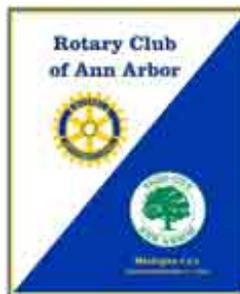


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The Program for Wednesday, November 29, 2006

Committee Showcase: The second half of this series will precede the meeting at 11:00 in the Anderson Room. Featured will be the committees that have projects in our community and around the world. These include Strive, Tree Planting, Rotate Your Food, Ambassadorial Scholars, International Humanitarian Projects and International Outreach. All members are welcome but newer ones and those without committee affiliation are encouraged to attend.

Luncheon Speaker: Deb Polich, President/CEO, Artrain USA

Topic: "Artrain USA – from Ann Arbor to Washington, DC to Nenana, Alaska"

Artrain USA, Ann Arbor and Michigan's ambassador for the arts, is celebrating 35 years as America's Hometown Art Museum. It's been an exciting year for Artrain USA as it was named an American Masterpiece by the National Endowment for the Arts and made its first trek to Alaska. Learn how to get a train filled with art to Alaska, what makes Artrain USA unique, and what's in store for the next generation of Artrain. Also, hear about Artrain's highest award to date; it won't be officially announced until sometime in November, but Deb promises to tell us all on the 29th.

Host/Introducers: Marsha Chamberlin

Song Leader: Terry Foster

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Looking Ahead



December 6 (Wednesday noon) – This meeting will be our Annual Club Assembly.

December 13 (Wednesday noon) – The Pioneer Choir will entertain us. Plan to bring a guest for this festive meeting.

December 20 and 27 – No meetings. Best Wishes for a safe and joyous Holiday Season. See you on January 3.

Note: Details on the luncheon programs for December will soon be on the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/december.shtml>. Paper copies will also be available on the dining tables at the November 29 meeting.

News from the Meeting of November 22, 2006

Of the guests this day, a number were Rotarians from other clubs including one Paul Harris Fellow. This was unusual but delightful to have our members bring other fellow Rotarians. The speaker, Ted McLogan, had his children and grandchildren in attendance to hear him relate his wartime experiences..



Yuiko Ono

Elaine Alexander introduced Yuiko Ono, one of Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholars. She is from Japan and is enrolled in the Business School at U-M.

Announcements about our members:

- Mathwon Howard has a new son, Demani Kade, born October 25th.
- Russ Collins has been appointed to the Michigan Council on the Humanities.
- Pam Horiszny is stepping down as Director of the local Red Cross chapter. In the Ann Arbor News, Board Chairman Mark Ouimet (a fellow Rotarian), recognized Pam for her strong leadership.

Notes from the Program of November 22, 2006

Assistant District Governor Hal Flynn introduced fellow Rotarian Ted McLogan who spoke to us with the topic, "In the Jungles of Burma with Merrill's Marauders – Memories of World War II."

The situation was that military supplies to China during WWII could only be provided by airlift over "The Hump" which required high altitude flying. Road access to China from Burma was required in order to increase the flow of equipment. The route existed; the Lido Road connection to the Burma Road. But a connection had to be established and the road secured from Japanese forces to make it safe for travel. Then President Roosevelt asked that an American force make the connection and secure the road. This required cutting through the tropical jungles of Burma, supplied only by airdrops.



Former Lieutenant Ted McLogan

General Frank Merrill sought an all-volunteer infantry force for the task but volunteers were slow to come forward. Following a short training period in India under the British General Wingate, they traveled first by train, next by road for a week, then into the jungle. Maps were about 30 years old. Traveling through the jungle heat required cutting a path, constantly using scouts to detect Japanese forces. Trails meant danger but the jungle meant safety. During the 125 day expedition, about 90% did not survive. Rotarian Ted was one of barely 300 who

managed to survive. Under Ted's leadership, the force was able to capture a strategic target, now known as "McLogan's Hill" which led to the success of the campaign.

Note: Here is the link to the Wikipedia entry on Merrill's Marauders: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merrill's_Marauders. Also, the Hollywood film, "Merrill's Marauders," was released in 1962 and starred Jeff Chandler as General Merrill.

Thoughts for the Day

From the late Glenn E. (Bo) Schembechler

- Those who stay will be champions.
- The only job in which you start at the top is when are digging a hole.

And from Robert Orben; Always remember that we pass this way but once, unless your spouse in reading the road map.

The News and Notes were reported by Bob Buchanan. Peter Wright provided the photographs.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 101 members. We also had fourteen guests (including nine members of the McLogan family). We were also joined by eight visiting Rotarians; Trey Greene (Detroit), Hiro Hiroyasu (Hiroshima-East, Japan), Marty Kettters (St. Matthews KY), Joanne MacInnes (Houghton), Hugh Morgan, Jr. (Birmingham AL), Debby Nelson (Salinas CA). Matt Newman (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME) and Gil Wanger (Lansing). Some notes of interest: Hugh Morgan, Jr. is the father of our own Hugh Morgan (he's a III) and Matt Newman is the son of our own Jan Barney Newman. Five members of the PEP subcommittee of the International Outreach Committee met before lunch.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: November 27 – Rick Reid; November 29 – Cynthia Sorensen; November 30 – Pete Richards; December 1 – Frank Cambria

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Elaine Alexander (Huguenot Trail VA on November 3) and Dale Berry (Plymouth on November 17).

Community Services Assessments Due in December: One of the financial obligations of membership in our club is the annual donation to the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment. The amount of \$170 for calendar year 2007 has been established by the Board and is due by the end of this calendar year. You were billed for this amount on the #3 invoice of the 1-2-3 bill you received in July. If you have misplaced this invoice, simply make out a check for \$170 to “Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment” and give it to Downs or John at a meeting or mail it to the club address. The Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment is a 501(c)(3) organization so your donation is likely to be tax-deductible. Making your payment by the end of 2006 will allow it to be included in this year’s tax return. Thanks to all of you who have already submitted your check.



A view of the Amazon from the meeting room of a local Rotary Club

Rotary Friendship Exchange to Brazil in February 2007: John Rasmussen is organizing a Rotary Friendship Exchange proposed for February 2-12, 2007. See the "real" Brazil, including the Amazon River, Amazon Bosque Forest and the beaches of Alter do Cho village resort. Visit Rotary built soccer court and classroom project sites as well as Health, Hunger and Humanity (3H) medical projects. A meeting of prospective Brazil travelers will be held Sunday, December 3 at John's home at 887 Greenhills Drive (Earhart Village) in Ann Arbor. If interested, contact him at 734-635-1598 (cell), 734-995-8483 (home) or by email to publicmkt@aol.com.

Rotarian in the News: Our own Downs Herold and his enterprise, Classic Collegiate China, were featured in the Ann Arbor News in its Small Business section on November 20. The entire article is posted on the Club’s new bulletin board which is located next to the check-in desk at each week’s meeting.

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 in Salt Lake City from June 17-29 is on-line at:

<http://rotary.org/events/conventions/2007/index.html>. Early registration closes on December 1. After that, the price goes up by \$40 per person.

• **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.

• **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.

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