommy Amaker of the U-M Men's Basketball Team has invited Rotarians to observe a Coach's Clinic on Oct. 22. See Al Burdi for more details or refer to a recent special email sent only to members of our Club.

Anyone want to claim a lost pin which said "Aging...you'll be glad you did."

Consider the continuing offerings of the social committee through Ann Arbor Rotary's cultural sampler. "Nosferatu" is being presented Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. at the Michigan Theatre. And on Nov. 16 plan to attend "The Fantasticks" at the Performance Network.

We heard from our Junior Rotarians at Huron High. Britney Coleman, president of A Capella at Huron, is hoping to major in vocal performance or music education at U-M, NYU or Northwestern. Lauleh Aslani, who has been helping to educate youth on the dangers of sexual assault, wants to attend either U-M, Boston U. or Tufts. And Seth Buchsbaum, a co-founder of the Celtic Music Club at Huron, has his "apps" in at Amherst, Brown, U-M, Carleton and Macalester.

## **Notes from the Program of October 11, 2006**



Mel Drumm

Jim Frenza introduced Mel Drumm, executive director of the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, speaking on "The Past, Present and Future Vision of the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum." Now 25 years old, the HOM is more than just a children's museum. "It's for kids of all ages," Mel said, who admitted he had big shoes to fill when he took over from Jim Frenza.

It took people of vision to see in the old downtown firehouse the community resource that the HOM has become. Cynthia Yao had a dream of building a children's science museum. A board, with Joe Fitzsimmons on board, worked hard and got state funding. The firehouse became available in 1978 and it opened its doors in 1982. "The exhibits have science behind them, but they let us be playful, learn and have fun." He said the exhibits were "content-rich" from the get-go.

In 1987 the HOM expanded to the 3rd and 4th floors. That space, too, was soon full of people. In 1993, HOM purchased adjacent buildings. This year marked a community-wide effort "to plan our future and to celebrate 25 years on Oct. 13, 2007." The museum's mission statement is "to inspire people to discover the wonder of science, math and technology." Its vision is "to be the leader in imaginative learning experiences," not second best or runner-up or honorable mention. Mel said the museum "offered a rich social environment for learning."

HOM quick facts: It's hosted 3 million guests since 1982. It draws more than 54 percent of its guests from outside Ann Arbor. Its \$1.8 million budget includes more than 60 percent from earned revenues. Its strategic goals of good people leadership, wonderful guest experiences and sustainability all add up to ownership of the facility by users and the community.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor. David Felbeck provided the photographs.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 130 members. We also had ten guests (including three Jr. Rotarians) and one visiting Rotarian. Two committees (Membership Development and Nominating) met before lunch. A total of 16 members participated. Also reported was attendance at three Interact meetings.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** October 16 – Karen Valvo and October 20 – Deb Polich.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Nels Olson (Frankfort on October 4) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle on October 3).

**Visiting Rotarians:** David Epstein of the Sea Point Club in Cape Town, South Africa joined us for his second visit. Here's an interesting report on a past visiting Rotarian, Fritz Schneider of Kenosha WI. He came to a meeting in August with John Dahl, a local Kiwanian. John wrote in a recent thank-you note to President Ingrid; "This past weekend we were in Kenosha to walk with Fritz in the Sunday CROP walk. Nine family members walked the 3k with him. He is now 90 and decided that this would be his last crop walk after having walked in it for the past 20 years. Once again, he was the top fundraiser with \$2100 pledged and his 20 year total is now over \$30,000." Fritz has been in Rotary for over fifty years and remains an excellent example of both "Service above Self" and "Lead the Way."

**Rotarians in the News:** In the Ann Arbor Business Review for September 28-October 4, 2006, Dick Carlisle, principal or Carlisle/Wortman Associates in Ann Arbor, was featured in its "Executive Profile" section. In the October 5-11, 2006 issue of the same publication, it was reported that Bettye Elkins was named in the first edition of "Michigan Super Lawyers." That same issue of the Business review also contained a one-page feature on remote sensors at General Dynamics in its "Innovation Michigan" section. John Ackenhusen's area there was highlighted and he was quoted extensively for the article.

**Rotarian Magazine for October:** This issue is focused on the 2007 Convention to be held in Salt Lake City from June 17-20. Other items of interest include the fact that October is Archives Month and the report the first all-Russian district has been chartered. The first Rotary club in Russia was chartered in 1990. The new district 2220 includes 50 clubs west of the Ural Mountains, a region that includes Moscow and St. Petersburg. Finally, the total number of Paul Harris Fellowships has now reached the one million mark just as the 2006-2007 EREY campaign gets under way in November.

**Volunteer Drivers Needed:** At least a few of our Rotarians would probably attend more meetings if they were able to get a ride. If you would like a ride or are willing to provide one on occasion, please contact John White. Right now, we could use a driver coming to the meeting from the Barton Pond area. Thanks.

**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. Registration information for the Annual Convention is now on-line at: <http://rotary.org/events/conventions/2007/index.html>

- **Zone 28:** <http://www.zones27-28.org/>. The zone level is between RI and the district. We are part of a zone with 15 districts covering the lower peninsula of Michigan, the upper parts of Indiana and Ohio and even a bit of Pennsylvania and New York.

- **District 6380:** <http://rotary6380.org/>. This is the website for our district. District 6380 covers 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. You can sign up on the site for The Rotary Foundation Gala to be held in Madison Heights on Thursday, November 9. Note: Rotaractors and Interactors are also invited to attend. Our club will be working toward some funding support and transportation arrangements.

- **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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