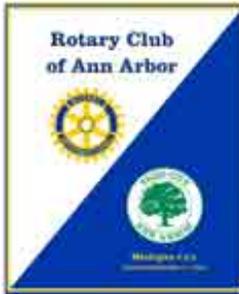


Harpoon for the Meeting of December 13, 2006

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## The Program for Wednesday, December 13, 2006

**Singers:** Pioneer A Cappella & Bel Canto Choirs

**Program:** Annual Holiday Concert in the Union Ballroom

Under the sterling leadership of Kenneth Westerman, long-time Pioneer Choir Director and 2005 Ann Arbor Rotary Club Distinguished Service Award Winner/Honorary Paul Harris Fellow, the choirs will present selections from the following repertoire:

**Bel Canto Choir:**

The Nightingale, Thomas Weelkes  
Rise Up in Festive Song, Pierre Clereau  
We Hasten with Eager yet Faltering Footsteps, J. S. Bach  
O Virgo Splendens, from the Libre Vermell, a 17th Century Chant  
The Snow, Edward Elgar

**A Cappella & Bel Canto Choirs Together:**

Evening, Opus 64 No. 2, Johannes Brahms  
Wintertime Aglow, Audrey Snyder

**A Cappella Choir:**

Sing We and Chant It, Thomas Morley  
Chorale #7, from Sleepers Wake, J. S. Bach  
We Will Rejoice in Thy Salvation, from Joseph & His Brethren, George Friedrich Handel  
The Coolin, from Reincarnations, Samuel Barber  
Chorus of Homage, Johannes Brahms

Notes: We will meet in the Union Ballroom for this event. The price for the full buffet this day will be \$10.50. Guests are very welcome.

## Looking Ahead

**December 20 and 27** – No regular weekly luncheon meetings (although the Board of Directors will meet as usual on the morning of December 20). Best Wishes for a safe and joyous Holiday Season. See you on January 3.

**January 3** (Wednesday noon) – Our speaker will be Patrick McLean, Executive Director, Washtenaw Area Council for

Children. His topic will be, "Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect in Washtenaw County"

Note: Details on the luncheon programs for January are on the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/january.shtml>.

## News from the Meeting of December 6, 2006



Jesse Bernstein

Art Holst's invocation was a poem of his own composition, on growing old. (The best is yet to be?)

Don't forget your Community Services Assessment. The deadline is Dec. 31, 2006. Note: See the article below for a more detailed reminder.

Anne Glendon introduced new member Jesse Bernstein, president and CEO of the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce. A social worker by training, Jesse is a consultant and former president of Genesis, the joint worship of Temple Beth Emeth and St. Clare Episcopal Church. He and his wife, Lenore, are prime contributors to our community's vitality.

## Notes from the Program of December 6, 2006

President Ingrid, in introducing Club Assembly day, promised there would be no traditional "dog and pony show" and she wasn't kidding. For example, the mid-year financial report, ably presented by John Ackenhusen, was a "rap" rendering that



Our current Directors

had to be seen to be believed. We should have more budget reports like this! And at the end of the directors' presentations, there was a Team Jeopardy with current board members. Ingrid thought up the questions, the two teams of directors competed and Al Burdi served as judge. The fun continued until all the questions were answered. Congrats to all who participated and made the event the success it was.

Before the Jeopardy game, current directors Lou Callaway, Ian Glassford, Nishta Bhatia, Peter Wright, Barbara Debrodt and Deb Polich gave reports on the activities within their jurisdictions. Nishta, Deb, and Ian are retiring

from the board. Jim Cook is the president-nominee with new directors Wayne Colquitt, Maurita Holland and Josie Parker. Downs Herold will again serve as secretary, and John Ackenhusen returns as treasurer. Al Burdi is the incoming president. Thanks to Norman Herbert and the Nominations Committee for recommending such a fine slate of officers. Their election became official with a unanimous "aye" vote by the membership.



One of the Jeopardy teams

On endowment, Dave Keosaian reported our Permanent Fund has a market value of \$1,292,000. Jim Cook for the Golf Committee said 55 percent of total proceeds came from outside the club. The event grossed over \$70,000 with a net to the club of \$55,300. Phil Alexander for PEP said, yes, "the Russians are coming," 13 of them in all, in October of '07. "We need hosts and people to help with transportation," he said. The visitors will be here for 16 days, and then hopefully to launch new Rotary clubs when they return to Russia.

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

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 136 members. We also had two visiting Rotarians (John Hammond of Lakeshore Stevensville and Markey Butler of Snowmass Village CO) but no guests. Three committees (Social, International Projects and Community Allocations) met before lunch. A total of 35 members participated.

