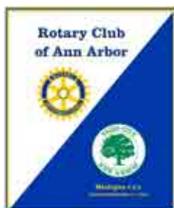


Harpoon for the Meeting of May 23, 2007

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The Program for Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Special Event: Richard Ingram will direct the Huron High School A Capella Choir in "A Springtime Songfest Just for Rotarians"

Returning for its annual Spring appearance before our club under the leadership of Honorary Paul Harris Fellow Richard Ingram, this award-winning choral group will present selections by American composers Rene Clausen, Moses Hogan and Michael Hennagin, and a piece by Australian composer Sarah Hopkins featuring Aboriginal Chant melodies and overtone singing.

Host/Introducer: Maurita Holland **Song Leader:** Jim Irwin **Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

Note: **This special event will be held in the Union Ballroom.** The meal will be somewhat special, as well, so bring an extra dollar if you want the full buffet. The prices of the lesser options are unchanged.

Another feature of the meeting this week will be a report on our participation in The Rotary Foundation's Every Rotarian – Every Year campaign and the celebration of our Club's Paul Harris Fellowships. Over a third of our current members are already Paul Harris Fellows so we are asking each of you to wear your PHF pins to the meeting. Finally, members will be asked to cast a vote on a proposed change in the Club bylaws. See the end of this newsletter for details.

Looking Ahead

May 30 (Wednesday noon) - Teresa Sullivan, U-M Provost & Executive 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>.

June is "Fellowship Month" on the Rotary Calendar. The highlight of the month will be the RI Convention in Salt Lake City from June 17-20.

June 6 (Wednesday noon) – Regular weekly luncheon meeting. Note: this date is also the deadline for nominations for membership in the new member class that will be inducted on July 11. Guidance for potential sponsors and a nomination form are available on-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/facts.shtml> or as paper copies in a pocket at the bottom of the badge board.

News from the Meeting of May 16, 2007

Invoker Pam Horiszny of Red Cross blood services used her prayer time to call for blood donations.

Song leader Jim Irwin said he was on “a thirty-day diet and had already lost ten days!” We sang the “Yellow and the Blue” for, as Jim termed it, “a great U-M president, Robben Fleming.”

President-elect Al Burdi subbed for Ingrid Sheldon.

We were introduced to one of our Junior Rotarians, Shu Situ of Community High School. Her interest is medicine.

With the sponsorship of Washtenaw Success by 6 as one of the charities being supported by the annual Golf Event, there are a number of opportunities for Rotarians to become more involved with Success by 6. See the article later in this newsletter for specifics.



Good Will Ambassadors Len Stenger, Lois Stenger and John Rasmussen

Ambassador of Good Will awards for furthering international relations and the goals of Rotary overseas were received by John Rasmussen, Lois Stenger and Len Stenger. Congratulations to them!

The Rotate your Food drive is June 4-16. Watch this space for more details.

On leaving the meeting today, members took with them a golf ball marked 9-10-07 to remind them of the date of the Golf Outing, a major club event.

Deadline for the new member class nominations is June 6.

Notes from the Program of May 16, 2007



Libby Maynard (U-M Regent & Rotarian)

Al Burdi introduced Olivia (Libby) Maynard, a Regent of the University of Michigan, on the subject “A Regent’s Perspective on the U-M.” Libby said it was exciting to be a learning curve and that she learned something every time she came to U-M for a meeting. What’s it like to be a Regent, a statewide elective position? “Mostly it’s invigorating,” she said, “and it’s enjoyable to campaign and to learn what views people have on higher education.” The perks include parking and football/basketball tickets.

The U-M, said Libby, has one of the best library systems in the country, with universal access through Google. As tuition rates go up, financial aid goes up as well, “because U-M is committed to help resident students who are accepted.” In budgetary matters, state cuts loom and there may be cost increases for staff and operations at U-M. Ms. Maynard said “the Legislature hasn’t always stepped up to support higher education in this state.”

She said Michigan was a leader in stem cell research and that U-M is building up Life Sciences, but the great challenge is “restrictive state laws in embryonic stem cell research.” She praised the University Research Corridor of U-M, Michigan State and Wayne State in promoting economic development and in R&D to recruit new industry. The Medical School was ranked in the country’s top ten, according to U.S. News and World Report – another positive development.

As for athletics, Libby supported the recent expansion of the Big House. “I have to think about 50 years from now,” she said. Her vision for the University is of “a public university committed to sharing its knowledge with the community and the world, and having a diverse and bright student body that reflects our world.”

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber. Bill Dunifon provided the photographs from the meeting.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day’s meeting was 137 members. We also had three guests and three visiting Rotarians (ADG Manish Mehta from Ann Arbor North, Dick Rosenfeld from Jackson and speaker Libby Maynard from Flint). Prior to the luncheon, a total of 53 members met in five committee meetings (Golf Outing, International Outreach, High School Scholarships, Program and Community Allocations). Also reported was the Board Meeting and Retreat on May 15 (16 members participated) and the work of the Rotary Tutors at Burns Park and Angell schools over the last three months.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: May 22 – Dean Millard; May 23 – Terry Linden; May 24 – Marlys Schutjer; May 25 – Dennis Norton and May 26 – Jerry Prescott.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Betsy Hammond (St. Joseph Lakeshore) and Maurita Holland (Manistique on May 14).

