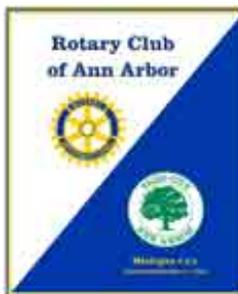


Harpoon for the Meeting of January 24, 2007

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The Program for Wednesday, January 24, 2007

Pre-meeting: At 11:00am in the Anderson Room, all members are welcome to participate in a round-table discussion on the next community service project to be undertaken by the Club.

Speakers: Sharon Herbert & Lauren Talalay, Director & Assoc. Director/Curator, Kelsey Museum

Topic: Next-Door Treasures from the Ancient World: The Kelsey Museum's Past, Present & Future

The beautiful, world-renowned, yet under-visited Kelsey Museum of Archaeology just north of the Union was established in 1928 and has 100,000 treasures from the ancient Mediterranean and Near East, but can exhibit less than one percent of its collections at a time. Construction soon will begin on the William E. Upjohn Wing, which will greatly expand the Kelsey's exhibition space. Our speakers will discuss research involving the Kelsey, outline its holdings, and look into its future as a place to learn more about the wonders of archaeology in the ancient Mediterranean.

Host/Introducer: Joel Berger

Song Leader: Don Devine

Accompanist: Deanna Relyea

Looking Ahead

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. See the article later in this newsletter for details.

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>.

February 5 (Monday evening): The Rotary Foundation Roadshow comes to Ann Arbor. See the article later in this newsletter for details.

February 7 (Wednesday noon) – Police Chief Barnett Jones will be our speaker. Note: Nominations for membership are due on this day.

News from the Meeting of January 17, 2007

In his prayer, invocator Bob Buchanan thoughtfully implored the Almighty “to restore power” to those Rotarians who were still without electricity Wednesday, including your Harpoonist.

We met our newest group of Junior Rotarians from Huron High in the persons of Colin Wilson, Luna Alexander and Debra Wong. We will hear from each of them next week.

Membership reminder – nominations for the next new member class are due Feb. 7.

Millie Danielson is home from the hospital and recovering. For that we (and Lee) are thankful.

Subbing for Joanne Pierson, Rotaractor Valerie Wang announced a fun bowling event for Jan. 27 at 12:45 p.m., Colonial Lanes. You don't have to be a kegling star, just be able to throw the ball and announce to one and all, “I'm having fun.” For details, see the article later in this newsletter.

Don't forget next Wednesday at 11:00am in the Anderson Room: A brainstorming roundtable on potential club community service projects. Your ideas are welcome.

We have 46 Rotarians who have signed up for the special closed rehearsal Jan. 25 of “Wine, Women and Song” at the Kerrytown Concert House, 7:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, email or contract Shelley MacMillan, who you'll also see on stage that evening.

Our condolences to Joanne Pierson whose mother-in-law passed away.

How many of you like Thai food? President Ingrid asked, by way of setting us up for the following: A Thai group study exchange is coming in early April and Rotary needs someone to coordinate aspects of the group's visit. Members speak English and if you do, too, you might want to consider coordinating their activities.

Artrain is back in town, and Deb Polich is looking for volunteers to help with the crush of renewed interest in Artrain after its recent national award ceremony. (And doesn't Deb look polished and professional alongside Laura Bush in the White House?)

Notes from the Program of January 17, 2007

Paul Glendon, birthday boy, introduced Alford Young, Jr., U-M professor of sociology and author of “The Plight and Prospects of Low Income, Urban African American Men.” Young, who did his research in Chicago, wrote “The Minds of Marginalized Black Men.” Young is from the East Harlem section of New York and watched the young men of his youth

“go in different directions – some to prison, some died, but none a professor.” In his 20s, he decided he wanted to be a professor and to focus attention on the lives of young people he grow up with “and the choices they made.”



Alford Young, Jr.

How do young black men understand the social world they live in? What constitutes a good job? What are the other obstacles? The men Young interviewed “may be a threat to you and me, may be unemployed and doing drugs.” I asked them, Young said, to talk about life experiences – what's troubling to them? They would mention families that would shift locations, the size and composition of these households and who lived with them at any given point in time. “I asked them about goals and a good job,” Young said, “and all had some notion of a good job and a good life.

Case study one: A young man, whose life's limit was the south side of Chicago, no job, 21 years old, lived with him mom. Young asked if he was treated unfairly. “No.” But, said Young, he had some sense of people living a better life than him, but he couldn't articulate much. “His social network was filled with people like him. He had no contact with people of higher mobility, e.g., he couldn't name a doctor or lawyer he had come in contact with.

