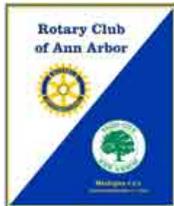


Harpoon for the Meeting of May 9, 2007

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The Program for Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Speaker: Greg Stejskal, New Rotarian & Recently Retired FBI Agent

Topic: "A G-Man's Adventures in and around Ann Arbor"

One of our own, Greg Stejskal, spent thirty-two years with the FBI before retiring last fall. In 1980, he was assigned to the Ann Arbor office, covering five counties, and became Senior Agent for the area in 1995. Greg will provide a candid account of his experiences on the front lines of Federal law enforcement in and around our fair city.

Host/Introducer: Fritz Seyferth

Song Leader: Henry Johnson

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Looking Ahead

May 14 (Monday) – Postage rates go up. A letter will now be \$0.41.

May 16 (Wednesday noon) - U-M Regent Olivia Maynard will provide a Regent's perspective on the University of Michigan.

May 23 (Wednesday noon) - Distinguished Service Awardee Richard Ingram will lead the Huron High School A Capella Choir in a "Springtime Songfest Just for Rotarians."

May 30 (Wednesday noon) - Teresa Sullivan, U-M Provost & Exec. Vice President will speak on, "Future of Higher Education . . . The Spellings Commission Report."

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

News from the Meeting of May 2, 2007

We sent our warmest wishes to Joanne Pierson for a rapid recovery.

The Rotary tree planting on April 28th was a great success, thanks to Clair Foley's directions and John Laird's coffee and donuts. Under good weather, the work was accomplished in record time.

Ann Schriber reported that trip high school students, including some of our Strive students from Stone School, have been invited to a conference in Washington, DC. Our Club has donated \$1,000 for expenses but the group is continuing fund-raising and seeks additional financial support from any source for their trip. Opportunities to donate were provided on the “Rotary Shares” table across from the badge board.

The bus will be a media event Wednesday May 9th at 11:30am at the AATA headquarters. One of the AATA coaches will carry a billboard on the outside featuring Rotary as it travels the routes throughout the area..

President Ingrid reported in general on the recent, exciting Rotary 6380 District Conference, thanked Phil Alexander and Terry Linden for their participation and brought forward three other attendees for individual reports: Assistant DG Hal Flynn presented the Presidential Citation Award to President Ingrid on behalf of RI President Bill Boyd. This Award is made to Clubs who achieve a series of goals set in advance by RI. Hal also reported that within our District 6380, Rotary membership is increasing, contrary to the experience of many other Rotary clubs in the United States.

President-elect Al Burdi reported on the number of Group Study Exchange students and Ambassadorial scholars present at the Conference, providing a bridge from our country to other cultures. Al also reported on an increasing number of Rotaract Clubs being formed.

Past President Norman Herbert described the keynote address; “Rotary is Making a Difference” in three areas; clean water, literacy, and women’s rights. Our own Rotaract Club also received a Presidential Citation Award.

Notes from the Program of May 2, 2007

Our Judge Libby Hines introduced the speaker, Judge Julie Creal. Libby pointed out that the Washtenaw 15th District Court is the only Michigan Court with an all female bench. A district court is like an ER for the legal system, the place where all the troubles arrive, from an unlicensed skunk to murder.



Judge Julie Creal

Judge Creal told us about her Sobriety Court. Following a second drunk driving conviction, the offender is offered the alternative of jail time or the Sobriety Court while on probation. Jail is expensive and not therapeutic. If the offender enters the Sobriety Court program, the first 90 days are tightly controlled with biweekly meetings, daily breath tests, and random home visits by court officers. If the offender remains sober, the second phase for six months becomes more relaxed.

Prior to the court docket for each offender on Friday mornings, a team of prosecutors, defense attorneys, police, Dawn Farms staff and the Judge meet the previous afternoon to review the status and progress of each offender. This means a unified front for each offender. Each offender is required to sit through the entire docket and listen to the other offenders. If an offender breaks a rule, they are sanctioned. For example, if a breath test is missed, it is recorded as positive and the offender must return to tighter supervision.

The goal of Sobriety Court is to reduce drunk driving, resulting in a safer community, lower incarceration costs, and returning people to becoming economically productive members of society. Sobriety Court has been funded by a state grant but this source has been reduced and may be eliminated. Most of the cost of Sobriety Court is paying for residential treatment at Dawn Farms.

Judge Creal introduced a recovering alcoholic who had gone through the program. He told his own story about his return to society (to a very quiet, attentive audience). This required learning to take direction from others in a structured society.

The News and Notes were prepared by Bob Buchanan. David Felbeck provided the photographs from the meeting.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day’s meeting was 136 members. We also had ten guests (mostly members of the Julie Creal Fan Club) and one visiting Rotarian (John Hammond, himself a former district judge, from St. Joseph Lakeshore). Prior to the luncheon, a total of 22 members met in five committee meetings (International Projects, Group Study Exchange, Communications, Rotate Your Food and Social). Also, 29

Rotarians (and one spouse) planted trees on April 28 while six members represented our club at the District Conference that weekend.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: May 6 – Nels Olson and Jack Walker; May 7 – Stephen Postema and John Sepp; May 8 – Phil Klintworth; May 9 - Gae Miller; May 10 - Wayne Colquitt; May 11 - Flip Connell.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Henry Amble (Saline on April 26); Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on April 23) and Mark Ouimet (Dexter on April 12).

