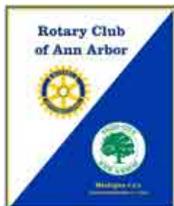


Harpoon for the Meeting of October 17, 2007

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October is "Vocational Service" month on the Rotary calendar.

The Program for Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Speaker: Melissa Kesterson, Executive Director, Project Grow Community Gardens

Title: "Project Grow: Growing Community"

Project Grow has been promoting and managing community gardens in Ann Arbor for over 35 years. Melissa Kesterson will speak about the challenges Project Grow faces due to development in the Ann Arbor area, even as interest in organic and local food production is increasing. In addition we will learn about the idea of the Pilot Project in City Parks.

Introducer: Bob Dascola

Song Leader: Jim Irwin

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Looking Ahead

October 24 (Wednesday noon) – District Governor Audrey Chevalier will visit our club and address us after lunch. Our Board of Directors will meet with her at 10:30am that morning in the Union's Welker Room. Also, we are planning to have the 2007-2008 printed directories available that day. Please make sure any updates are submitted to John White by October 17.

October 31 (Wednesday noon) - Jochen Schacht, Director of the Kresge Hearing Research Institute and U-M Professor of Biological Chemistry in Otolaryngology will ask, "Can You Hear Me?"

The complete program schedule for October programs is on-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/october.shtml>. The programs for November will be posted at the end of the October.

November 7 (Wednesday noon) – Our regular weekly luncheon. Speaker and topic arrangements will be finalized shortly.

November 8 (Thursday 6:00) – District 6380 Foundation Gala at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Details and a registration form are on the district website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>. A flyer is on our bulletin board.

November 8 (Thursday 8:00) – Millie Danielson of the Social Committee has tickets for us to see “The Baker’s Wife.” They are \$10 apiece. See her at our upcoming luncheon meetings. The early bird gets the best seat selection. This would be a great night for the “bowling wives” to get together. The performance is a heart-warming tale of a French provincial village whose passion for bread is surpassed only by gossip and marital feuding. A new baker and his younger wife provide both.

News from the Meeting of October 10, 2007



Natasha Ivanova, Jim Reece and President Al exchange flags

After singing the Russian national anthem, member Jim Reece briefed us on the Cook’s tour of Ann Arbor and vicinity given to our Russian guests, many of whom are from the restaurant industry. Official greetings were extended from Chris Easthope, mayor pro tem of Ann Arbor, and translated into Russian by Natasha Ivanova. Barbara Bryant, Ashish Sarkar, Millie and Lee Danielson and Fred and Sue Beutler were among Rotarians hosting the visiting Russians and providing dinners. At the end of Jim’s presentation, our visitors were asked to stand and receive our applause.

Note: For more information on this program along with a lot of recent photographs, please check out <http://www.rotaryrussian.com>. Our guests are also finding that this website is a great way for their families and friends to keep up on their adventures in Ann Arbor.

Millie Danielson reminded us that tickets were going fast for Performance Network’s production of “The Baker’s Wife” which is being attended by Rotarians (at only \$10 apiece). See her with your money to get a seat.

Laura Lonergan announced a short survey from the 2007 Golf and Tennis fundraiser survey which we’re being asked to fill out.

Notes from the Meeting of October 10, 2007

Bob Bolak introduced U-M basketball coach John Beilein, on the topic “Hoops Time! Perspectives on Michigan Basketball 2007-08. The coach related a story of how a player noted a cut on Coach Beilein’s face. Told it was a shaving accident, the player said “you should take your time shaving and cut your speech instead!”



Coach John Beilein

Beilein said his is a young squad, and that his goal for now is to “watch ‘em get better and bring U-M to the next level” of competition in the Big Ten. “We start practice Friday,” he said, “and I’ll get to know the players well.” Will there be set plays, he was asked? Call it “organized motion,” Beilein said.

What about the level of fan support at Crisler Arena? “I can’t be Barnum and Bailey, AND coach the team,” John said. “We aim to put a product out there the people will come to see.” The coach said that with UCLA, Boston College and a tournament in Alaska on the schedule, the team will be ready for whatever the Big Ten has to offer in challenges.

President Al’s Thought for the Day comes from former UCLA hoops coach John Wooden: “Talent is God-given – be humble. Fame is man-given – be grateful! Conceit is self-given – be careful.”

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor. Fred Beutler provided the photograph of the flag exchange while David Felbeck captured the coach.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 144 members. In addition, we were joined by ten guests and three visiting Rotarians (Walt Bryan of Lewes-Rehoboth DE, Jim Campbell of Ann Arbor Briarwood and Beth Walker of Brighton). Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 20 members participated in meetings of the Social and Membership Development Committees.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: October 16 – Karen Valvo and October 20 – Deb Polich.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Brad Bowersox (Ann Arbor North on September 27) and Betsy Hammond (St. Joseph Lakeshore on August 9, August 30, September 6, September 13 and September 20).



Nominations for Club Offices Now Open [a notice from Past President Ingrid]: It is that time of year when thoughts turn to pumpkins, leaf-raking, More Michigan football, ... and...your Rotary leadership for 2008-09! The floor is open for nominations! If you would like to suggest someone, even yourself, please pass the name along to immediate past-president Ingrid Sheldon, chair of the Nominations Committee by Wednesday, October 17 (665-5893 or aasheldon@sbcglobal.net).

Besides one early morning meeting each month, serving on our board is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about your fellow Rotarians and the work we do in our community as well as efforts around the world. "Rotary Shares." Please consider sharing your talents with the rotary Club of Ann Arbor.

A Health Update from Joanne Pierson: "This past Wednesday I had my follow-up PET scan to determine how well the treatments (radiation and chemotherapy) worked. The short story is I received an ALL CLEAR!!! I wanted to share this good news with you. I will now be closely followed by my radiation oncologist for the next couple of years. I thank you for all your prayers and well wishes during these past months. I'll look forward to seeing you all after a couple of weeks out of town."



November is Rotary Foundation Month: In keeping with this theme, November also kicks off the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" campaign to support the Annual Programs Fund. This effort is the primary source of funding for Foundation programs in 160 countries and geographical areas on seven continents. Each member is asked to donate to The Rotary Foundation (\$100 suggested). Donors who achieve a total level giving of \$1000 are awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship with ascending levels available for each successive

multiple of that amount. For a preview of this year's program, go to <http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Funds/AnnualProgramsFund/Pages/ridefault.aspx>. Although, the campaign does not start in earnest until November, thanks go out to the 87 members of our club who have already contributed. Most of these donations came in along with the checks for Club dues and Community Service Assessments. A summary of your status of giving toward your first or next PHF level is included in the #2 bill as a part of the 1-2-3 invoice you received a few months ago at the start of the 2007-2008 Rotary year.

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. One recent posting is about the 2008 Convention in Los Angeles: <http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2008/>.

• **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. One of the latest additions is the posting of the RI Strategic Plan for 2007-2010.

• **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 a link to the website for the Russian visitors, 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/>

Flags, Flags, Flags: Pasted in below are photos of some of the flags that have been brought in by visiting Rotarians or by our members who have traveled to other clubs. These, along with the ones published two weeks ago, bring us within one flag of documenting our visits or visitors. Thanks for Fred Beutler for his photographic talents.



“Rotary Shares”