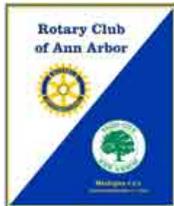


Harpoon for the Meeting of January 9, 2008 (No meetings on December 26 or January 2)

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January is "Rotary Awareness Month" on the Rotary calendar.

The Program for Wednesday, January 9, 2008 (no meetings on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2)

Speaker: John Austin, Andy Buchsbaum & George Kuper

Topic: Environmental & Economic Benefits of Great Lakes Restoration

In our first program of the new year, we will learn about the perils that afflict the Great Lakes, how they best can be remedied and at what cost, and the economic as well as environmental benefits of fixing these problems before it's too late. An independent Brookings Institution study, funded by the Joyce, MacArthur, Consumers Energy & Dow Chemical Foundations, concluded that \$26 billion of public investment in Great Lakes restoration would yield at least \$50 billion in long term economic benefits and \$30 to \$50 billion of additional short-term economic activity in the region. Get the details from one of the study's authors, Brookings Fellow John Austin, and the heads of two of the sponsoring organizations. Host/Introducer: Sam Offen

Looking Ahead

January 16 (Wednesday noon) – Fellow Rotarian Bob Bolak, General Manager of Ann Arbor Radio, will speak on the future of radio in Ann Arbor and the United States

January 17 (Thursday evening) – Our Cultural Sampler Series continues with "Wine, Women and Song" at the Kerrytown Concert House.

January 23 (Wednesday noon) – William Baker of the Dodsworth Saxhorn Band will tell us about the 19th Century Brass Band in the 21st Century

January 30 (Wednesday noon) - Stephen Reading, Entrepreneur, Pilot (and husband of Agnes!) will present, "Angel Flights . . . Service Above Self Taken to a New Level"

February 2 (Saturday afternoon) – Rotaract Bowling Fundraiser

Full descriptions of January's luncheon programs are on-line at: <http://annarborrotary.org/january.shtml>.

News from the Meeting of December 19, 2007

In honor of our speaker, Russ Collins delivered a special U-M-flavored invocation that recalled bygone Michigan days.

We stood in a moment of silence for former longtime Rotarian Jim Montgomery who died recently. Note: His obituary is reprinted later in this newsletter.



The Rotary Women's Chorus did a more or less command performance of "Women of Michigan." In the photo from left to right are Joan Knoertzer, Ingrid Sheldon, Terry Foster, Maurita Holland (on piano) and Shelley MacMillan.

Karen Kerry, giving a Rotary Minute, recounted some of our chapter's humble beginnings, such as a \$625 annual budget back in 1916 when our club was founded by Dr. Theron Langford with 15 charter members. Ours was the 252nd Rotary Club to be formed.



Assistant District Governor Manish Mehta (in photo at left) briefed us on recent district activities. He said health, hunger, literacy and safe water were goals of Rotary International. He also invited us to attend what promises to be an informative luncheon event on January 8 where the current and emerging health needs of Washtenaw County will be discussed. Note: see an article later in this newsletter for details.

Notes from the Meeting of December 19, 2007

Fellow Rotarian Cynthia Wilbanks introduced U-M President (and Honorary Rotarian) Mary Sue Coleman, speaking on "The State of the University heading into 2008." President Coleman stressed the role of the U-M in economic development. "We must be leaders in the economy," she said; "we must be engaged" and so we are, working with Wayne State University and Michigan State University in a research corridor threesome that outstrips North Carolina's much acclaimed Research Triangle.



President Coleman (in photo at left) noted all the new construction on campus. She said it meant more University hires, and more home purchases, all helping to fuel the local economy. A \$3 billion investment over 10 years in medicine and medical research will add significantly to the Washtenaw County economy. On the arts, she cited the Museum of Art expansion which will generate 200,000 visitors a year. North Campus, she said, should be a "destination location." She promised "you'll fall in love" with new football coach Rich Rodriguez who will continue the great Michigan football tradition.

In the question and answer period that followed her talk, President Coleman said she welcomed applications by local high tech businesses to tap into U-M endowment, "but they must follow certain criteria." As for lurking worries, she said keeping tuition reasonable was a challenge, while expressing concern about the gap between public and private universities.

President Al's Thought for the Day: "Our speaker today epitomizes what leadership is all about; values the tradition of the University; lives in the present but has a keen eye on the future; and makes things happen at the University and beyond. And you make the 'Michigan Difference.'"

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 148 members. We also had twelve guests and five visiting Rotarians (Laurie Baumer of Lansing, John Hammond of St. Joseph Lakeshore, ADG Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor North, Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson and Carolyn White of Ann Arbor North). A total of 33 members participated in meetings related to Community Services, Bowling and the Board of Directors.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: 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: Marsha Chamberlin (Brighton on November 14)

January is Rotary Awareness Month: Some of the suggestions to help celebrate the theme are: create awareness about Rotary in your community, invite non-Rotarian community leaders to a weekly meeting, participate in a talk radio program about Rotary, make a donation to a local cause and invite the media to participate in the presentation. Use the District's Public Relations committee to assist with press releases for your local newspapers.

District 6380 Newsletter for December now On-line: The latest newsletter has been posted on the District 6380 website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>. In addition to DG Audrey's monthly message, there are a number of articles of interest to Ann Arbor Rotarians, including one on Club Vision Facilitation by PDG Gerry Jackson and another on the presentation on Biosand Filters in Nepal to 30 Huron High Interactors by Rotarians John and Eileen Heasley. The article on Club Vision Facilitation is particularly timely since our own club is working on the next five-year edition of our strategic plan. Also, there have been a number of other updates to the district website so be sure to check it out regularly.

