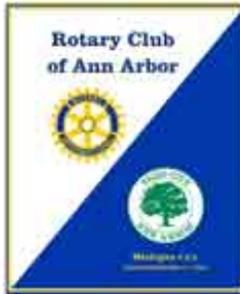


Harpoon for the Meeting of January 17, 2007

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The Program for Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Speaker: Alford Young Jr., Ph.D., U-M Sociology Professor and Author

Topic: The Plight & Prospects of Low-Income, Urban African-American Men

Digging deep beneath popular and academic generalities about the "culture of poverty," Professor Al Young uses ethnographic interview-based research to learn how poor black men in urban America live their lives and view their prospects for sharing the American Dream. His book, *The Minds of Marginalized Black Men*, drew together the results of such research in Chicago, and he is continuing it in a smaller urban setting with a group of young African-American men in Ypsilanti. Don't miss this discussion of one of modern America's most persistent and seemingly intractable social problems.

Host/Introducer: Paul Glendon

Song Leader: Dave Keosaian

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Looking Ahead

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 27 (Saturday afternoon) – Bowling with the Rotaractors. For details, see the article later in this newsletter.

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 10, 2007

Here's a special get well soon and get back to Rotary greeting for the hospitalized Millie Danielson. See you soon, Millie!

Beth Fitzsimmons mentioned Artrain's neat award in Washington, D.C., as presented by First Lady Laura Bush. Congratulations, Deb Polich, Artrain CEO!



Hal Flynn

Make plans to attend the district 6380 District conference April 27-29 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Ask for the special Rotary rate when you call 800-875-5090. And was that Hal Flynn, our Assistant District Governor, we saw in a shower cap? Truly, Hal goes above and beyond!

On January 24, we'll have a brainstorming meeting at 11:00am prior to the Rotary meeting to air what to do with the proceeds from the golf outing. Ask Ian Glassford for more details, but plan to come early that day to participate in this important discussion.

And don't forget "Wine, Women and Song" Jan. 25 at the Kerrytown Concert House. That's the date for a special Rotary screening at 7:30 pm. See Shelly Macmillan for tickets.

Set aside the afternoon of Saturday, January 27 for the second annual Rotaractor bowling event at Colonial Lanes. This fun time is a fundraiser for Rotaractors. See the article later in this newsletter.



Jenny An

Ed Wier introduced Jenny An, Interact president from Huron High who introduced her fellow board members. This year, said Jenny, we're hoping to raise money for an underprivileged school in Kenya and the community the students live in. "We're promoting T-shirts by selling advertising on the back," said Jenny. "These shirts will be worn by more than 50 students. Advertising will be \$25 for one line, and \$100 for a business card advertisement." To purchase an ad, contact Jenny An at huron.interact@gmail.com or phone her at (734) 730-5097.

Notes from the Program of January 10, 2007

Ken Fischer introduced Doug Rothwell, president of Detroit Renaissance, speaking on "transforming southeast Michigan's economy." Doug said four goals for Detroit were to grow its population base, accelerate business attraction, grow the mid-town area and promote the growth of creative arts. Doug wants to redevelop Detroit in sync with the region's economy.



Doug Rothwell

Although Detroit lacks an Ann Arbor Spark to promote economic development, it is becoming more of a thriving town. Check out its riverfront development, downtown bars and sports-related activities.

How to transform the region's economy? Doug said "we benchmarked six regions, reviewed 15 previous studies, analyzed the workforce and business strength and talked to 650 people/500 organizations." Our conclusion, he said, was that we don't need incremental baby steps to accommodate change. We need to THINK BIG. Detroit and S.E. Michigan have strengths in people and resources we need to tap.

But here are the challenges: A geopolitical divide, still troublesome race relations, a procurement-based growth (being a supplier to the Big Three doesn't cut it anymore), an entitlement mindset, and the need to mature a new generation of civic leadership. Doug identified six priorities, one of which is becoming a global center for mobility. "The car industry is growing globally – don't just diversify for diversity's sake." In addition, our area should be an "aerotropolis" a global logistics hub. We should inventory and map our region's creative assets, host an international expo to showcase creative and supportive industries, support an incubator to promote services for emerging industries and develop a creative community institute. We need, Doug said, to increase entrepreneurial managerial talent and to leverage our industrial strengths.

As for Ann Arbor, the city isn't big enough to stand alone in a five million population region. We must be more accepting of a regional concept. Doug said the U-M drives Ann Arbor economically; the goal of the city should be "to partner with U-M in every way." And he said the city isn't doing enough to support local retailers.

All in all, Doug gave us plenty to chew on as food for thought.

