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## The Program for Wednesday, November 8, 2006

**Speakers:** Sponsors of our New Members

**Topic:** "Introduction and Induction of New Members"

We will welcome a class of nine new members of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club, who will be introduced to the rest of us by their sponsors. Please be there to meet and greet them with the warm hand of Rotary fellowship.

**Host/Introducers:** Agnes Reading and Tim Marshall, co-chairs of the Membership Development Committee

**Song Leader:** Shelley MacMillan      **Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

## Looking Ahead



**November 9** (Thursday evening) - Rotary Foundation Gala at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights (6:00 fellowship, 6:45 dinner). Details and on-line registration are available at the district website, <http://www.rotary6380.org>.

**November 10** (Friday evening) - Rotaract Birthday Party. The U-M club is two years old and all Rotarians and guests are invited to help celebrate. More information can be found in last week's Harpoon or online at <http://www.umich.edu/~rotaract/charterdinner.htm>.

**November 11** (Saturday morning) – Our third and final tree planting session for this fall. We will be at Esch Park (SE Ann Arbor). Contact Terry Linden or John Laird to sign up.

**November 15** (Wednesday noon) – Greg Cook will present, "The Ride...Making Ann Arbor Proud"

**November 16** (Thursday evening) - "The Fantasticks" at Performance Network. Tickets are available from Millie Danielson at \$10 each which includes an afterglow of wine and hors d'oeuvres. See her at a meeting or call her at 663-9881. Tickets are selling well but there are still some left.

**November 22** (Wednesday noon) – Fellow Rotarian, Ted McLogan, will recount his WWII experiences with Merrill's Marauders in the jungles of Burma

**November 29** (Wednesday noon) – Deb Polich will wrap up a solid month of in-house speakers with her talk, "Artrain USA – from Ann Arbor to Washington, DC to Nenana, Alaska"

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

## News from the Meeting of November 1, 2006

Two of our three new Junior Rotarians from Pioneer High were introduced: Won Woo Lee and Emily Martin. The third, Arinze Nwanko, will be introduced next week.



John Rasmussen introduced several Ambassadorial Scholars (pictured at left). The complete list includes Rima Abou Mrad, Yosiayasu Harada, Joachim Klima, Yuiko Ono, Helen Keung, Kazuyo Nakatani and Davide Orseni. Our club is scheduled to hear from them as the program for the meeting of May 2, 2007/

Stork detail: Jud Hoffman and Krista are proud parents of twins, a boy and a girl.

Don't forget the Rotary Foundation gala Nov. 9. Cost is \$35; Rotary Foundation trustee Bob Scott is the speaker.

We received a nice thank you from Patricia Donnellan, our Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar who has returned from her year of study in Norway.



Jesse Harrington & Greg Cook

Greg Cook presented Jesse Harrington, who runs the audio-visual department at the Michigan Union, with a nice certificate praising his "technical excellence and attention to detail." Jesse is moving to greater responsibilities at the Medical School.

Past President Norman Herbert, on behalf of the nominating committee, proposed a slate of officers and directors to be voted on at our annual club assembly on December 6. Vice President (and President-elect) Jim Cook heads the slate. Three director positions from 2007-2009 will be filled by Wayne Colquitt, Josie Parker and Maurita Holland. John Ackenhusen will stand for re-election as treasurer and the same holds for Downs Herold as secretary. No other nominations were received from the floor as allowed in the bylaws.

Former Ann Arbor Rotarian Jack Edman presented us with a banner from his new club in Rancho Santa Fe, CA.

President Ingrid reminded us that November is every member Rotary month and that we are encouraged to give \$100 or more to advance Rotary goals. See the EREY article below for additional information and links to on-line resources.

## Notes from the Program of November 1, 2006

Len Stenger, in introducing speakers Jim Cook and Anne Glendon, gave us an overview of the Lingap Center, "our humanitarian outpost in the Philippines." It's a 100-child orphanage whose dedication last April was attended by Jim and Anne as representatives of our club. It's safe to say some of these kids wouldn't be alive today without Rotary contributions. (Other Rotary projects of note overseas include water wells in Sri Lanka as examples of our Rotary dollars at work in many ways). Jim urged us to add international service to our portfolio of Rotary activities. Our own international service committee at Ann Arbor Rotary is three-pronged: Humanitarian projects, an international outreach committee and Ambassadorial Scholars.

The Lingap Center project, a dream of retired Jackson businessman John Drake who spoke to us nine months ago, cost \$30,300. Our club contributed nearly \$12,000 to that project which was dedicated in April of this year. It was the largest project for our club; our international partner was the Toledo West (Toledo in the Philippines, not the one in Ohio) Rotary Club. Jim showed pictures of the dedication.



Jim Cook



Anne Glendon

The old Lingap Center had an open sewer by the front door; an old kitchen with a hot plate and one burner and outmoded sleeping quarters for the kids. The new Lingap Center has a sparkling playground, a capacity of 100 kids (up from 20), comfortable beds, a study hall with bookcases and a new kitchen.

Anne Glendon said the work there “is just beginning. We’re working on sustainability for the future. We want to give graduates life skills to be successful adults.” She said the center needed recognition and support from Cebu City, government of the Philippines, as well as partnerships with such local institutions as schools, churches and Toledo city government. And how will financial and programmatic sustainability be achieved? Through responsible financial management, an endowment of \$2 million, a minimum \$90,000 in unrestricted operating funds and incorporation in the U.S. and the Philippines. John Drake is busy fund-raising for the Center. Anne said “this project meets the goals of our club and of Rotary International.”