Summary of the December Board Meeting [submitted by Secretary Downs Herold]: The Club's Board of Directors held their monthly meeting at the Washtenaw United Way Building at 7:30am, December 19. The newly-elected board members, Mark Foster, Karen Kerry, and Len Stenger, were welcomed as they begin preparation for before their installation in July. The six new members inducted last month brought our membership to 309 at the end of November. John Psarouthakis's letter of resignation, and requests for reinstatement to active membership from Jody Tull and Jon Kinsey were accepted. Action was taken to contact the few members delinquent in their dues payments to verify their desire to remain as members. Over half of our members have submitted their payment for their Community Service Assessments and over 164 have made contributions to the Every Rotarian Every Year campaign for the Rotary International Foundation. The Operating Fund was reported to be close to budget with income down slightly due to the few delinquent dues payments. Fluctuations in the stock market resulted in a decrease in the overall value of the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment, which showed a value at the end of November of \$1,411,765. Rotaract and Interact clubs are active on campus and Pioneer and Huron High Schools. The annual Rotary/Rotaract Bowling fundraiser has been scheduled for February 2. Current information on the Success by Six program is being sought prior to the distribution of proceeds from September's Golf and Tennis Outing. Work is progressing on the design for a revised club website which will tie more closely with the Harpoon to increase the flow of information between committees, members and officers. A small committee, chaired by Barbara Debrott has been established to review our meeting attendance to then hopefully better anticipate weeks when attendance at a meeting may exceed posted room capacity and then change or adjust venue or room set-ups. Unclaimed scholarship funds will be added to the amount budgeted for '08 for graduating High School students and the STRIVE Committee will consider uses for some unclaimed funds in the STRIVE budget. The meeting adjourned at 8:43am. The next one is scheduled for January 16, 2008.

Jim Montgomery's Obituary: Here is his obituary as published in the Ann Arbor News on December 17, 2007.

Montgomery, James Feagin (Jim)

Born May 29, 1934 in Hattiesburg, MS. He is survived by his wife of forty-four years, four months, one day, two hours, 25 minutes - Pat -- by his daughter Chandra Montgomery Nicol and her family, Ewen Nicol (son-in-law), Felix Nicol (12 year old grandson), Simon Nicol (eight year old grandson), by his son, Chai and his family, Amy Hendriksma (daughter - in -law), and Madeline (two and a half year old grand-daughter), all of Ann Arbor. Also by his 90 year old cousin, Libby Montgomery of Memphis, TN. Jim was a veteran of the Korean War. He joined the Association for International Development (AID), a Catholic Laymen's group which sent him to Chile as a lay missionary. He moved to Ann Arbor in 1962 and served as Foreign Student Advisor at the Newman Center of St. Mary's Student Chapel (1962-64) and in the same capacity at the U of M International Center (1964 to 2004). He and Pat founded Clonlara School in 1967. He was a zealous Libertarian; he ran for public office in Ann Arbor and statewide several times. He was a member of Rotary international. He served as treasurer of the Adult Recovery

Program and was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He was a member of the Associates of the Sisters of Divine Providence, Detroit Group. If ever there was a man who was gracious, generous, and good, that was our Jim. His ready smile and upbeat attitude were his hallmarks. He lived a full life, surrounded by his family -- especially during his final hours. He died in Intensive Care at U of M Hospital following surgery for a ruptured aorta. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Clonlara School, the charity closest to his heart. A scholarship has been established in his name. (Clonlara, 1289 Jewett St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104) Visitation at Muehlig Funeral Chapel, 403 Fourth Ave, Ann Arbor on Monday, December 17, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Student Chapel on Williams and Thompson St. on Tuesday, December 18, at 10:30 a.m. Burial to follow at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery.

Mayor John Hieftje Rejoins Rotary: John resigned as an Active-Ordinary member earlier this year due to business pressures. Subsequently, a decision by the board identified the serving Mayor of Ann Arbor to receive an invitation to become an Honorary member of the Club. Secretary Downs made the offer and John accepted. We should expect to see John on occasion as his schedule permits. In the same decision regarding the Mayor, the board confirmed our practice of inviting the current U-M president.

Tax Letters coming out in late January: Club members will be receiving a letter in late January that can be used to document charitable giving to the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment during the 2007 calendar year. The primary donations to be documented will be your Community Services Assessment and any contributions to the Endowment's Permanent Fund. Thank-you letters recognizing donations made as a result of participation in the Golf Outing or the accompanying auction were distributed earlier. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation as part of the Every Rotarian – Every Year campaign are acknowledged by that organization shortly after each gift is received.

“Improving the Population’s Health: New Thinking, New Approaches” [the lecture mentioned by ADG Manish]: George A. Kaplan, Ph.D., Thomas Francis Collegiate Professor of Public Health in the U-M School of Public Health will expand on these thoughts: “We know much about how to improve health, yet gaps remain between what we know is possible and the actual health of our population. Recognition is growing that closing these gaps will require non-traditional approaches to health improvement such as targeting:

- Poverty, low socioeconomic position, and their consequences; and
 - The accumulation of disadvantage across the lifespan. Integrating efforts to impact these ‘upstream’ approaches into community-based health improvement is a challenge, but one that may well reap major benefits.”
- Come learn and discuss what the implications are for our county and future Health Improvement Plan activities. The event will be held on Tuesday, January 8th from 12:00-1:30 pm in the [Washtenaw County Library](#) Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. Lunch will be provided if you make your reservations with Keven Mosley-Koehler at koehlerk@ewashtenaw.org by December 28.

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 our 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/>