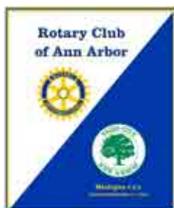


Harpoon for the Meeting of June 6, 2007

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The Program for Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Speaker: Laurel Champion, Publisher, Ann Arbor News

Topic: What's New at the News? Challenges of 21st Century Journalism



You may have noticed your copies of The Ann Arbor News shrinking and becoming progressively thinner over the past couple of years. To the reader, these are perhaps the most visible indications of big changes afoot in print journalism. In major metropolitan markets, daily papers have been sold, merged, resold, even closed over the past several years, and now Rupert Murdoch aims to buy the Wall Street Journal, yet many small-city papers are said to be thriving. Where does that leave papers like our venerable News in medium-sized markets like Ann Arbor?

How does it compete both on paper and on the web? Publisher Laurel Champion explains.

Host/Introducer: Ed Petykiewicz

Song Leader: Jim Irwin

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

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.

Looking Ahead

June is "Fellowship Month" on the Rotary Calendar. The highlight will be the RI Convention in Salt Lake City from June 17-20. President-Elect Al Burdi will be our club's official representative.

June 13 (Wednesday noon) - Claudio Spiguel, U-M grad and President, Rotary Club of Guaxupe, Brazil, will describe how Rotarians there are preparing young Brazilians to be functioning citizens. Note: Dr. Spiguel's last name was spelled incorrectly in the "Coming Attractions" handouts.

June 15 (Friday afternoon) – There will a Strive Open House at Stone School from 2:00 to 6:00pm.

June 20 (Wednesday noon) – Rotarian Peter Fayroian, Head of Greenhills School, will discuss the past, present and future of independent schools in general and Greenhills in particular.

June 27 (Wednesday noon) – Kirsten Levinsohn, President of the Leslie Science and Nature Center, will describe the rebirth of the facility.

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

News from the Meeting of May 30, 2007

It was good to see Joanne Pierson back and in fine voice. And Bob Dascola got a nice mention in The Ann Arbor News for his efforts to beautify downtown with colorful fire hydrants.

June 6 is the deadline for new member applications.

A bylaw change deleting Section 4 of Article IX relative to an audit procedure no longer used by the club was unanimously approved after being moved by Norman Herbert.



Ed Wier introduced new members of the 2007-08 Huron High Interact Club. The members and their positions are President: Tabula Mbala-Nkanga; Vice President: Angela Gao; Secretary: Alice Hur; Treasurer: William Liu; Historian-Web consultant: Julia Tang; plus representatives Vidhya Desaraju, Julia Shi, Anshul Mehta and general representative Gautam Korakavi. Lauren Warren is the faculty advisor to the club.



Daphne Slater and two Strivers

Carolyn Shear gave special recognition to Richard Sheridan and Howard (Howdy) Holmes on behalf of STRIVE. Filling in for Gayl Dybdahl, Counselor Daphne Slater of Stone School presented the STRIVE students who showed the most improvement. They include Jessica Poteat, Tiesha Zirker, Tyesha Parker, Sean Smith, Maria Hubbard, Jeff Van Raden, Bambi Daniels, Daniel Meier, Laurice Pool, Nikole Austin, Katrina Harris, James Robinson, Brian McCallister, Ezekiel Askew, Kenneth Pickens, Kevin Zick and Zachary LeMalle. The winner of the Robert A. Meyers scholarship for greatest GPA improvement was Jessica Poteat. The James and Betty Lester scholarship for greatest overall GPA went to Maria Hubbard. The Wayne and Melinda Colquitt scholarship for second GPA improvement was awarded to Tiesha Zirker. And the L. Gayl Dybdahl scholarship for third GPA improvement went to Tyesha Parker. Congratulations to all our fine

STRIVERS!

Notes from the Program of May 30, 2007



Teresa Sullivan

Gloria Kerry introduced Teresa A. Sullivan, U-M Provost and executive vice president on the topic "Future of Higher Education...The Spellings Commission Report." Higher education is an issue shaping the presidential campaign of 2008, Ms. Sullivan said. The Spellings Commission asked what value is added to higher education at the graduate level. It called for an assessment of students at the end of their college years to see what they had learned. The Commission was created by U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings in 2005 to develop a strategy for post-secondary education to better serve Americans and address our nation's future economic and workforce needs.

There are about 4,000 institutions of higher education in the U.S., most of whom have different missions. How to measure student learning? "We currently use grades to assess student learning," Ms. Sullivan said. The Commission explored new ways for teaching employing the new technology. "It offers a range of tools worth exploring, such as the use of iPods," said Ms. Sullivan. She said the U-M is a national leader in research. "We invite many of our undergraduates to participate in projects with faculty

members,” she said.

Locally, the Ann Arbor Art Center, the Neutral Zone and Peace Neighborhood Centre involve U-M students in community life. “We need to broaden the discussion of higher education,” said Ms. Sullivan, “to include the social benefits of working together.”