Case study two: A young man was invited to join a tennis club for young blacks, as something different from football and basketball. Travel to tennis exhibitions exposed him to a better life outside. He went to college on a tennis scholarship.

For marginalized black men, Young said we have to change “what I can't do” to “what I can do.” We have to articulate a new vision for this population of men, create new spaces for them. In answer to a question, Young said “mentoring is critical, but we have to change our thinking. Any intervention must emphasize how to move from where he is, how to navigate the path he is on. In answer to another question, Young said his methodology tended to be “learning by experience. Success isn't guaranteed, be prepared from some failure.” He said we must spend some time understanding how these young black folks make sense of their world. For them, getting into U-M may be the easy part, but it's “how to navigate this area when they're on campus that's harder.”

Note: Here is a link to learn more about his book: <http://ceel.psc.isr.umich.edu/pubs/young-minds.html>.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 136 members. We also had seven guests (including three Jr. Rotarians) and a Rotaractor (Valerie Wang of U-M). Several committees (Community Allocations, DSA, STRIVE and International Outreach) met before lunch. A total of 22 members participated.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: January 22 – Lou Callaway and Ginny Geren; January 23 – Norman Herbert; January 26 – Randy Tisch; January 27 – Geoff Larcom

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Betsy Hammond (St. Joseph Lakeshore on December 7, December 21 and January 4) and Maurita Holland (Manistique on January 15).

Update from the Board of Directors: At its meeting on the morning of January 17, the board accepted with regret the resignation of Jim Frenza. Jim had been a member since a 2000 and was chair of the Community Allocations Committee for several years. The board also extended the Leave of Absence for John Psarouthakis. Endowment Treasurer Dave Keosaian reported that the value of the Permanent Fund has exceeded \$1.3 million, thanks to the contributions of the members and the success of our investments. President-elect Al Burdi commented on his slate of directors for 2007-2008. The roles of the new directors are as follows: Wayne Colquitt – International Service, Maurita Holland –

Publications and Communications and Josie Parker – Community Service. The returning directors will continue in their assignments.

Bowling with the Rotaractors on January 27 (reprinted from last week's Harpoon):



Valerie Wang



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 projects!

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.

Rotarians in the News: Dale Berry has been elected treasurer of the American Ambulance Association. He is also a member of the bylaws committee and has served as secretary of the organization. The actual article and other items of interest will be posted on the bulletin board next to the check-in desk at this week's meeting.

The Rotary Foundation Roadshow is Coming to Town [a note from ADG Hal Flynn]: This event will be led by PDG Jeff Lichty for all local Clubs on Monday, February 5 from 6:00 – 8:30pm. The presentation will be of interest to current Presidents, President-elects, International Service Directors and any other Rotarians who want to learn about or develop international humanitarian projects financed by The Rotary Foundation. The event will be held at 3025 Boardwalk Drive in Ann Arbor. More information will be coming soon but please contact Hal if you are interested.

New Club Now Forming [paraphrased from a note from DG Gerry Jackson]: On January 10, provisional status was granted to the Rotary Club of Clinton Township Sunrise. This means they can operate as a Rotary club as well as provide make-ups for those Rotarians wishing to visit them while they work toward their charter. The club meets on Thursday mornings at 7:30am at the Glass Onion, 41830 Hayes Road (at 18 mile) in Clinton Township, Michigan 48038. The club is on-line at www.clubrunner.ca/clintontownshipsr. This addition brings to the district two provisional clubs this year. Lake Orion is the other and is growing well. A third one could be formed shortly.

“Tax Letters” to be Distributed on January 24: A letter to each member detailing his or her charitable contributions to, or through, the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment has been prepared. Well over one hundred of these letters were passed out at the meeting on January 17. They will again be available to attendees at this week’s meeting. The remaining envelopes will be put in the U.S. Mail later that afternoon.



Nominations are Open for the Next New Member Class (reprinted from last week’s Harpoon):

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 discussion 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 21 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.

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 notice of a Membership Seminar on February 10 in Brighton 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. Our club also sponsors the following Rotaract and Interact Clubs:
- **U-M Rotaract Club:** <http://www.umich.edu/~rotaract/>
- **Huron High Interact Club:** <http://huron.aaps.k12.mi.us/organ/interact/>
- **Pioneer High Interact Club:** <http://www.pioneerinteract.blogspot.com/>

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