Rotarians in the News: Ken and Penny Fischer were recently in Washington D.C. at the British Ambassador’s residence to attend a garden party with Queen Elizabeth II. They learned that their invitation came through the British Council USA as a way for them to say thank you to UMS for their “exemplary presenting of British artists over the years.”



Above: Penny and Ken on the grounds of the British Ambassador's residence. Center: The Queen with the Ambassador. Right: A close-up of Her Majesty.



Board of Directors News: The board met in its annual retreat on May 15. This meeting was unique in that it was actually two meetings in one. President Ingrid presided over the current board in its regular monthly meeting followed by President-Elect Al overseeing a meeting of next year’s board. At the meeting of the current board, Bob Livingston’s resignation for the reason of business pressures was acknowledged and Fred Beutler was granted a leave of absence through June 27. The board also learned that the value of Permanent Endowment fund is now up to \$1,380,000. Bill Dunifon presented the recommendations of the Community Allocations Committee. The board approved the distribution of about \$50,000 to 18 local non-profits. Those checks will be going out in June. In the meeting of the incoming board, Sam Offen presented the preliminary results of the annual survey. He noted that the response rate was remarkably high at over 75% and thanked all that participated. The various statistics and findings are being distributed to the appropriate officers, directors and committee chairs for review and action. Following that presentation, the new board spent some time on budget planning. The budget will be wrapped up at the June board meeting but the decisions made at the retreat indicate no increases in dues or the amount of the annual Community Services Assessment. The meeting concluded with President-Elect Al’s vision for the next Rotary year

which begins on July 1.

Volunteer Opportunities with Washtenaw Success by 6 [a note from Nishta Bhatia]: The club will sponsor Washtenaw Success by 6 with a portion of the proceeds from the annual Golf Event. Along with that there are a number of opportunities for Rotary Club members to become more involved with the work of Washtenaw Success by 6. Please consider volunteering for one or more of the tasks listed below:

1. Give community presentations—materials and training will be provided
2. Bring your professional expertise to develop publicity/advertising and web site design
3. Participate in a one day event to bring the message about early childhood development and community resources to a specific neighborhood.

If you wish to volunteer or have questions, see Nishta Bhatia at a meeting, email her at nishta_b@hotmail.com or call her at 994-0317.

Rotary Bus Wrap Project Now on the Road: Spearheaded by the Ann Arbor North Club with help from former member Greg Cook, funds from RI were used to “wrap” an AATA bus with a message of world peace. Names of the nearby clubs are on the wrap. Shown in the photo below are some of the local Rotary dignitaries at the launch on May 16.



From L to R at the unveiling of the Rotary-themed bus wrap are John Copeland (Ann Arbor North), Jim Campbell (Ann Arbor Briarwood), Peg Windsor (Ann Arbor North), (Joyce Williams (Ypsilanti) and our own President Ingrid.

Correction to the Rotaract Article from last week: In last week’s Harpoon, it was reported that an RI award was presented to U-M Rotaractor Jamie Walsh. Actually, the award went to the U-M Rotaract Club. According to Jamie, the award is similar to the Presidential Citation awarded to Rotary Clubs. It’s an award for the whole club that was earned by completing three activities that fit the requirements set out by RI. She recalled the three they used were their crafts projects, the Rotaractors trip to the RI convention in Chicago and their bowling fundraiser.

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 invitations to the Lake Orion Sunrise chartering ceremony, the induction party for incoming District Governor Audrey Chevalier and a celebration for a current Ambassadorial scholar studying at Wayne State.

• **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 2007 Golf Outing pamphlet, Club brochure, 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/>

“Lead the Way”

Notice of Vote on Proposed Bylaw Amendment: At the regular club meeting on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, club members will be asked to approve an amendment to the Club Bylaws recommended by the Board of Directors. The amendment will delete Article IX, Section 4 of the Bylaws, because it describes an audit procedure no longer used by the Club and supplanted by new internal financial review policy and procedures that were adopted by the Board in 2006 and have been fully implemented. Below is the text of the affected section followed by the official notice.

Article IX, Section 4. On or before the date of the July meeting of the Board of Directors each year, a thorough audit of all financial transactions of the club and of the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment during the immediately preceding fiscal year shall be conducted by the president and the three new directors who assumed those offices on the first day of that July.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT OF CLUB BYLAWS

During the recent IFPC quarterly review with the Club and Endowment Treasurers, it was noted that Article IX Section 4 of the Club Bylaws is obsolete, since the audit procedure described therein has been supplanted by the IFPC policy. The IFPC believes it is best to simply delete Section 4 and let the new policy and procedure stand, and if necessary be amended in future as necessary, as a matter of club policy. Thus the IFPC recommends that the Board adopt the following resolution and bring the proposed amendment before the club membership for approval, after ten days notice in the Harpoon, at a regular club meeting:

RESOLVED, that in light of the new financial review policy and procedures recently adopted and implemented, the audit procedure described in Article IX Section 4 of the Club Bylaws is obsolete, and therefore the Board of Directors recommends to the membership that the Bylaws be amended by deleting Section 4 of Article IX.

APPROVED, by unanimous vote of the directors present at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor on April 18, 2007.

/s/ J. Downs Herold, Secretary