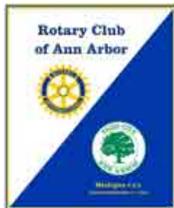


Harpoon for the Meeting of December 19, 2007

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

The Program for Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Speaker: Mary Sue Coleman, President, University of Michigan

Topic: The State of the University, Heading into 2009

President Coleman, Honorary Rotarian and friend to us all, will stroll across the plaza to give us her unique perspective on the challenge of leading a world-class university in a state with world-class problems. Perhaps she'll share her Christmas wish-list with us. Universally acclaimed new football coach, perhaps? More stable state budgetary support? Effective, constitutionally acceptable way to increase diversity in the student body? Whatever, we can be sure she will deliver her message with customary charm, grace and candor. Be early to be sure of a good seat. Come with questions . . . leave with answers.

Host/Introducer: Cynthia Wilbanks

Song Leader: Ingrid Sheldon

Accompanist: Maurita Holland

Looking Ahead

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.

Descriptions for January's luncheon programs will soon be posted at: <http://annarborrotary.org/january.shtml>.

News from the Meeting of December 12, 2007

Assistant District governor Manish Mehta flew in from Singapore to attend our meeting, it was reported by President Al. Now THAT'S a redeye flight!

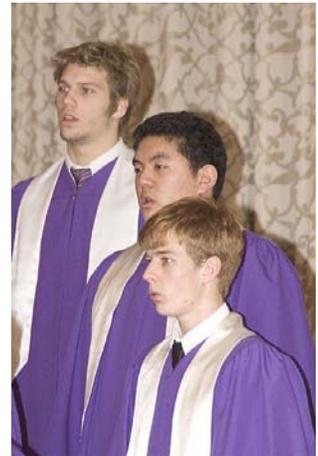
Barbara Debrodt reported Roger Fraser, Jesse Bernstein and James Steward were Rotarians in the news recently.



The Ambassador of Goodwill Award, fathered by our Phil Alexander (in photo at left) to promote world peace and good will, was presented to Phil along with a pin to a standing ovation. Our Club and District 6380 played a major role in establishing this new Rotary International award. Phil made his vision come to life through dedication and hard work in a very short period of time. Our congratulations go to him and to his wife and fellow Rotarian, Elaine.

Notes from the Meeting of December 12, 2007

Ken Westerman and the Pioneer High School choirs entertained us with a fine selection of seasonal music. Here are a few photos:



President Al's "Thought for the Day" comes via Ben Franklin: "A good conscience is a continual Christmas!"

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 131 members. We also had 23 guests and three visiting Rotarians (Jeff Crowder of Chelsea, John Hammond of St. Joseph Lakeshore and ADG Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor North). A total of 17 members of the Community Allocations and International Outreach Committees met before lunch. Norman Herbert reported his participation in a recent meeting of the District 6380 Finance Committee.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: December 18 – Robben Fleming; December 20 – Mary Jo Callan, Lee Danielson and Paul Wright, December 23 – Verna McDaniel; December 25 – Brooks Sitterley; December 26 – Bob Holmes; December 27 – Wendy Correll; December 28 – Ken Fischer; December 29 – Paul McCracken; December 30 – Bob Ause;

December 31 – Chris Conlin; January 2 – Herb Amster and January 4 – Jim Miller.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Cheryl Elliott (Saline on November 29) and Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on December 11).



Jim
Montgomery

Jim Montgomery Passes Away: Jim was a member of our club since 1975. The obituary has not yet appeared in the Ann Arbor News but here is a note from his daughter, Chandra Montgomery Nicol:

“Dear Family & Friends,

My Dad, James Feagin Montgomery, loving father, care-taking husband and grandfather, and storyteller extraordinaire, died Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The wake will be held at Muehlig's Funeral Chapel, 403 S. 4th Street, on Monday, December 17 -- visitation hours from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. with a scripture reading service at 7 p.m. The funeral will be held at St. Mary's Student Parish at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday evening he suffered an aortal aneurysm. He had surgery, but did not recover. My family and I deeply appreciate your thoughts and prayers.”



Members of the Bowling Team at
their Holiday Banquet

Blue and Gold Bowling Report [a first-hand report from Paul Glendon]: The Rotary Blue bowling team made good on President Al's prescient pronouncement that his team would “trounce” the Rotary Gold team in their match last Thursday. Led by Rumbly's Russ Reister, who exceeded his average by a stunning seventy-one pins in the three games and had the highest total score (both “natural” and handicapped) on his squad, Blue took twenty-seven of forty points. That will move them up in the league standings, although the Gold team can take some solace from still being 13.5 points ahead of Blue for the season. Gold rallied to take the third game in the match, led by “Sweet Lou” Callaway (who won three of four individual points) and Paul “Hammer” Glendon, who had the highest total score on both teams but

still got only one point head-to-head with Russ Reister. Results aside, the epic struggle transpired in good Rotary spirit with full observance of the Four Way Test, and the two teams got together for brief mutual celebration after the match and again Friday evening, with spouses, for the annual holiday gathering of the Bowling “Committee.” See Peter Wright's photo above left.

December Rotarian Magazine: In this month's issue, RI President Wilf Wilkerson offers his thoughts on “Family Month” while the cover story includes photos and captions featuring Rotarian families all over the world. Also featured are a dozen reasons why to attend the Annual Convention in Los Angeles next June 15-18.

Reminder of Your Financial Obligations: 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 this week's meeting. Additional donations to the Permanent Endowment beyond the required \$170 are welcome, of course. Thanks to each of the 150 members who have already paid.

“Every Rotarian – Every Year” Campaign Still Underway: A total of 167 generous club members have already contributed to The Rotary Foundation's annual program. While the campaign is ongoing, donations received and processed before the end of the year will qualify for a tax deduction on your 2007 tax return. If you plan to donate to the program and wish to take advantage of this deduction, get out the #2 invoice on your 1-2-3 bill, write out a check to The Rotary Foundation and bring it to this week's meeting or mail it to the Club address right away.

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/>

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