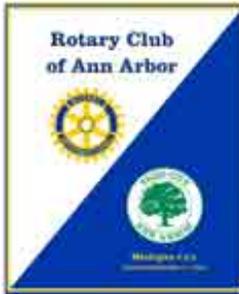


Harpoon for the Meeting of January 10, 2007

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The Program for Wednesday, January 10, 2007

Speaker: Doug Rothwell, President, Detroit Renaissance

Topic: Transforming Southeast Michigan's Economy

Doug Rothwell has been president of Detroit Renaissance since 2005, after serving as GM's Executive Director of Worldwide Real Estate and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Established 36 years ago by Henry Ford II, Max Fisher and other titans of Metro-Detroit business & industry, Detroit Renaissance has two overriding objectives: to accelerate Detroit redevelopment and transform the economy of SE Michigan, issues of extreme importance given the current travails of the auto industry. Rothwell will address them from a unique perspective of experience and leadership.

Host/Introducer: Ken Fischer

Song Leader: Jim Irwin

Accompanist: Maurita Holland

Looking Ahead

January is "Rotary Awareness" Month

January 17 (Wednesday noon) - Alford Young Jr. will present "The Plight & Prospects of Low-Income, Urban African-American Men"

January 24 (Wednesday noon) - Sharon Herbert & Lauren Talalay will tell us about "Next-Door Treasures from the Ancient World: The Kelsey Museum's Past, Present & Future"

January 25 (Thursday evening) – "Wine, Women and Song" at the Kerrytown Concert House. See Shelley MacMillan for tickets

January 31 (Wednesday noon) – Bill Martin will speak on "Charting the Course of Intercollegiate Athletics at Michigan"

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

News from the Meeting of January 3, 2007

Henry Johnson, our song leader for the day, led us in a chorus of the "Navy Hymn" in honor of President Jerry Ford who was buried in Grand Rapids today after a period of mourning. Ford was a Navy man who served his country in World War II.

Be sure to congratulate President Ingrid on her new "do." The "'07 look" is quite becoming to our leader. She and Larry Henkel sang a duet, "Every time it rains, it rains pennies from heaven" in honor of former Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Paul McCracken, who turned 91 last month.

For the Social Committee, Shelley McMillan pitched "Wine, Women and Song," a special closed dress rehearsal for Rotarians at 7:30 pm. It will be on Thursday, January 25 at the Kerrytown Concert House. Tickets are \$15/person for this annual all-female revue. See Shelley for tickets to the event.

John Rasmussen is leading a Rotary Friendship Exchange to Brazil in late February, early March which includes a trip on the Amazon. John's hat was the colors of Brazil's flag. Contact him if interested.

Beth Fitzsimmons presented us with a flag from the Chicago Rotary Club, the parent group of Rotary. She reports lunch with the Chicago club is \$30/person! Beth was promoting literacy programs in the Windy City and announced a Rotary partnership with Chicago in a Battle of the Books 06 campaign, with Mayor Daley among the subscribers. Note: A letter from Beth to the editor of the Wall Street Journal was published on January 5 in response to an op-ed piece in the January 3 issue. A copy will be posted on the club bulletin board next to the sign-in desk at this week's luncheon meeting.

Happy Birthdays to Herb Amster (Jan. 2) and to Jim Miller (Jan. 4). And thanks to accompanist Tom Strode for an off-key, very minor rendition of "The Victors" to recall our Wolverines' disastrous showing in the Rose Bowl. And good luck to Michigan's rivals, the Buckeyes, in their national championship game against Florida.

Notes from the Program of January 3, 2007

Paul Glendon introduced Patrick McLean, executive director of the Washtenaw Area Council for Children, speaking on "Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect in Washtenaw County." Patrick is a member of the Ypsilanti Housing Commission, an advisor to political campaigns and elected officials and serves as an adjunct faculty member for the Heyman Center for Philanthropy, New York University.



Patrick McLean

Did you know, Patrick asked, that in our community 2,561 children were investigated and 320 children were confirmed victims of abuse and neglect in 2003? There were 428 confirmed victims in Washtenaw County last year, up from 292 in 1997. Many of these cases are preventable, Patrick said. Parents want to be good care-givers.

He said it's often hard to energize people on the topic of child abuse. Another challenge is engaging people who are educated and bright to confront the issue. "We have to talk a different language," he said. Here are some things the Council does:

1. "We work with high school students and other caregivers on this matter of shaking a baby. Shaking can cause death. People in difficult economic straits and single parents tend to be shakers. Our message is, whatever you do, don't shake the baby."
2. The "Babylonian Encounter" program for grades 1-5 teaches what is appropriate touching.
3. A baby packet, developed with the help of other agencies, is made available for new parents.
4. "We try to make professional development affordable, through training, programs and lectures," Patrick said. He mentioned the infant mortality reduction program - "We're one of 11 counties in the state with high infant mortality rates," he said. "And we're starting a new program online to warn about Internet predators. We're trying to get the message across to kids from sources they trust, which may not necessarily be their parents. Patrick said there are 250,000 to 500,000 pedophiles in the United States, according to the Justice Department.

"We want kids to have the best possible information they can have," he said. "Our philosophy is that we are committed to ending child abuse and neglect in Washtenaw County through educational services and programs." The Council has a staff of 5, a volunteer corps of 200 and a budget that's grown to \$120,000.

Meanwhile, what can we, as Rotarians, do? Patrick said we could be a source of information, offer our services to someone who has a small child and promote the message of the Council to other groups. And whatever else we might think, don't view child abuse and neglect as an issue foreign to our affluent, highly educated community.

Note: The Washtenaw Area Council for Children is on the web at <http://www.washtenawchildren.org>.

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

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 132 members. We had no guests or visiting Rotarians. Three committees (Social, International Projects and the Productivity Enhancement Project) met in conjunction with the luncheon. A total of 15 members participated. Also reported was the Board of Directors meeting from December 20. Thirteen members attended.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: January 7 – Roland Leeds and Audrey Schwimmer; January 9 – Bernie Bedell and Dave Osler; January 10 – Barbara Bach, Erik Bakker and Libby Hines; January 12 – Dale Ausherman

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Bryan Schindel (Quetzaltenango, Guatemala on November 9 and Ann Arbor North on December 14).

Note to Directors and Committee Chairs: As your activities and project resume after the holidays, please take a few minutes to review your committee descriptions (<http://annarborrotary.org/RotaryCommitteeDescriptions061129.pdf>) and the membership of your committee. Please report any changes or updates to John White at administrator@annarborrotary.org.

An Oversight from the 2005-2006 Annual Report: On the opening page, in President Norman's list of significant accomplishments, the name of Mike Marich was inadvertently omitted from the group of recipients honored with the Distinguished Service Award during the year. Please update your copy. Our apologies to Mike.

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 also 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. The latest postings include the December newsletter (<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/html/15146/6380December2006.pdf>) and on-line registration for the District Conference which will be held in East Lansing from April 27-29.
- **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 Committee Descriptions, synopses of upcoming programs and an archive of current and past Harpoons.

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