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

For more information, Detroit Renaissance is on-line at <http://www.detroitrenaissance.com>. Also, please note that Sabrina Keeley, a former member of our club, is vice president of the organization. Another note is that the Ann Arbor News covered Doug's presentation. An article by Stephanie Murray, "Ann Arbor urged to think regionally, appeared the next day.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 158 members. In recent years, only Mary Sue Coleman has drawn more members. Our average attendance for 200-2006 was 135. We also had ten guests, a visiting Rotarian (Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson) and a Rotaractor (Jamie Walsh of U-M). The Community Allocations committee met in conjunction with the luncheon. A total of nine members participated.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: January 14 – Ben Wylie; January 16 – Heidi Grix; January 17 – Dan Balbach and Paul Glendon; January 19 – Dan Stewart; January 20 – Carl Gingles

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Bob Bolak (Ann Arbor Briarwood on January 5); Brad Bowersox (Chelsea on November 28, Saline on December 28 and January 4) and Mark Ouimet (Dexter on January 4)

January is "Rotary Awareness" Month. If you know of a person of organization who may be interested in the work of our Club, ask if they would like an email subscription to the Harpoon. If so, contact John White with their address.

January is also "Tax Letter" Month: A letter to each member detailing his or her charitable contributions to, or through, the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment will be available at the meetings of January 17 and 24. The remaining envelopes will be put in the U.S. Mail on the afternoon of January 24.

Bowling with the Rotaractors on January 27:

What: A bowling competition FUNDRAISER between Rotarians and Rotaractors with Premium prizes!

Who: Rotaractors, Rotarians, Friends!
When: Saturday, January 27th 1:00-3:00pm. Sign in starting at 12:45pm. Please register by January 19.
Where: Colonial Lanes (on South Industrial, just south of Stadium Boulevard)
Why: To network and raise money for Rotaract!
Cost: \$25/bowler, additional donations always welcome!
Includes: event T-shirt, bowling shoes, two hours of bowling, snacks and (hopefully) valuable prizes!

Details and a sign-up sheet are on line at: <http://umich.edu/~rotaract/bowlingrotary.htm>. You can also contact Joanne Pierson for more information.



Nominations are Open for the Next New Member Class: Induction of our next class of new members is scheduled for March 14. All current members are invited to become a sponsor. The first step for members is to take a look at our membership guidelines. They are available on our website at <http://annarborrotary.org/facts.shtml> or in a pocket at the bottom of the badge board. Once familiar with the qualifications for membership, the benefits and responsibilities, the proposal process and the duties of the sponsor, a member may wish to invite a candidate to a meeting or two. The potential sponsor may also wish to review the website with the candidate. It provides ready access to the Annual Report, the Harpoon and committee descriptions, each of which will make for an excellent discussions on the Club and its work. The next step is to fill out the Nomination Form (<http://annarborrotary.org/MembershipNominationForm060811.pdf> or in the badge board). Turn in the Nomination Form to Agnes Reading or Tim Marshall (co-chairs of the Membership Development Committee) by February 7. The Membership Development Committee will meet to review the nominations on February and present their recommendations to the Board of Directors on February 21. After that, the nominees will be notified of their induction date of March 14. If you have any questions or need further information about the new member process, please contact Agnes or Tim.

Rotarians in the News: Deb Polich, Artrain's president and CEO, was in Washington DC recently to accept one of only six 2006 Institute of Museum and Library Services Awards from first lady Laura Bush. Chris Mile, president and co-founder of Miles of Golf, was notified that his operation has again been recognized by Golf World Business magazine as one the "100 Best Golf Shops in America." On February 8, Ingrid Deininger and Lois Jelneck will be honored by Spectrum Prevention Services at its event, "Toast of the Town 2007." They are being recognized as pioneers of the hospice program in Washtenaw County. Bob Ause will make the presentation. Also honored at the same event will be Gail Scott, Executive

Director of the Girl Scouts Huron Valley Council. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North and a past District Governor. More information on these honors can be found on the bulletin board next to the check-in desk at this Wednesday's luncheon meeting.

Rotarian Magazine: The January edition highlights "Rotary Awareness Month" and contains a photo pictorial section of Rotarians responding relief in various places around the world and an interview with actress and polio victim Mia Farrow in her role as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador. Also of note is that The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund has reached the \$500 million milestone. Earnings from this fund are used to provide additional income for all Foundation programs while allowing the principal to remain untouched. An update on membership numbers reports 1,208,562 Rotarians in 32,554 clubs worldwide as of September 30.

Flags from Past Visits and Visitors: Thanks to Fred Beutler for the photographs of flags that we have received from visiting Rotarians or have been brought back by our members who have visited other clubs.



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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