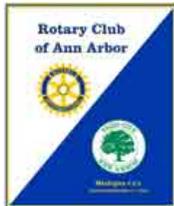


Harpoon for the Meeting of March 5, 2008

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March is "Literacy Month" on the Rotary calendar.

The Program for Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Speaker: James C. Stanley, MD, Director of U-M Cardiovascular Center

Topic: The Michigan Experience in Vascular Medicine and Surgery

Learn about strokes and aneurysms and their prevention and treatment. Stroke is the third leading cause of death in America and most common cause of severe disability; aortic aneurysms involve degenerative ballooning of the major artery and cause rupture and bleeding in 20% of people who have them, with death resulting in 80% of such cases. Dr. Stanley, Surgery Professor and Director of the U-M Cardiovascular Center, will discuss its activities in research and recognition, prevention and treatment of these serious health conditions.

Host/introducer: Fritz Seyferth

Song Leader: Shelley MacMillan

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Looking Ahead

March 4 and 5 (Tuesday and Wednesday) – The Strategic Planning Committee will be holding focus group meetings to help develop the plan that will address the next five years. Four categories of members are being targeted; our newest members, our youngest members, our recently resigned members and our past club presidents. If you received an invitation but have not yet responded, please contact Jim Cook right away at 995-1516 or presidentelect@annarborrotary.org. Thanks.

March 9 (Sunday at 2:00pm) – "Moon over Buffalo" at the Arthur Miller Theater. Tickets are available from the Ann Arbor Civic Theater at \$12 each thanks to our Social Committee. Contact A2CT at <http://www.a2ct.org/> or 971-2228 and mention "Rotary" to make your reservation. Arrive by 1:00 and get a tour of the facility. Note: Daylight Savings Time starts early this morning so sure to "spring ahead."

March 12 (Wednesday 10:30am-noon) – Orientation of our new members in the Pendleton Room. Current members are also welcome to attend, especially those who were unable to attend their own formal orientation session.

March 12 (Wednesday at noon) – Membership Development Co-chairs Tim Marshall and Agnes Reading will preside over our program to induct sixteen new members.

March 19 (Wednesday at noon) – Fellow Rotarian Robert Mull will speak on the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

March 26 (Wednesday at noon) - Ron Shapiro, attorney & author, will discuss, “The Art of Negotiation.”

Full descriptions of the luncheon programs for March are on-line at: <http://annarborrotary.org/march.shtml>.

March 28 (Friday) - Community Services Grant Applications are due. The package is on-line from the home page of the Club website at <http://www.annarborrotary.org/>. The theme is “Helping Kids Succeed.”

News from the Meeting of February 27, 2008

Invoker Roger Fraser shared this meditation with us: “Do something for somebody, gladly/Twill sweeten your every care/In sharing the sorrow of others/Your own will be less to bear/Do something for some body, always/Whatever may be your creed/there’s nothing on earth can help you/as much as a kindly deed.”

The Social Committee asks us to set aside March 9 at 2 p.m. for a Civic Theatre production of “Moon Over Buffalo” at the Arthur Miller Theatre. Note: see the “Looking Ahead” section above for details.

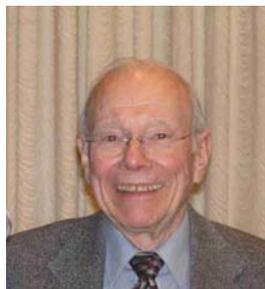
A big thank you, as always, to the Program Committee for a stellar lineup in March.

The Community Spotlight moment was provided by Bill Dunifon, speaking for the Communication Allocations Committee. He reported the committee gave \$50,000 to 19 recipients in 2007, in our efforts to help kids grow and to elevate their self-esteem. March 28 is the deadline for applications, he said.

Notes from the Meeting of February 27, 2008



Doug Brouwer



Scott Westerman

Paul Glendon introduced our own Doug Brouwer and Scott Westerman, who reported on their church’s (First Presbyterian) mission to Haiti late last year. Their traveling team of seven members brought in 700 pounds of supplies, mostly pharmaceuticals, and provided service at a hospital and two mobile clinics. In Haiti, the statistics for infant mortality, life expectancy and literacy are grim compared to the rest of the Western world; only one percent of Haitians owns half of the country’s wealth. The team visited Haiti’s only degree-granting nursing school in Leogane and a school (Pazapa) in Jacmel which provides support to disabled kids and their families. Both men said they returned deeply affected by what they saw in Haiti and by what they perceive the country’s needs to be, now and in the immediate future.

President Al’s Thought for the Day comes from Mr. Rotary himself, Paul Harris: “Privilege and responsibility are two sides of the same coin.”