Two students were cited by Anne as success stories. John-John Puentenegro, 8, was taken in with behavioral problems and health issues. He has improved, showing that each child there benefits from the care of staff at Lingap. Marmie Pantilag, 17, was an abused child. Now she’s bright, special and wants to be an artist and social worker, eventually hoping to work at Lingap Center. Anne said we could all make a difference by giving to Rotary International, hosting a scholar and traveling abroad (“it’s transformative”). Anne and Jim were thanked and given certificates for “service beyond.”

Jim and Anne’s slides are available on the Club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/archives/LingapPresentation061101.pdf>.

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 135 members. We also had ten guests (including two Jr. Rotarians and the four Ambassadorial Scholars) and three visiting Rotarians. Seven members of the Rotaract committees met before lunch.

### Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** November 5 – Ed Lady and Dave Schmidt; November 7 – Dave Matthews; November 8 – Howard Cooper and Jon Kinsey; November 10 – Joe Fitzsimmons; November 11 – Jeff Levin.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Sue Beutler (Ann Arbor North on October 25); Neil Bidwell (Petoskey on September 27) and Mark Ouimet (Dexter on October 19 and Chelsea on October 24).

**Visiting Rotarians:** Cindy Conant (Jackson), John Drake (Jackson) and Jack Edman (Rancho Santa Fe CA). Cindy is President of the Jackson Club. She and John Drake were with Jim and Anne on their trip to the Lingap Orphanage last April.

**Attendance Report to the District:** At the end of October, our club reported the loss of one member (Rob Pasick) and finished the month with a total of 303 members. Our attendance for the four meetings averaged 55%.

**“Every Rotarian – Every Year”:** This annual campaign is now underway. For more information, please take a look at the EREY section of The Rotary Foundation website, <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey.html>. The EREY newsletter is on-line at [http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey\\_news.html](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey_news.html). If you wish to contribute, please retrieve the invoice marked “2” from the 1-2-3 bill you received from the Club in July. This invoice invites you to donate to the EREY program toward recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow. To help out, our Club’s Board of Directors has recently authorized a 1:3 match of donations which result in the donor’s first or next PHF level. Thus, a first time donor (or one exactly at a PHF level) will need a total donation of \$1000. The Club will provide \$250 of that amount. The matching funds will come from our reservoir of “Foundation Recognition Points” which the Club has earned from prior contributions to TRF and will not really cost anything. Another example: A donor with \$400 in past donations needs \$600 to achieve the next level but will only need to write a check for \$450. The Club will provide the remaining \$150. If you need to know where you stand or have any other questions, contact John White at [jtwhite@umich.edu](mailto:jtwhite@umich.edu) or 662-1734. Note: If you cannot find your #2 invoice, simply make out your check to “The Rotary Foundation” and mail it to the Club address (see the masthead of this newsletter) or give it to Downs Herold or John at an upcoming meeting. John will see that it gets properly credited.

**November Rotarian Magazine:** As you probably know, November is Foundation Month in the Rotary Calendar. This month's Rotarian magazine is devoted to The Rotary Foundation and its work. What you may not know but will find out when you read this month's issue is an article on Arch C. Klumph. He was the RI president in 1916-1917. It was his vision during his term that soon led to the formation of an endowment fund "to do good in the world."



**Links of Interest:** Below is a 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 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. A direct link to the October issue is

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/NewsBulletin/679/District6380October2006Newsletter.pdf>.

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.

- **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 such as the descriptions of upcoming programs and an archive of current and past Harpoons.

**New Tax Law for Those Over 70 ½** [an article from Dave Keosaian]: In the Pension Protection Act of 2006 passed by Congress in August, there is a provision that provides new opportunity for charitable donations and tax savings. The provision allows individuals aged 70 ½ and older to exclude up to \$100,000 of their gross income per year for 2006 and 2007 for gifts given directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as the Rotary Endowment, the Rotary Foundation and Rotary International. The IRA Charitable Rollover provision only applies to gifts from traditional and Roth IRAs.

How might this work in practice? Normally if individuals want to make a gift to charity, they take the distribution from their IRA, pay federal and possibly state income taxes on the funds, and then make the charitable contribution with after tax dollars. Under the new ruling, if the individuals do not need all or part of their IRA income for living expenses and wish to make a charitable gift they can easily gift part or all of the minimum distribution they're required to take from the IRA directly to the charity. Thus, the IRA distribution does not appear on the individual's tax return at all, either as income or an itemized deduction.

Those who receive IRA payouts whose itemized deductions are less than the standard deduction (even with charitable gifts) may find it more advantageous to gift part of their IRA distributions directly to charity instead of from income after the IRA payout. This allows them to avoid additional income tax while making charitable gifts.

Four basic rules govern this rollover process. Gifts must be outright ones that would've been fully deductible from ordinary income. The IRA owner must be 70 ½ or older. The gift must be made to a qualified exempt public charity like Rotary. The recipient may not be a private foundation, supporting organization or donor advised fund.

Those who still have their retirement funds in a 401(k) plan or a 403(b) plan like TIAA-CREF, can establish an IRA, have funds transferred into it and then roll the funds out of the IRA directly to the charity. The retirement plan custodian may already have procedures in place to handle these transactions. A recent press release indicates that TIAA-CREF has already established procedures to handle the transactions.

For those who have an inordinately large amount of their assets in a retirement account and want to reduce their exposure to potential estate taxes this provision would help them reduce their potentially taxable estate by up to \$100,000 each year for 2006 and 2007. Consult with your financial and/or tax advisors as to whether this might be a viable option for you to take either in the remainder of 2006 or in 2007.

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