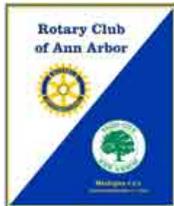


Harpoon for the Meeting of August 8, 2007

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**August is Membership and Extension Month on the Rotary calendar**

For some interesting statistics on membership at the Rotary International level, please visit:

<http://www.rotary.org/membership/resources/global.html>

**The Program for Wednesday, August 8, 2007**

**Speakers:** Lloyd Carr, U-M Football Coach

**Topic:** Preview of the 2007 Season for the Wolverines and Big Ten

Buckle your chinstraps, Rotarians, and listen up to the annual Wolverine/Big Ten preview from one of America's winningest NCAA football coaches. Coach Carr will tell us whom to look for and what to expect from this season's Wolverines on both sides of the line of scrimmage – and from the rest of the Big Ten football powers, pretenders and wannabes. A surprise or two will set this year's football Wednesday apart from those in other years.

**Introducer:** Al Storey

**Song Leader:** Don Faber

**Accompanist:** Tom Strobe

**Looking Ahead**

**August 15** (Wednesday) - John & Eileen Heasley, Troy Rotarians, will speak to us on the topic, "Working for Clean Water in Developing Countries – The Biosand Filter"

**August 22** (Wednesday) - Robert Dolan, Dean, Stephen M. Ross School of Business Administration, will present, "Some New Directions for Business Education at U-M"

**August 29** (Wednesday) - Professor Sylvia Pedraza, U-M Sociology Department will talk on, "Transforming America – Immigrants Then and Now"

**News from the Meeting of August 1, 2007**

We gave a rousing "thank you" to administrator John White for his weekly labors in publishing the Harpoon.

Check out the District 6380 newsletter on the website for timely, interesting information. And don't forget the

words of our Rotary International president: "Rotary allows ordinary people to do extraordinary things."

If you haven't paid your club dues, do your due-ty. And to those who have, a thousand thanks.

Walter Helmreich reminded us that this is the 100th anniversary of scouting, and that there are 28 million Scouts in the world. Many hands went up when there was a call for Rotarians who had been associated with scouting. Wayne Colquitt noted his attendance at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Jamboree. Walter recalled he attended the Jamboree in 1933!

Barbara Debrodt, for Rotarians in the News, said that Shu Situ, one of our junior Rotarians, was pictured in The Ann Arbor News recently.

## Notes from the Program from August 1, 2007



Laurie Baumer

Charlie Crone introduced Lansing Rotarian Laurie Baumer of Ele's Place in Lansing who showed a short video on new help for grieving children. A child old enough to love is old enough to grieve. She said isolation, problems at school and truancy are among the negative consequences of not dealing with a grieving child who may be miserable because of the loss of a parent, sibling or close friend or relative. Kids can "open up" at Ele's Place and not have to worry about being put down. It's a certainty kids need a place to talk out their feelings; they may feel guilt, loneliness and wonder where they stand in the family relationship.

After 16 years counseling such children in the Lansing area, Ele's Place opened a new healing center for grieving children in Ann Arbor in May. Laurie said she was surprised to see a survey in this area showing a high percentage of people who were deeply grieving. "Our mission," she said, "is to raise awareness and help grieving children." She said Ele's Place was serving 20 families and that volunteers were needed "to get the word out and to work with kids."



Gloria Brooks

Gloria Brooks, executive director of Ele's Place in Ann Arbor and CEO of Arbor Hospice, then showed a short video on the services Arbor Hospice provides to grieving families. "We're excited about partnering with Ele's Place in filling a new in our community," Gloria said. To reach Ele's Place, call 929-6640, email them at [healing@elesplace.org](mailto:healing@elesplace.org) or visit <http://www.elesplace.org/>.

Thought for the day: Worry weighs a person down...an encouraging word cheers a person up.

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber. Fred Beutler provided the photographs.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 118 members. We had five guests and three visiting Rotarians (our speaker, ADG Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor North and George Sugiyama of Grand Rapids). A total of 16 members of the Golf Committee met prior to the luncheon while six members of the Investment Committee of the Endowment Fund met earlier in the day. Earlier in the week, a member attended the District Finance Committee meeting while another participated in the RI membership seminar in South Bend IN.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** August 5 - Rob Juergens; August 6 – Susan Westerman; August 7 – Robert Albritton and August 9 – Jan Barney Newman.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Brad Bowersox (Ypsilanti on July 25); Maurita Holland (Manistique on July 20); Ray Hunter (Ebensburg PA on July 24); Nels Olson (Frankfort on July 18); Mark Ouimet (Dexter on July 19 and 26); Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME on July 17 and 31).

**Dues Update:** Your dues for the 2007-2008 Rotary year were due at the end of July. Most of you met the deadline but there are still almost 100 members who did not. If you have not yet submitted your check, please do so soon. Thanks.



**Rotate Your Food Wrap-up** [an article by Chris McMullen]: Thanks to the hard work of the Rotate Your Food Canned Food Drive committee and the many businesses and organizations in Ann Arbor, Dexter, Saline and Ypsilanti that participated in this year's drive, 4,361 pounds of food was collected between June 4th and 16th for our county's food bank/food rescue program—Food Gatherers. This is an impressive 32% increase over last year's collection of 3,306 pounds! This translates into 2,908 meals for our neighbors in need throughout Washtenaw County. This year's collection is valued at \$6,543. Food collection boxes were placed in a total of 54 local businesses and organizations, as compared to 47 locations in 2006. We were happy to once again partner with the Dexter Rotary Club who successfully collected food in eight locations throughout their community. Our food collection boxes found their way into a few locations in Saline and Ypsilanti, as well. The committee would like to thank all who contributed, placed collection boxes in their businesses and who spread the word throughout the community. A job well done by all!

**Membership Report to the District:** We started the month of July with 307 active members (our three Honoraries are not counted for this report). During the month, we lost two members to resignations and took in five new members. Our average attendance for the two meetings held in July was 50%.



**The July District Newsletter is now On-line:** The issue is now available from the district website at <http://rotary6380.org/>. There are a whopping seven pages in this edition. Articles include a profile of DG Audrey Chevalier, the GSE trip to Turkey, RI's approval of its strategic plan for 2007-2010, District Resource Group appointments, literacy month, Presidential Citation requirements, Foundation Committee news, introduction of Stan Sherman as DGE and information on Rotary public relations grants. Whew! On top of all those articles, the last page of this issue is the usual table, "District 6380 Status," which lists all the clubs with their membership levels and amounts of giving to The Rotary Foundation.



**Lost and Found Department:** Two items were left behind recently. One is an olive-colored hat of the Indiana Jones style. The other is blue folder with some papers in it related to the International Projects committee. The owners may claim them on the "Rotary Shares" table at the next meeting.

**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.
- **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 (including an upcoming trip to Ecuador) are posted here.
- **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/>

**"Rotary Shares"**