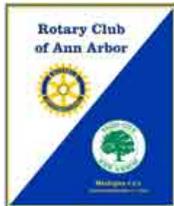


Harpoon for the Meeting of November 21, 2007

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**November is "The Rotary Foundation" month on the Rotary calendar.**

## The Program for Wednesday, November 21, 2007

**Speaker:** Michael Finney, President and CEO, Ann Arbor SPARK

**Topic:** Advancing Innovation-based Economic Development in Ann Arbor

Much in the news recently as it has taken the lead in post-Pfizer planning and promotion for our community, Ann Arbor SPARK is a public-private partnership whose mission is to advance innovation-based economic development in the greater Ann Arbor area. President & CEO Michael Finney will bring us up-to-date on Pfizer-related plans and developments and the organization's other efforts to provide continual proactive support of entrepreneurs, regional businesses, university tech transfer offices and networking organizations.

**Host/Introducer:** Tim Marshall

**Song Leader:** Don Faber

**Accompanist:** Tom Strode

Note: The Board of Directors will be meeting at 7:30am this day at the United Way offices on Platte Road.

## Looking Ahead

**November 28** (Wednesday noon) - Eric Booth, Actor, Author & Educator will speak on, "Transforming Community through Creativity"

The complete schedule for November luncheons is on-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/november.shtml>.

**December 5** (Wednesday noon) – Our Annual Club Assembly

**December 12** (Wednesday noon in the Ballroom) - Ken Westerman and the Pioneer High School Choirs

**December 16** (Sunday) – Cultural Sampler Series: Tour and Holiday Market at the Ann Arbor Art Center

**December 19** (Wednesday noon) - U-M President Mary Sue Coleman will speak to us

**December 26 and January 2** (no luncheon meetings) –Enjoy the holiday season with family and friends

**January 9, 2008** (Wednesday noon) – our normal luncheon meetings resume

## News from the Meeting of November 14, 2007

Rick Reid filled in as invoker for Jesse Bernstein who had a gall bladder attack. And “Women” of Michigan, not “Men of Michigan,” was rendered by Ingrid Sheldon, Terry Foster and Shelley Macmillan to get us warmed up for the Buckeyes on Saturday. We remembered Mike Marich in a moment of silence for his wife, Zelma, who died last week.



At the District 6380 gala, our club was number one in the district in giving to the Rotary Foundation’s Annual Programs Fund (APF) through the “Every Rotarian, Every Year” campaign. The certificate awarded to President Al is pictured at left. In per capita giving, we’re not quite there yet. Still, a remarkable record to build on. Note: Check out the “team photo” later in this newsletter.

Ian Glassford gave us a snapshot of last Saturday’s tree planting at Olson Park: 110 trees planted, 45 volunteers, a fine time and cooperative weather. We are so “treessed” about the success of this venture.

Jim Cook, speaking on behalf of the strategic planning task force, invited all to share their ideas and organizing skills as we take the club through 2013 in our visioning process.



Andrew Groves

Kshitij Hemal

DeAngelo Webster

Gae Miller mentioned these Rotarians in the news: Joe Fitzsimmons was honored with the 2007 Jewel Award for his fundraising prowess; Sang Nam and Susan Smith Gray were cited in LS&A magazine for their contributions to that important component of the U-M.

Mark Foster introduced three Junior Rotarians from Huron High. Andrew Groves played football, was a member of Key Club and volunteered for Food Gatherers; Kshitij Hemal is interested in engineering and is applying to the U-M; and DeAngelo Webster is a Freedom Fund scholar and National Honor Society member who hopes to be an orthodontist via a U-

M education.

## Notes from the Meeting of November 14, 2007

Agnes Reading invited six new members and their sponsors to the podium.

- **Wendy Correll**, sponsored by Peter Allen, Dave Krehbiel and Scott Westerman, is executive director of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation and active in Leadership Ann Arbor
- **Scott Huckestein**, sponsored by Norman Herbert and Doug Moffatt, is owner of Schokolad Chocolate Factory and on the board of Main Street Area Association
- **Montatip Krishnamra**, sponsored by Spaulding Clark and Bill Dunifon, is a lecturer in Southeast Asian Studies at the U-M. She teaches the Thai language and volunteers as a tutor for Washtenaw Literacy
- **David McNamara**, sponsored by Rick Reid and Fritz Seyferth, is sales agent and owner of Treetown Realty. He specializes in income and residential property.
- **Beverly Seiford**, sponsored by Deb Polich, Anne Glendon, Chris Conlin and Walt Hancock, is a partner in Dannemiller Tyson Associates. She has participated in Leadership Ann Arbor and is on the advisory committee of University Musical Society
- **Collyer Smith**, sponsored by Roger Fraser and Tim Marshall, is in sales with AFLAC – health and life insurance. Collyer has been vice president for education with Toastmasters.



