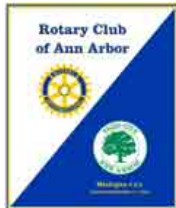


Harpoon for the Meeting of August 15, 2007

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August is Membership and Extension Month on the Rotary calendar

It is never too early to start identifying and cultivating possible new Rotarians. Here is the on-line version of an article that appeared in the August *Rotarian*: http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/features/0708_trif_recruit.html

The Program for Wednesday, August 15, 2007

Speakers: John & Eileen Heasley, Troy Rotarians

Topic: Working for Clean Water in Developing Countries – The Biosand Filter

Increasing availability of clean water is one of the best ways to improve health in the developing world. According to WHO estimates, more than 90% of diarrhea cases are preventable through providing clean water and related sanitation and hygiene improvements. Rotary District 6380 has worked on this by providing BioSand filters in Nepal and other developing countries. Our speakers will bring a firsthand account of these efforts.

Introducer: Dan Romanchik

Song Leader: Ingrid Sheldon

Accompanist: Maurita Holland

Note: The Board of Directors will be holding its usual monthly meeting earlier this day (7:30am) at the Washtenaw United Way Building on Platt Road.

Looking Ahead

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 8, 2007

We welcomed back former member Lloyd Bastian as well as John Holland, the latter a club member for 50 years. And of course it's always good to see former U-M President Robben Fleming with us.

Lou Callaway reported on the Golf and Tennis Outing, set for Sept. 10. On the plus side, we have 128 potential golfers; on the negative side, we still need more signups for dinner and volunteers.

Committee heads are asked to confirm all who are on their committee to John White, Club Administrator.

Notes from the Program from August 8, 2007



We warmed up by singing, "The Victors"

Al Storey gave a fine introduction to Coach Lloyd Carr, U-M head football coach, whose record at The Big House is a glittering 69-9! But it's not Coach Carr we honored today but Citizen Carr, the leader in our community who inspires young people and works with University Hospitals to benefit kids. Lloyd and wife, Laurie, who couldn't be in attendance today, were both cited by the club with the Distinguished Service Award "for outstanding service to the community." Each also received the medallion signifying a distinguished Paul Harris Fellow. Coach Carr said he was "humbled" to be working in "the greatest community in the world."



Lloyd Carr

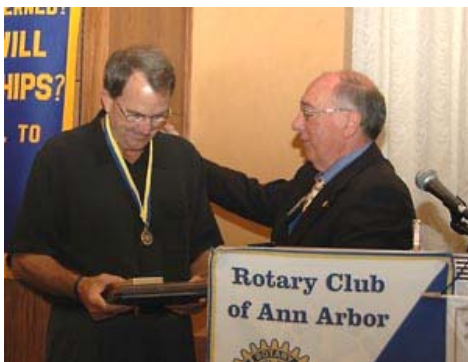
On prospects for the coming year, Lloyd said "we have a motivated team. We'll have to rebuild on defense but the defensive line will be solid. We're going to be a fast team." The good news on offense is that almost everybody is back and that Jake Long is the best offensive lineman around. "He passed up a lot of money to come back," said Coach Carr, "and he said I'm not ready to leave my teammates." Mike Hart "is one of the most fun guys I've ever coached." Now all we have to do, said the coach, is to "live up to the hype." With eight of 12 games at home, Michigan fans will have many opportunities to see a fine, possibly a great, team in action. (But watch out for Wisconsin, Penn State, and of course, those guys to the south who have a great comeuppance in store for them).

Thought for the day: What people say is important...what they do is more important... BUT what they value is most important.

Followup items to the meeting: John Heuser, an Ann Arbor News sports reporter, covered Coach Carr's visit to the Club and reported on it in the August 9 issue of the newspaper. Here's a link to the article:

<http://www.mlive.com/wolverines/annarbornews/football/index.ssf?base/sports-2/118667080096980.xml&coll=2&thispage=1>

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber. Peter Wright provided the photographs.



Lloyd and President Al with award

Here is the text on the certificate given to Lloyd Carr as part of his Distinguished Service Award:

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor presents Lloyd Carr with its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, and recognition as an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow for his outstanding leadership and service over the years to the Ann Arbor community and the University of Michigan. Citizen Lloyd Carr is a champion par excellence on life's values and an inspirational role model for all those whose own life aspirations are guided by the Rotary mission of "Service Above Self."

Here is the text on the award for Laurie Carr:

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor honors Laurie Carr with its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, and recognition as an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow for her outstanding leadership and volunteer service over the years to the Ann Arbor community and the University of Michigan. Her indelible record of inspiring leadership and tireless work has proven Laurie Carr to be an exemplary role model for all those whose own life aspirations are guided by the Rotary mission of

"Service Above Self."

