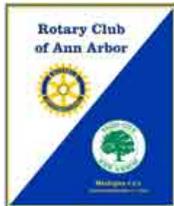


Harpoon for the Meeting of February 13, 2008

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February is "World Understanding Month" on the Rotary calendar.

The Program for Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Speaker: John King, U-M Vice Provost for Academic Information

Topic: Education in the Digital Age

Everyone seems to think that new information technologies such as computers, the internet, and the World Wide Web will transform education. Very few people have a clear idea as to how such transformation might occur - or the extent to which it already is occurring. Vice Provost King, who deals with these issues every day at U-M, will discuss the causal mechanisms driving such transformation and the implications of these changes for the University and for higher education generally.

Host/introducer: Maurita Holland

Song Leader: Don Devine

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Looking Ahead

February 14 (Thursday evening) – The Social Committee has arranged for Rotarians and their sweethearts to enjoy a champagne reception as a part of the Michigan Theater's Valentine's Day Celebration. The reception starts at 6:45pm. The movie, "Bringing up Baby" with Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn, begins at 8:00pm. The tickets are free but you had to reserve them by February 8 by contacting Laura Barnes at 668-8397 x31 or lbarnes@michigantheater.org. If you call Monday, she may still be able to help you.

February 20 (Wednesday noon) – Our speaker will be Rick Stites, President, West Washtenaw Business Association. His topic is, "Business on the Boulevards, Working for a Better Community."

February 27 (Wednesday noon) – Fellow Rotarians Scott Westerman and Doug Brouwer will present, "Mission to Haiti."

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

News from the Meeting of February 6, 2008

We had a moment of silence for the families of Marge Brinkerhoff (mother of Rotarian Jill Arnold and wife of deceased Rotarian Jim Brinkerhoff) and Frank Kennedy. His obituary was sent out in a special Harpoon supplement last week. Here is a link to the on-line version: <http://www.legacy.com/annarbor/DeathNotices.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonID=102856616>. Frank was a Professor of Law at U-M and a Rotarian from 1962 to 2003. He was president of the Club in 1979-1980. He was also a Paul Harris Fellow and a member of our Sustainer's Society.



Jr. Rotarians: Ahmad Soliman, Sarah Gadway & Emily

contest. They include Richard Carlisle, Marsha Chamberlin, Bob Chapman, Norman Herbert, Ann Schriber and Ingrid Sheldon. Barbara Debrodt presented the names.

Joanne Pierson gave the date of Sunday, March 30 at 7:00pm at the Trotter Multicultural House for a dinner to support Rotaractors in the Philippines. Details and registration information will be in a future Harpoon.

Notes from the Meeting of February 6, 2008



Judy Vindici

Todd Roberts introduced Judy Vindici, Development Director of Starr Commonwealth in Albion, on the subject "Changing the Lives of Troubled Youth." Founded in 1913, Starr gets kids "with an attitude," said Judy. "80 percent of our kids have trouble in school," most come from broken homes. At Starr, "we treat kids with respect and surround them with positive role models." The stress is on quality time for the kids and creating a positive environment. One key to success is making sure the boys have the right friends. At Starr, said Judy, there's lots of empathy and the feeling among kids there that "they're never alone." A high staff-to-kid ratio helps a lot.

President Al's Thought for the Day comes from Lake Wobegon and its resident burgomeister, Garrison Keillor: "Nothing we ever do for children is ever wasted."

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 115 members. The attendance was a somewhat lower than our 130 average, perhaps due to the wintry weather. We also had seven guests (including three Jr. Rotarians) but no visiting Rotarians. In conjunction with the luncheon, a total of 15 members participated in meetings of the Community Allocations, International Projects and Social Committees.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: February 10 – Collyer Smith; February 11 – Bob Pehlke; February 12 – Melanie Hoff; **February 13 – Walt Helmreich;** February 14 - Damian Farrell and Bob Meador; February 15 – John Rasmussen and February 16 – Mary Barnett and Jack Weg.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Fred Beutler (Santarem – University, Brazil on January 22, Santarem, Brazil on January 24); Sue Beutler (Santarem – University, Brazil on January 22, Santarem, Brazil on January 24);

Brad Bowersox (Saline on January 17); Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on January 14, January 28 and February 5); Bob Buchanan (Princess Cruises on January 16 and January 23); Steve Oldstrom (Greenville North, SC on February 8); John Rasmussen ((Santarem – University, Brazil on January 22, Santarem – Aldeia, Brazil and Santarem, Brazil on January 24). Barbara noted on her card that the speaker at one of her make-ups was Sandra Day O'Connor! Also reported this week were the results of the Rotary tutoring program at Angell and Burns Park schools during December and January. Seventeen Rotarians, three spouses and one other volunteer conducted a total of 105 sessions.