Wendy Correll



Scott Huckestein



Montatip Krishnamra



David McNamara



Bev Seiford



Collyer Smith

Trivia note: One of our new members now has the distinction of being the youngest. In fact, 48 of our current members were already members of our club on the day he was born.

Thought for the Day from President AI, as learned from the District Gala Nov. 8: "Rotary is NOT a spectator sport."

The News and Notes were compiled by Don Faber, Harpoon editor. Fred Beutler provided the photographs.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 137 members. Although we had no guests beyond our three Junior Rotarians, we were joined by visiting Rotarian Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor North. Earlier in the day, a total of 34 members participated in the New Member Orientation and the meetings of two committees; Social and Strive. On Monday, November 12, the Endowment Trustees met. A total of eleven members participated. Note to committee chairs: please be sure that John White is notified of the attendance at your off-site meetings so that appropriate credits can be granted. You may want to pick up a few orange sheets from Dave Williams or John to use for that purpose.

### Other Notes of Interest



The Rotary team celebrates the planting of trees at Olson Park on Nov. 10

**Birthdays:** November 18 – Nicole Appleberry; November 19 – Thad Carr and Judie Lax; November 22 – Bob Guenzel and Burt Voss.

#### Make-up Cards from Roving

**Rotarians:** Penny Fischer (Canmore, Alberta on July 4, Ann Arbor North on September 6, October 11 and October 18) and Frode Maaseidvaag (Stavanger, Norway on November 9).

#### Memorial Service for a Former

**Rotarian:** Keith D. Jensen, a member of

our club from 1977-2001 and a Rotarian for over 50 years, passed away on January 5, 2007. Keith's children will be holding a memorial service in celebration of his life on Saturday, November 24. They have invited his fellow Rotarians to join with them and other friends in the Kuenzel Room of the Union from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. The formal remarks will follow at 4:00pm.

**A Thank-You Note from DG Audrey** [President AI asked that this letter be posted in the Harpoon]:

Dear President AI:

Please pass on my sincere thanks to everyone for the wonderful hospitality that was shown to John and I on the occasion of my official visit to the Ann Arbor Rotary Club on October 24th. There were many highlights for me

that day a few that I would like to mention was the opportunity to meet the Interact board members, Rotaract members and the two Junior Rotarians. Having such a large group of Past Presidents in attendance was wonderful I am sorry that due to the lack of time I did not have the opportunity to meet them.

John was delighted with the special Michigan hat that you gave him and I thank you for the pen and club banner.

Thank you for planning the board meeting and a special thank you to all of your board members for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting. Your preparation for the board meeting with your leadership team was exceptional and that certainly made for a very well organized and efficient meeting. Your Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs outlines the goals for the club very well. You and your committee chairs have planned well for your term as President; with the completion of your goals there is no doubt that the Ann Arbor Rotary Club will have a very successful year.

Attending the board meeting of the biggest club in the district was an experience for me as District Governor. Your committee chairs did an outstanding job with their various reports. I now have a better understanding of the great work that the Ann Arbor Rotarians are doing locally and world wide.

Please continue to follow the criteria outlined in the Presidential Citation. To qualify for a citation, your club should complete the membership goal and one activity from each of the six categories listed in the brochure that I handed out at PETS or you can download the form from the RI website. If you complete the criteria prior to March 31, 2008 you can forward the form to me for my signature and completion.

Congratulations to Ann Arbor Rotary for contributions and support for our Rotary Foundation. Your clubs contributions to the Rotary Foundations is the most generous expression of Rotarian's generosity - a generosity that not only brings benefits but also brings help and cooperation to solve the problems that affect mankind. In my haste to complete my presentation on time, I failed to recognize Phil Alexander for his contributions to the Friendship Exchange program and all of his work towards the recent approval by RI of the Ambassador of Goodwill award. I did apologize to Phil and did remind him that he will be honored at the 2008 District Conference.

The District has many resources to assist you in achieving your goals. If you require further assistance or have any questions, please remember that I am only a phone call or email away. Manish Mehta will make regular visits to your Club and will be a great resource for you during the year; don't hesitate to contact Manish at any time. Thanks for all that you do for Rotary and have a great Rotary year.

Sincerely; Audrey

**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 now has



its own website at <http://www.rotary2008.com>.

• **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.

• **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/>