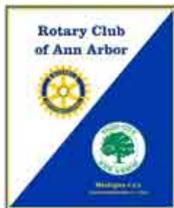


Harpoon for the Meeting of July 11, 2007 (This edition is a supplement to the issue sent out on July 2)

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The Program for Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Note to new members, sponsors, officers and directors: The New Member Breakfast has been canceled in favor of an orientation session from 11:00 to noon immediately preceding the regular weekly luncheon. That session will be held in the Welker Room in the Union. It is on the same floor (first) as the Anderson Room but on the south side of the building. Here's a link to a floorplan of the Union:

<http://www.umich.edu/~munion/maps/floorplans.htm#>.

Special Event: New Member Induction

Introducers: Agnes Reading, Tim Marshall and the individual sponsors

Join us on this special day when we will introduce our new members. This is a way to welcome some wonderful and interesting people as they become Rotary Club of Ann Arbor members. You will get the opportunity to hear about their lives and about the work they do along with service activities. We welcome another class with outstanding experiences and services.

Song Leader: Dave Keosaian **Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

Looking Ahead

July 18 (Wednesday) – **No regular weekly luncheon meeting** due to the Art Fairs. The Board of Directors, however, will meet at its regular time and location (7:30am at the Washtenaw United Way Building).

July 25 (Wednesday) – New Rotarian Ray Detter will speak on the Downtown Ann Arbor Historical Street Exhibit Program

August 1 (Wednesday) – Regular weekly luncheon meeting. Details soon. Your dues are also to be paid in full by this date. Thanks to the 73 members who have paid up as of July 6.

The News and Notes from the Meeting of June 27, 2007 were in the previous issue

Other Notes of Interest

2007 Rotary Community Allocations Grants [submitted by Bill Dunifon]: Over 50 applications were received from community based not-for-profit organizations in the 2007 application cycle of the Community Allocations grant program. Once again, the theme guiding assessment of the applications was "Helping Kids Succeed".

Individual grants are made in amounts up to \$3000 based on an independent review of applications by members of the Community Allocations Committee. Individual numerical scores are then combined to determine the recipients. This year, 18 organizations will receive a total of approximately \$50,000 in support as a result of the generosity of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor. They are:

Ann Arbor Hospice and Home Care*

Interfaith Hospitality Network*

Child Care Network

Washtenaw Camp Placement Association

Washtenaw Children's Dental Clinic

The American Red Cross, Washtenaw County Chapter*

The Corner Health Center*

Family Book Club

Ann Arbor Hands on Museum*

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra*

HelpSource

Perry Nursery School of Ann Arbor*

Peace Neighborhood Center*

Washtenaw Area Council for Children

Ann Arbor Art Center

Ann Arbor Teen Center

Huron Trails District, Great Sauk Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America

Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad

Note: Organizations marked with an asterisk have sent a thank-you note to the Club. Copies will be on the "Rotary Shares" table for your review.

Reflections on the 2007 RI International Convention [from President Al]: The 2007 RI International Convention "Rendezvous in the Rockies" proved to be everything I expected it to be... and even more! More than 17,000 Rotarians and guests from throughout the world convened in Salt Lake City in late June. All experienced nearly a full week of inspiring plenary sessions, helpful "nuts & bolts" workshops, and the joys of numerous concerts, special regional attractions, including the memorable performances of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. So much happened! So much remembered! So much to share with you!



In this first of several planned reports to the Club, I strongly believe it best to highlight the poignant messages ---far too many to capture here--- from our RI leadership. Immediate past president Bill Boyd warmly inspired all to continue our work as "heroes" in our communities and throughout the world which is in keeping with the RI 2006-2007 theme year "Lead the Way". Speaking as though he was speaking to all in attendance on a one-to-one basis, he was especially congratulatory of our successes and continuing needed work in the areas of polio plus, literacy projects, and RI initiatives in promoting world peace and conflict resolutions. Incoming RI President Wilf Wilkinson shared

his visions which underscored the guiding principle for all of us that "sharing" is what Rotary is all about --- sharing freely of our time, our talents, resources, kindness and especially our love. Thus, the 2007-2008 RI theme of "Rotary Shares." Especially stimulating to all were his emphases on health, literacy, water, and the needed expansion of the Rotary family by welcoming qualified new members into existing and newer clubs. Always with an engaging and infectious enthusiasm, President Wilf's heartfelt messages reminded us all that when there is a new idea for a service project in our community or globally; an indelible will to serve; and a unswerving commitment to serve --- that combination can and will lead to further successes in the full spirit of Rotary.