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at this day's meeting was 144 members. We had 17 guests and five visiting Rotarians (former Ann Arbor Rotarian Lloyd Bastian of Clinton, Jill Durnen of Saline, Neil Loney of Ypsilanti, Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson and Bill Sherman of Clinton). A total of 16 members of the Golf and Social Committees met prior to the luncheon.

Error from last week's Program Notes: Gloria Brooks, President and CEO of Arbor Hospice (<http://www.arborhospice.org>), was incorrectly identified as also being Executive Director of Ele's Place. Laurie Baumer is the executive director of Ele's Place (<http://www.elesplace.org>).

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: August 13 – Larry Voight; August 14 – Ann Schriber and August 18 – Tom Dickinson and Harv Grotrian.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Frode Maaseidvaag (Hart on August 1) and Steve Oldstrom (Sault Ste. Marie on July 30).

Dues Update: Your dues for the 2007-2008 Rotary year were due at the end of July. Most of you met the deadline and payments are coming in daily but there are still almost several dozen members who are late. If you have not yet submitted your check, please do so soon. Thanks.

Another Thank You Note: The Family Book Club (<http://www.familybook.club.org>), a recipient of one of our 2007 Community Service Grants, expressed their appreciation and noted how they plan to spend the \$3,000 in "helping kids succeed." Their letter is in the collection of thank-you notes that can be found on the Rotary Shares table each week.



The Russians are Coming...and the Actual Date is Drawing Nearer [an article from Bob Buchanan]: During the first 3 weeks in October, our Club will host a group of visiting Russian businessmen. This visit is a project of our own Club, not a District project, and is sponsoring partially by Rotary International and funded partially by the State Department. It will be the final Russian visit of a long-standing program so we are working hard to make it a great success. Planning for their academic and professional activities, social events, transportation is almost complete. However, the Club still needs several more hosts to provide a home for one week periods. If you can find it in your heart to do this, please call Sue Beutler at (734) 663-4870. Sue can give more specific information."



Group Study Exchange to Turkey also Coming Up: An article reporting Rotary's quest for applicants was in the August 9 issue of the Ann Arbor News. Applications are due by September 15. Details are available from John White or the District 6380 website at <http://rotary6380.org/>.

A Tribute to Jack Dobson [reprinted from a column by fellow Rotarian Geoff Larcom in the Ann Arbor News on Monday, August 6]:



Jack Dobson

Jack Dobson left lasting mark on city

It was an unusual admission for an Ann Arbor City Council member to make, particularly three years later, and to his successors at that. Jack Dobson wrote council members in 1957 that his vote on a zoning issue "was a mistake" and warned them to reconsider the proposed shopping center. "You have the opportunity to correct it, and I hope you will," he wrote in a letter quoted extensively in The Ann Arbor News. Colleagues and friends say that was typical Dobson. Straightforward. Honest. Dedicated to doing the right thing.

John S. "Jack" Dobson died at age 88 last month, and with him went a piece of Ann Arbor's history. He was part of a special breed who helped define and build our town during the middle of the 20th century.

Dobson grew up in Ann Arbor, studied here, and stayed here while practicing law during a 60-year career.

He was born in 1918, attended the old University High and quickly began a civic life after graduating from law school. He began serving on the City Council in his late 20s, shortly after being elected "Outstanding Young Man in Ann Arbor" by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

During the 1950s, Dobson represented University of Michigan faculty members investigated by the House Un-American Activities Committee, when America seemed paralyzed by paranoia and McCarthyism. Many lawyers wouldn't touch the case, but young Dobson seized the chance.

His contributions, including the founding of Huron Valley Bank and the Ann Arbor Community Center, weave their way through our city's history. "He had a really good sense of place in Ann Arbor and the role that an attorney should play in civic life," says Ann Arbor City Attorney Stephen Postema, who worked with Dobson at the law firm now known as Bodman LLP. Postema recalled Dobson urging him to take the city job if he had the chance. "He was of that generation where he felt you have a civic duty to go and do these things," Postema says.

Harvey Berman, another colleague, recalled Dobson's nickname: "Honest John." "He did not like to see politicians do the political dance," Berman says. "He believed in doing what's right for the right reasons and getting the job done."

Tom Roach, a former U-M regent and another colleague of Dobson, recalled the broad reach of the Dobson family, which stretched back three generations and included the late William Dobson, an Ann Arbor insurance man and another stalwart in local civic life. "They've left their footprints all over the place," Roach said.

Dobson never faded from civic life. He and his wife, Alice, were active contributors to many local causes. He retired from law practice several years ago while in his 80s and was easily the longest serving member of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club, having joined in 1950.

In recent years, I remember his kind face. He always seemed to be smiling. "He was always one of those who made everybody comfortable and happy," says his sister, Angela Welch of Ann Arbor.

Cheers, Jack. Thanks for hanging around.

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- **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/>

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