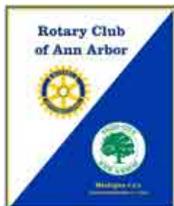


Harpoon for the Meeting of March 14, 2007

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The Program for Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Speakers: Agnes Reading & Tim Marshall, Membership Committee Co-chairs

Topic: Meet & Greet Our Thirteen Newest Rotarians

Ann Arbor Rotarians continue to identify and nominate worthy candidates to join us in service above self, and the Membership Development Committee has assembled a robust class for pre-St. Patrick's Day induction. Be sure to attend and join in a warm Rotary welcome to Robert Albritton, Jr., David Behen, Ray Detter, Timothy Gretkierewicz, Brenda Herman, Melanie Hoff, Susan Lackey, Todd Roberts, Nicholas Rutan, David Sarns, John Sepp, Gregory Stejskal and Steven Thom.

Host/Introducer: Each Sponsor

Song Leader: Don Devine

Accompanist: Maurita Holland

Looking Ahead

March is Literacy Month on the Rotary International Calendar

March 12-18 – World Rotaract Week

March 21 (Wednesday noon) – Patricia Donnellan, Outgoing Ambassadorial Scholar from our District, will speak on her experiences on a year in Norway

March 24 (Saturday evening) – The Canadian Brass at Hill Auditorium. See article later in this newsletter.

March 28 (Wednesday noon) – John Bacon, Author and U-M Lecturer, will talk about spending six months with the Cirque du Soleil

Note: Details on the luncheon programs for March are on-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/march.shtml>.

News from the Meeting of March 7, 2007

We welcomed our newest Junior Rotarians from Pioneer High: Elise Low, with interests in education and music therapy; Kelly Smith, who may become a middle school teacher; and George Adams-Goodman, interested in social work.



Elise Low



Kelly Smith



George Adams-Goodman

New member breakfast is March 14; we'll meet our newest Rotarians at lunch that day.

Don't forget to mark Saturday, March 24 on your social calendar. On that night at 8:00pm, the Canadian Brass will appear at Hill Auditorium (see the full article later in this newsletter).

Spaulding Clark says he still needs a host and drivers for the Group Study Exchange participants from Thailand. They will be here in late April. Help him out if you can.

Applications are open for community allocation grants. See the article later in this newsletter for more information.

Notes from the Program of March 7, 2007

Norman Herbert introduced William C. Miller, superintendent for the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, and Sian Owen-Cruise, program manager for the "Washtenaw Success by 6" initiative on the subject "Why Washtenaw Success by 6?"



William Miller



Sian Owen-Cruise

We have 25,000 kids in Washtenaw County, age 1-6, of whom 2,500 live in poverty, Bill said. The premise of Washtenaw Success by 6 is that every kid starts school ready to learn. It's not a new government program but Washtenaw Success by 6 does bring this age group under a systemic umbrella. The first seven years of life are the most formative. He said the achievement gap of which we hear so much actually starts before birth with poor pre-natal care. "By kindergarten, the gap is so wide it can't be made up."

Early childhood development programs pay dividends. Every dollar spent early saves \$7 later on, in incarceration costs, etc. (By the way, Rotary will partner with Washtenaw Success by

6). "If we invest early, it pays off in the workforce and in the economy," Bill said. What can we as Rotarians do? Well, we can promote reading awareness and family literacy.

When it was her turn to speak, Sian asked what needs to happen so that children don't get lost. "We are conducting and developing projects in five key areas," she said. They are community awareness and support, health care access, increased provider training, parent education and support and increased coordination and access to community resources. What can Rotary do? Well, we can develop a long-term commitment, provide volunteers and "raise awareness of both of us, Rotary and Washtenaw Success by 6" in the community.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor. Fred Beutler provided the photos.

Note: You can keep up with what's going on with Washtenaw Success By Six initiative at: <http://www.washtenawsuccessby6.org/>

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 115 members. We also had five guests and one visiting Rotarian (Neil Loney of Ypsilanti). Neil is our former Assistant District Governor and is now the District's chair for Inbound Ambassadorial Scholars. Two committees (International Projects and Group Study

Exchange) met before lunch. A total of ten members participated.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: March 12 – Howard Deardorff; March 13 – Carolyn Shear; March 15 – Mel Drumm, Henry Johnson and Karen Kerry; March 16 – David Harlock.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Neil Bidwell (Key West Sunrise FL on February 23 and March 2); Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on February 26 and March 5); Hal Flynn (Milan on March 6, Ann Arbor North on March 8 and Ann Arbor Briarwood on March 9).

Rotarians in the News: Nothing major so far this week but check the bulletin board for the latest.



Community Allocation Grant Applications now Available: The Community Allocations Committee is accepting applications for grants in calendar year 2007. Our theme is, again, “Helping Kids Succeed.” Applications may be downloaded from the club web site at <http://www.annarborrotary.org>. Deadline for receipt of applications is March 29. Last year, 61 applications were received with requests totaling more than three times the available funding.



Canadian Brass Coming to Ann Arbor: At the meeting on March 7, the Social Committee distributed a flyer announcing the outing for the month of March, which is the Canadian Brass concert. The event will be at Hill Auditorium at 8:00pm on Saturday, March 24. Rotarians and their guests who order in advance can get tickets for \$40 each (a 15% discount) and seating in the Gold Section on the main floor. To purchase these tickets,

call Amber Cook at (734) 763-3100 and mention that you are a member of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor. In addition, Rotarians who order tickets before Wednesday, March 21, will receive their tickets, hand-delivered by Ken Fischer, at our luncheon meeting on March 21. Otherwise, the tickets will be available at the will-call window beginning 1-1/2 hours before the start of the concert. Details of the concert for the general public are available on the UMS website at this address: http://ums.org/s_current_season/artist.asp?pageid=368

Membership Information Available from RI: With the focus of our upcoming meeting on new members, it is an appropriate time to call attention to the wealth of information and other resources available from Rotary International on their website. The home page for the membership area is <http://www.rotary.org/membership/index.html>. For those interested in data, visit <http://www.rotary.org/membership/resources/global.html> and <http://www.rotary.org/membership/resources/comparison.html>. A large collection of frequently-asked questions is on the website at <http://www.rotary.org/membership/development/faqs.html>.



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 in Michigan 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 blog address for our GSE Team to Thailand, 2007 RYLA Registration Forms, the February District Newsletter 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 the Club brochure, the current Annual Report, New

Member Nomination Form, 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://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/huron.interact/home> (Note: this URL is for the current site. Past Harpoons have contained a link to an out-of-date one. Please check it out and update any bookmarks.)
- **Pioneer High Interact Club:** <http://www.pioneerinteract.blogspot.com/>

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