For the meeting of November 29, a total of 30 members participated in the Committee Showcase and a meeting of the Golf Outing Committee. Also, eight members attended the U-M Rotaract Anniversary celebration on November 10 and five members of the Rotaract Committee met in a regular meeting on November 28. A list of other creditable activities for members of the Rotaract Committee was also received.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** December 13 – Geoff Baker; December 14 – Joel Berger and Pam Horiszny.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Penny Fischer (Ann Arbor North on October 12 and November 9); Beth Fitzsimmons (Chicago on December 5); Dave Keosaian (Mt. Penn PA on November 22); Mike Nold (Chelsea on December 5) and Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on December 5).

**Annual Report for 2005-2006:** In his presentation at the meeting, Past President Norman presented the document which provides a comprehensive review of the past year. He noted that this year's report contained new sections containing Balance Sheets of the Club's finances and a listing of the speakers and programs for the year. The report also notes that with our impressive list of projects and accomplishments, the Club was awarded Rotary International's Presidential Citation Certificate, plus District and Zone Literacy Awards. We also received the District's Significant Achievement Award for our tree planting/replacement project. Paper copies of this report were distributed at the meeting while members of the club had received a copy by email earlier in the week. Others interested in this report will find it available from a link on the home page of the club website at <http://www.annarborrotary.org/> or directly at <http://annarborrotary.org/archives/RotaryAnnualReport20052006final061204.pdf>.



**Rotary Blue Beats Rotary Gold in Bowling Showdown:** As in Lake Wobegon, our two bowling teams had an above average night last Thursday, with nine of the ten Rotarians scoring higher than their season averages for the three games combined. The teams split the first two games evenly, each getting ten of twenty possible points, but the Blue team held a slight total pins advantage heading into game three. Peter Wright led the way for the Blues in game one with a best-of-the-night score of 224. Wayne Colquitt keyed the Golds' second game victory with his best game of the night, thirty-one pins over his average. The Blue team pulled away in game three, with Dick Elwell and Al Burdi posting the best scores, and wound up with twenty-seven of the available forty points on the evening, vaulting past Gold in the league standings with an eight-point advantage entering the final few weeks of the first half of the season. Club member fan turnout was modest . . . to be more exact, your intrepid keglers enjoyed the enthusiastic and much appreciated support of President Ingrid for several frames during the second game.

**Rotary Op Wrap:** Reprinted below is the report from Club Treasurer John Ackenhusen. The words alone can't do justice to the presentation but will hopefully serve as a pleasant reminder for those who witnessed the performance in person. Joanne Pierson provided the backup beat.



Joanne Pierson and "Rapper John" Ackenhusen

Will your hands together clap now as I do the Rot'ry Rap now  
To elucidate our funds that keep us strong.

This will seem to last for hours, but Prez Sheldon me empowers  
For an update that is just three minutes long.

Our operating fund is what gets meetings, mailings done  
But it is not how good works from our club cascade.

Our club's operating statement can receive no tax abatement -  
Cuz you can't deduct July Op Fund dues paid.

Our financial situation brings Director admiration  
Since our income dwarfs our outgo, we're deluxe.

Dues received exceeded concern while expenses took a downturn  
And our balance increased nineteen hundred bucks.

And our one biggest expense is to the Rot'ry, that make sense, yes?  
International RI office gets our dough.

Union meeting room right here has fees that take up the next share  
To administration does the next piece go.

Well, my time is getting short so I am ending my report  
But I need to close with one procedure point.

Some eagles eye my budget and they will not let me fudge it  
And two signatures each check they must anoint.

**Wine, Women & Song...VII:** WWS is an evening filled with beautiful, poignant, silly and provocative music performed by a cast of ten amazing women and one fabulous pianist. Once again this year, members of our club and their guests are invited to a closed dress rehearsal of this annual production at the Kerrytown Concert House. Some mishaps might occur in the 75 minute performance so be ready for starts and stops and bloopers. Our night will be Thursday, January 25 at 7:30pm. The price of \$15 per person includes wine and light refreshments. Rotarian Shelley MacMillan will be selling tickets at each weekly Club luncheon meeting beginning December 13. You can also reserve tickets by emailing Shelley at [smacmill@umich.edu](mailto:smacmill@umich.edu) or by calling the KCH directly at (734) 769-2999. Seating is limited, so reserve early!

**Rotarian Magazine for December:** This month's edition features the lighter side of Rotary. One article of special interest to us is on page 29. It is about the Rotary Club of Traverse City. In 1923, the club purchased 450 acres for and leased the property to the Boy Scouts. They retained the mineral rights which paid off in 1976 when oil and gas were discovered. Over the three decades since drilling began, the club created a foundation, ensured protection for the camp's environment and awarded \$35 million in grants for causes such as affordable housing, education, health, the environment and community building. And the Boy Scouts? They still lease the land and operate the camp.

**Community Services Assessments Due in December** (reprinted from last week as a reminder): 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.



Also, please remember that the "Every Rotarian – Every Year" campaign is still under way as you consider your plans for donations in the 2006 tax year.



**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>.
- **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 as well as individual articles of district-wide interest are 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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