Note: Here is a link to the .pdf version of the report:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/hiedfuture/reports/final-report.pdf>.

Thought for the day: You can’t always go by expert opinion. A turkey, if you ask a turkey, should be stuffed with grasshoppers, grit and worms.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber. David Felbeck provided the photographs from the meeting.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day’s meeting was 124 members. We also welcomed two visiting Rotarians (John Hammond of St. Joseph Lakeshore and Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson) and ten Interactors from Huron High School. We also had an exceptional number of guests (19!) in addition to the Strivers. Prior to the luncheon, a total of five members met in two committee meetings (Interact and Strategic Plan).

Five Star Attendees for May: The following members were present at all five regular weekly meetings: Elaine Alexander, Henry Amble, Bruce Benner, Lou Callaway, Jim Cook, Ingrid Deininger, Robben Fleming, Walter Helmreich, Jack Henke, Downs Herold, Lois Jelneck, Karen Kerry, Bob Kerry, Joan Knoertzer, Dave Krehbiel, Mike Marich, Jim Martin, Chris McMullen, Sam Offen, Dave Schmidt, Ann Schriber, Victor Stoeffler, Al Storey, Scott Westerman, Milo White and Paul Wright.

Other Notes of Interest

Condolences: Charlene Schmult, wife of fellow Rotarian Carl Schmult, passed away on Saturday, May 26. The service will be Thursday, June 7. The full obituary is now on-line at <http://www.legacy.com/annarbor/DeathNotices.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonID=88580754> and will be on the bulletin board at this week’s meeting.

Birthdays: June 4 – Peter Allen and Ingrid Deininger; June 5 – Shelley MacMillan and Jim Reece; June 8 – Spaulding Clark, Ian Glassford and Jon Gordon.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Neil Bidwell (Petoskey on May 9 and 16); Betsy Hammond (St. Joseph Lakeshore on May 17) and Ray Hunter (Ypsilanti on April 30). Also, we also received a “mystery make-up” from the Rotary Club of Geneva IL on April 10. There was no name on it. Will the member who attended that meeting please contact John White at administrator@annarborrotary.org to claim the credit?

Monthly Attendance Report to the District: We started May with 312 members (not counting our three Honoraries). After accepting the resignation from Bob Livingston, we finished the month with 311. Attendance average was 51% for the five meetings.

Rotarians in the News: Our “Rotate Your Food” press release was picked up by both the Dexter Leader on May 24 and the Ann Arbor News on June 3. “Heed the Call of the Wild,” an essay by Susan Lackey, appeared in the Other Voices section of the Ann Arbor News on June 3. For these clippings and other current items, including the latest District Newsletter, please take a look at the bulletin board next to the check-in desk as you arrive at this week’s meeting.

“Rotate Your Food” Canned Food Drive Needs Your Help: You, too, can help fight hunger in your community—particularly during the next two weeks at our weekly Rotary gathering! June 4 – 16 marks the third year of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club’s efforts to help stock the shelves of our local food bank’s pantry. Fifty-six food collection boxes have been placed in Ann Arbor, Dexter, Ypsilanti and Saline to bring in much-needed non-

perishable food for Food Gatherers. This food will then help support the feeding programs of 150 local non-profit agencies providing healthy food to approximately 5,500 people a week in Washtenaw County.



A food collection box will be on-hand on Wednesdays, June 6 and June 13, at our weekly Rotary meetings for donations of non-perishable foods. Please bring in your donations to contribute to the success of this drive to help our neighbors in need. Especially needed items include: canned meats, hearty soups, canned stews and pasta, chili, beans (kidney, pinto, green, yellow, refried, etc.), canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, baby food (non-glass containers only), baby formula, Ensure or other nutritional drinks, rice, cereal, pasta, pancake and other baking mixes.

We look forward to filling up the donation box with your help. For further information regarding the work of Food Gatherers, please visit <http://www.foodgatherers.org/> or contact Chris McMullen at chris@foodgatherers.org. Thanks for helping to fight hunger where we live.

District 6380 Newsletter: The April issue has recently been posted to the district website. It features a report from the District Conference. The photo section includes shots of President Ingrid and Past President Norman, the latter in a decorated shower cap! You can view the report from a link on the District's home page at www.rotary6380.org. Also on the website is an article on Rotary Home Exchange Vacations and a list of available speakers for Rotary meetings.



Rotarian Magazine for June: Members should have received their copies by now. This issue is the second annual edition of "Rotary in Pictures." In addition to fabulous photos of Rotarians and their work all over the world, there is a peek into the gadget bag of the magazine's pro photographers. Our club's shooters, such as Fred Beutler, Bill Dunifon, David Felbeck, Bill Stegath and Peter Wright, will certainly want to check out that centerfold!

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 induction party for incoming District Governor Audrey Chevalier and a list of potential speakers.

- **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/>

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