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

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at today’s luncheon meeting was only 90 members (our average is 130), surely due to the winter vacations at both U-M and the Ann Arbor Public Schools. We did have eight guests and one visiting Rotarian (Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson). No committee meetings were held in conjunction with the luncheon.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: March 2 – Dale Berry and David McNamara; March 4 - Judy McGovern; **March 5 – Maurita Holland**

and Sang Nam; March 7 – David Milling and March 8 – Ray Rabidoux.

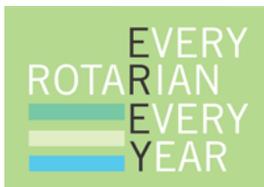
Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: No make-up cards were received this week. Judging from the low attendance at this week's luncheon, it appears many of our members are out visiting other clubs.

Briarwood Club Moves to Weber's: The Ann Arbor Briarwood Club has moved. They will now be meeting at Weber's Inn. They will retain their day and time (Fridays at 7:15am) and continue to welcome visiting Rotarians. As you might expect with the change in meeting location, a name change for the club is in the works.



Our Thoughts are with Carl Gingles: Carl Gingles is home and comfortable under hospice care. He and Sue would welcome visits by Rotarians and other friends but please call first. Carl is a past President of the Club (1980-1981) and, as historian, had a lot of fun preparing historical songs for the enjoyment of the Club.

District 6380 Newsletter for February Now Available: The latest edition is available from home page of the district website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/> or directly at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/NewsBulletin/1516/NewsletterFebruaryD6380.pdf>. A paper copy will be posted on the bulletin board at the next luncheon meeting. The twelve-page newsletter leads off with DG Audrey's monthly message and follows with information on the District Conference, March Literacy month, the upcoming Council on Legislation, the agenda for the RYLA conference, lots of other articles and a calendar of key dates. Also mentioned in this issue were Ingrid Sheldon as a new Assistant District Governor and the passing of Frank Kennedy, a past president of our club.



Every Rotarian – Every Year Update: Although donations are welcome throughout the year, the campaign kicked off last November has begun to taper off. To date for the 2007-2008 Rotary year, a total of 188 club members have contributed a total of about \$35,000 (exceeding our \$30,000 quota). These donations have generated 26 Paul Harris Fellowships, twelve of which are first-timers. The formal presentations of the awards will be made sometime this spring. Over the years, our club has contributed a total \$476,000 and generated 202 PHFs. There are 121 Paul Harris Fellows among the current membership of our club. If you have a pin already, please dig it up soon so that you can wear it on the day the newest pins are issued. Also, if you have any thoughts toward gifting someone else with a Paul Harris Fellowship, please contact John White for details. More information on the EREY program in general is available from its newsletter at <http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Funds/EREYnewsletter/Pages/ridefault.aspx>.



March is Literacy Month on the Rotary Calendar: RI has suggested several ways to celebrate. One is to complete a literacy project with your local library or elementary school (our Rotary Tutors are have this item well-covered). Another is to organize a collection of dictionaries for a world community service project while a third is to invite your librarian to speak at a weekly meeting about literacy programs in you local community.



Monthly Attendance Report to the District: After the reinstatements of Pam Horiszny and Loren Rullman were offset by the resignations of Chuck Allmand, Judd Hoffman, Doug Paterson and Lou Young, we finished the month of February with a total of 306 members (not including our four honoraries). The reported attendance for the month was 45%. With our incoming class of sixteen members on March, we will move up a few notches in the rankings of club size worldwide and will likely be very close to the level of Grand Rapids which has long been the largest club in Michigan.



Believe it or Not - Rotary is on YouTube [a note from Merle Loch, our district's Rotary Information Officer]: Click on this link - --Bet you did not even know Rotary was on YOU TUBE! <http://www.youtube.com/rotaryinternational>. Yes, you belong to a cool, happening organization that is all over the new tech tools. For those of you who don't know about YouTube, or have heard of it but never visited, this is your lucky day! YouTube is a video sharing site on the internet. You, too, can not only watch videos there, but also upload your own and even maintain your own site for all of your videos, inviting others to blog about

them. The video you should play when you get to this site is called "A New Symbol for Peace: Rotary International." This is one of the most creative and compelling videos I've ever seen! It is awesome and is sure to attract the attention of younger potential members. It will make you proud to be part of Rotary. Enjoy!



Does Size Matter?: While Rotary International can always claim to be the world's first organization of service clubs (founded in 1905), it is likely not the largest even though there are over 1.2 million members in over 32,000 clubs in 168 countries. An article in Sunday's Ann Arbor News about a newly-formed Lions Club chapter in Manchester notes that Lions Club International claims to be the largest service club organization with 1.3 million members in 45,000 clubs in 200 countries.

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, the RI Annual Convention and the upcoming International Peace Forum in Windsor (on-line at <http://www.rotarypeacesummit.org/>).
- **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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