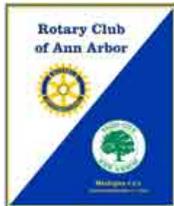


Harpoon for the Meeting of December 12, 2007

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**December is "Family Month" month on the Rotary calendar.**

## The Program for Wednesday, December 12, 2007

### Our 2007 Holiday Concert

Presented by the Pioneer High School Choirs, directed by Kenneth Westerman

We're a club that cherishes and revels in music, which we usually provide for ourselves. But each December we get to enjoy music of a higher order presented with youthful enthusiasm and great skill and feeling by the young men and women of the Pioneer Choirs, under the leadership of Honorary Paul Harris Fellow Ken Westerman. Bring spouses, children, parents, friends and neighbors for a special holiday full course meal and great singing in the beautiful surroundings of the Union Ballroom as we share this annual highlight of the Ann Arbor Rotary calendar.

Note: We will be in the Union Ballroom for this week's meeting. Our meal choices will include a hot entrée and dessert. The price for the full option will be \$11.00.

### Looking Ahead

**December 15** (Saturday) – Last day to sign up for the RI Convention at reduced rates. See the "Links List" below.

**December 16** (Sunday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm) – Cultural Sampler Series: Tour and Holiday Market at the Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Washington. Enjoy wine, munchies and a 10% discount on purchases.

**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

The complete descriptions for December programs are on-line at <http://annarborrotary.org/december.shtml>.

## News from the Meeting of December 5, 2007

Members have until Dec. 31 to pay their community service assessment. It is #3 on your 1-2-3 bill. Make your check for \$170 out to the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment and mail to the club address or give it to Downs Herold or

John White at an upcoming meeting. Additional donations to the Permanent Endowment beyond the required \$170 are welcome, of course.



Paul Nagel



Fiona Chamness



Sevede Felek

We heard from Junior Rotarians Paul Nagel of Gabriel Richard, Fiona Chamness of Greenhills and Sevede Felek of Community High on their plans for the future.

Mark it on your calendar - the closed dress rehearsal for Rotarians of "Wine, Women and Song" will be Thursday, January 17 at 7:30pm in the Kerrytown Concert House. Reserve tickets at \$15 by contacting Shelley MacMillan.

We'll hear from U-M President Mary Sue Coleman at the December 19 luncheon meeting.

### Notes from the Meeting of December 5, 2007



Past President  
Ingrid

Ingrid Sheldon, chair of the nominating committee, announced the following slate of officers for 2008-09. President-elect: Jim Cook; president nominee: Lou Callaway; directors: Mark Foster, Karen Kerry and Len Stenger; Secretary: Downs Herold; Treasurer: John Ackenhusen; Endowment treasurer: Dave Keosaian. With no nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded that the slate of officers be accepted unanimously.

Club directors Barbara Debrodt (club meetings), Lou Callaway (membership), Maurita Holland (publications and communication), Wayne Colquitt (international service), Josie Parker (community service) and Peter Wright (youth and vocational service) were asked to stand for applause.

Our club has more than 32 committees and more than ten humanitarian projects overseas. Locally, our tree planting project is growing, Rotaract programs are flourishing, our tutorial program continues in good health. President Al asked our committee chairs to stand and be recognized. "Not everyone has to do everything, but almost everyone is doing something," he said. John White, as "the glue that holds us together" as club administrator, was given a round of applause.



Club Treasurer  
John



Endowment  
Treasurer Dave



Endowment  
Investor Bernie



Program Cmte.  
Co-chair Mike

John Ackenhusen, treasurer, reported the club was \$3,700 in the black at the end of the year. Endowment treasurer Dave Keosaian reported excess revenues of \$16,000 over the annual budget. Bernie Bedell, for the Rotary Endowment Investment

Committee, reported assets of \$1,473,000, up from \$662,000 only five years ago; the distributed amount to the community was \$47,000 in 2007, up from \$28,000 in 2003. Mike Marich, for the program committee, said his group would continue to present balanced programs. Agnes Reading and Tim Marshall, on behalf of membership development, urged us to "know the candidates thoroughly" before submitting their names for membership.



MDC Co-chair  
Agnes



MDC Co-chair  
Tim



President Al

President Al's concluding remarks were that "our successes this year will launch those of next year. Our 300-plus member club has a payoff in that our club can do more for the community and the world. Working for the common good brings us together as a club; it's a keystone to membership retention. So as we leave here today, let's be mindful that the vital signs of our club are healthy and robust. And, each one of us is making this happen. Big projects...small projects! Heavy

responsibility...modest responsibility! In all that we do - we are playing pivotal roles in our work for the club and Rotary. Think of it like being a grandfather clock. There are small cogs and large cogs...and they all have equal responsibility and importance to fit together and work together so that wonderful grandfather clock can chime beautifully! The bottom line is there are things to be done in our community and throughout the world and WE CAN DO IT!"

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 136 members. We also had three guests and one visiting Rotarian (Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson). A total of 32 members of the Program and International Projects Committee met before lunch.

### Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** December 9 – Ray Fitzgerald; December 13 – Geoff Baker and December 14 – Joel Berger.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Betsy Hammond (St. Joseph Lakeshore on November 29) and Mark Ouimet (Dexter on November 29).



**Annual Report Now On-line:** At the luncheon meeting last week, Past President Ingrid presented the Annual Report for 2006-2007. Paper copies were available on the tables and after the meeting. Additional ones will be available at this week's meeting and, after that, in a pocket at the bottom of the badge board. The report is also available on-line from the home page of the Club website. The direct link is: <http://annarborrotary.org/archives/2006-07%20Annual%20Report%20Final.pdf>



**Huron Interactors Learn about Bio-Sand Filters** [a recent note from ADG Manish to DG Audrey]:

“Dear Governor Audrey: Over 30 members of the Huron High School Interact Club attended an informative multi-media presentation on Monday, December 3 by Rotarians John and Eileen Heasley on the topic of “Bio-Sand Filter Projects in Nepal.” The presentation included functioning filters and many photographs depicting the stark realities and living conditions the average Nepalese citizen has to handle in accessing the world's number one precious natural resource – potable water. After their talk, the Heasleys provided guidance on ‘how to’ initiate a bio-sand filter water project in Gabon, West Africa (the origin country of Huron Interact Club President, Tabula Mbala Nkanga).”

**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. 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/>

**“Rotary Shares”**