Think Spring! Think Golf! Come to a Meeting!: Laura Lonergan, Golf Committee chair, is inviting anyone interesting in learning about the Golf Outing to attend Wednesday's 11:00 kick-off meeting.

Annual Survey Coming Soon: As an individual member or as part of a committee, project or some other activity within the Club, you may have some burning questions that you feel need to be asked of the whole membership. You will have your chance shortly. Sam Offen and the Survey Committee will soon be seeking inputs. Stay tuned.

Social Committee Updates: Mark your calendars now for the remaining social events of the season: Sunday, March 9 for a matinee at the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre; Sunday April 9 for an afternoon outing to see the U-M's Annual Senior Showcase; Friday, May 16 in the evening for a strolling supper at the Hands-on Museum (bring kids and grandkids) and sometime this summer for a trip to a Tiger baseball game. Details will be coming at a later date.

Attendance Factoids: For the current Rotary year through February 6, a total of 40 (13%) of our members have a perfect attendance record. Since none of these members attended every luncheon meeting, each achieved perfect attendance through credits earned by make-ups at other clubs, committee meetings, tutoring, tree planting and/or participation in various Club projects and activities. Other statistics of interest are that 30% of our members have attendance at 75% or better while 55% have attendance higher than the 50% level expected by both RI and the Club. Laura Lonergan is the member with the best actual attendance at our luncheon meetings. She has missed only one during the year which started last July.

Rotary International to Host World Peace Summit in Windsor [an excerpt from an RI announcement]: Rotary



International President Wilf Wilkinson has announced that from April 25th – 27th, Rotarians from around the world will gather on the border between the United States and Canada at a Rotary World Peace Summit with the mandate of increasing awareness about Rotary International's role in fostering world peace and creating action steps to further its

continued development. One of Rotary's greatest goals is our platform of world peace through understanding. The event will gather thousands of Rotarians and community members to discuss how Rotary's contributions are manifested each day through Rotary's International Network, our International Project Emphasis (clean water, health and hunger, and literacy opportunities for every human being) and our Peace and Conflict Resolution program. The 1.2-million men and women who are members of Rotary believe that providing these basic human needs is the essential platform for creating stability, a necessity in fostering the "Absence of War." The Summit is designed to attract attention from regional and international media, and to assist Rotary in enhancing its reputation as a world leader in the furtherance of world peace and conflict resolution. A website has been established at <http://www.rotarypeacesummit.org/> to provide information and handle registrations. A delegate pass is \$175 and is available to Rotarians and non-Rotarians. It allows entry into all sessions and events from Friday, April 24th through Sunday, April 27th.

February Rotarian Magazine Should be in Your Mailbox: This month's issue celebrates World Understanding Month, starting with the President's Message and continuing through several feature articles. Another feature article reports on the entertainment and other things to do and see during the RI convention coming up in Los Angeles this June. Note: If you are planning to attend this annual event, this is a reminder to register soon since fees will go up March 31.

Donate your Rotarian Magazines: Speaking of the Rotarian magazine, we can use a bunch of recent issues to distribute to the new members that will be joining the Club on March 12. Their subscriptions will not start until the May issue so your old ones will be appreciated. If you have one or more to share, please drop them off with John

White. You can also give them to the attendance takers or leave them on the “Secretary’s windowsill.” Thanks.

Even More about the Rotarian Magazine: Mindy Charski, a contributor to Rotarian magazine contacted us. She is working on a story for the August issue. It will focus on why it’s good for small-business owners to take time off and why it’s a good idea to let employees take time off, too. She is hoping to interview Rotarians who own small businesses and fit either of these qualifications: 1) they have taken trips over the past few years that they feel have directly or indirectly helped their business in some way, or 2) they have very kind vacation policies, perhaps giving employees numerous weeks off. If you fit the profile and have a good story to share, contact her directly at (972) 385-0011 or mindycharski@mindspring.com.

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, Member Access and the RI Annual Convention.



• **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/>

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