Rotarians in the News: Beth and Joe Fitzsimmons were pictured in the May issue of the Ann Arbor Observer. The overall story was about local residents who live on the top floors of local condominiums and apartment buildings. "I promised her blue skies every day of her life, Joe says. "I lied...it's the next best thing." For other items of interest, check the bulletin board next to the check-in desk at Wednesday's meeting.

Ann Arbor Rotarians and Rotaractors Receive Kudos from District and Zone: In a recent note from DG Gerry Jackson after the District Conference, he passed along praise from Dave Groner, Zone 28 Coordinator for The Rotary Foundation. Our club has surpassed all the other large clubs (over 200 members) in our zone in terms of giving to this year's Every Rotarian-Every Year Program. Our average was \$123 per member. No other club exceeded \$100. In Dave's words, "The clear winner is the blue and gold of Ann Arbor." Last year, our total giving averaged \$137 per member. The complete list for the first three quarters of this year is printed below. For more information on the EREY program, go to http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey_news.html.

QUARTER 3

LARGE CLUB (200 + MEMBERS)
APF-SHARE ACTIVITY REPORT

31 MARCH 2007

Zone	District	Club Name	Memb.	2006-07 APF YTD	2005-06 APF YTD	2006-07 APF Per Capita	2005-06 APF Per Capita
Zone 28							
28	6290	Grand Rapids, MI, USA	347	\$3,660.00	\$2,700.00	\$10.76	\$7.78
28	6290	Traverse City, MI, USA	288	\$14,270.00	\$19,902.50	\$48.70	\$69.11
28	6330	Flint, MI, USA	218	\$15,037.00	\$15,670.00	\$68.66	\$71.88
28	6360	Kalamazoo, MI, USA	253	\$6,625.00	\$5,625.00	\$26.39	\$22.23
28	6360	Lansing, MI, USA	275	\$1,100.00	\$19,160.00	\$4.07	\$69.67
28	6360	St. Joseph & Benton Harbor, MI, USA	199	\$8,153.50	\$23,259.00	\$42.03	\$116.88
28	6380	Ann Arbor, MI, USA	292	\$36,787.44	\$39,925.33	\$123.03	\$136.73
28	6540	Fort Wayne, IN, USA	218	\$15,465.00	\$8,852.95	\$76.94	\$40.61
28	6540	South Bend, IN, USA	259	\$15,285.00	\$8,054.00	\$60.65	\$31.10
28	6600	Findlay, OH, USA	196	\$18,397.72	\$15,598.05	\$98.38	\$79.58
28	6600	Lima, OH, USA	223	\$13,499.66	\$1,005.00	\$59.47	\$4.51
28	6600	Toledo, OH, USA	413	\$17,104.00	\$6,801.50	\$40.92	\$16.47
28	6650	Canton, OH, USA	278	\$16,320.00	\$8,781.50	\$61.35	\$31.59
28	6650	Wooster, OH, USA	206	\$175.00	\$4,250.00	\$0.81	\$20.63
28	7090	Buffalo, NY, USA	203	\$2,400.00	\$2,055.00	\$12.63	\$10.12

In addition, District Governor Elect Audrey Chevalier sent her compliments regarding our EREY contributions. She wrote, "Hi everyone, as District Governor Elect I would also like to offer my sincere congratulations to President Ingrid and the members of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club for their contributions to The Rotary Foundation. How wonderful to be recognized by the Zone Coordinator for The Rotary Foundation."

Rotaractors Report from the District Conference: Four U-M Rotaractors attended the D6380 Conference this past weekend. The U-M Rotaract Club had a booth within the House of Friendship which promoted awareness of "Rotaract International" and also of their upcoming International Project. In October 2007, fifteen U-M Rotaractors plan on traveling to Tijuana, Mexico to work with Esperanza International and the local community to build cinderblock houses. Esperanza International is unique in the sense that they only undertake projects that are sustainable in the long-run. Families are required to submit a written plan to turn their lives around if they would

like to receive housing. Furthermore, if accepted into the program, members of the entire family must help build houses for every family within their community and also frequently update Esperanza International with their current financial status. As Rotaract's first fundraiser, they raffled off a donated Digital Picture Frame (retail value of \$150) at the District Conference. They sold over 200 tickets and raised \$1,227. Learn more about this project, track Rotaract's fundraising status and read their project updates at www.umich.edu/~rotaract/tj_home.htm. As always, their general website can be found at www.umich.edu/~rotaract.

Spring Fling Report [from Millie Danielson]: The Spring Fling has been flung, to the delight and approval of all 84 members and guests who attended. Even the weather cooperated with some sensational warm breezes. The food and the music were excellent and what a pleasure it was to meet the "other halves" of our colleagues. Many Rotarians were kind enough to express regrets that previous or immovable commitments prevented their attending. The Committee appreciated your interest - we missed you. Maybe next year.



A few shots from the Spring Fling, including our musicians, the tip jar, smooching the lounge lizard and an assembly of Club presidents.

“Rotary Shares” Table Update: The table was very active last week with a number of members placing various brochures and notices as well as providing a place to sign the get-well card for Joanne Pierson. A reminder: immediately after each meeting, please remember to take away anything you don't want discarded.

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. Recent postings include the 2007 RYLA Registration Forms and the invitations to the Lake Orion Sunrise chartering ceremony and the induction party for incoming District Governor Audrey Chevalier.
- **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>
- **Pioneer High Interact Club:** <http://www.pioneerinteract.blogspot.com/>

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