Fellow Rotarians, I look forward to "sharing" with you other of my 2007 RI convention experiences--- dealing next with "lessons learned". Do watch for the next issues of the RI Rotarian which will undoubtedly give you more highlights on the incredibly inspiring 2007 RI International Convention "Rendezvous in the Rockies".



A Few Words from President Wilf [from the July issue of *Rotary World*]: Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, 2007-08 RI president, has launched the new Rotary year as the year to “say yes to Rotary.” The RI theme, Rotary Shares, is a reflection of his commitment to share Rotary with others through service and recruiting new members.

Wilkinson, a member of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Ontario, Canada, sees the concept of sharing as a motivating force behind Rotary work. “In choosing this theme, I thought about how much of Rotary is about sharing. We share our time, we share our talents, we share our money with others who need our help,” he told incoming district governors at the 2007 International Assembly in February.

“In Rotary, sharing doesn’t mean giving away what you have to spare, what you don’t need for yourself,” he explained. “Sharing means giving of yourself, selflessly, for the good of others.”

Wilkinson has chosen to continue immediate past president Bill Boyd’s emphases of water, health and hunger, literacy, and family of Rotary. “These basic needs have been at the forefront of Rotary’s efforts for several years now,” he says. “And I hope that they will continue, because with clean water, good health, and the ability to read and write, so many of the people who need help will find the ability to help themselves.”

In a time of dwindling participation in service organizations worldwide, Wilkinson emphasizes the importance of commitment to membership expansion. “It’s not always an easy thing to invite someone into Rotary. Too often, we hear no. And no one likes to hear no. It’s easy to get discouraged. But you have to expect those no’s, and know when to ask again — and when to move on to find a yes somewhere else.”

Equally important to Rotary’s future, says Wilkinson, is attention to programs for youth. “Working to strengthen our programs for youth helps ensure a new generation of responsible, ethical, and volunteer-minded people. [They] are our link to the future of Rotary which we ourselves will not see.”

Al Burdi’s “Leadership Blueprint: Reprinted below is the text of the slides that President Al used in his presentation to the Club at its meeting on June 27:

OUR YEAR 2007-2008 ...

“ROTARY SHARES”*because Rotary CARES!*

Perspectives on...THE YEAR AHEAD...

“Leadership Blueprints” - work ahead for all of us this year and beyond.

“New Opportunities - New Approaches” – building on the club’s current strengths and successes.

“Leadership Blueprint” – 2007-08 ... CLUB LEVEL

- Membership & Development
- New Strategic Plan – Yrs 08/13+
- Directors’ Leadership Roles
- Committees – Leadership/agendas
- Harpoon and Website
- Youth Programming
- International Projects/Outreach
- Club Venue
- Public Relations

“Leadership Blueprint” – District and RI LEVELS

- RI and District Synergies
- EREY
- Zone 28 – Collegial Activities
- Rotary Youth Exchange

- Group Study Exchange
- Presidential Citation Awards
- “Things that work!” Workshops

“ROTARY SHARES”

and we can show this by...Sharing the best of ourselves with our club, our community and the world!
-Wilf Wilkinson, RI Pres 2007- 08

Let’s always remember ...

“ROTARY SHARES”.... because Rotary CARES!

Flags, Flags, Flags: Photographer Fred Beutler has recently completed his work on the flags that visiting Rotarians have brought us and our own members have brought back from their make-ups. Here they are:



Parking News: For those of you that have made a New (fiscal) Year’s Resolution to attend more Wednesday luncheon meetings, don’t let the perceived scarcity of parking concern you. University personnel with a sticker have a chance to park in the structure across from the Union. For the rest of us, there always seem to be plenty of two hour meters on Thompson Street. They take coins at a rate of \$1.00 per hour. For longer duration stays, in case you have a committee meeting for example, there is a public lot across Thompson Street. It has a central meter that accepts credit cards and currency. Finally, there are spots with four hour coin-operated meters on Division Street that allow an easy walk to the Union. More information on parking and traffic around campus available on-line at <http://www.pts.umich.edu/index.html>. Contact John White if you have any special needs that might be met by a ride to a meeting from a nearby Rotarian.



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 52 clubs in the counties of Washtenaw, Livingston, Oakland and Macomb in Michigan and Kent in Ontario. The district’s monthly newsletter and other individual articles of district-wide interest are posted here. Recent postings include a list of potential speakers and a letter from the new RI president.
- **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/>