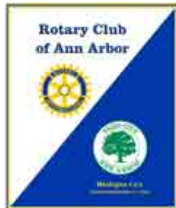


Harpoon for the Meeting of March 12, 2008

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**March is "Literacy Month" on the Rotary calendar.**

## The Program for Wednesday, March 12, 2008

**Speakers:** Agnes Reading, Tim Marshall and the Sponsors of Sixteen New Rotarians

**Topic:** Welcome to and Induction of a Big Class of New Ann Arbor Rotarians

Three days before the Ides of March, it will be time to welcome a big class of brand new Ann Arbor Rotarians. Membership Development Committee Co-chairs Agnes and Tim will help us get to know sixteen new members of our Club by introducing the Rotarians who nominated them for membership, and the proud sponsors will present their nominees and tell us everything about them that can be shared in two minutes. Let's have full attendance to give the warmest possible welcome to our newest brothers and sisters in Rotary fellowship and service above self.

**Song Leader:** Dave Keosaian      **Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

Note: On this day, from 10:30am-noon, will be the 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.

## Looking Ahead

**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."

**March 30** (Sunday at 7:00pm) – The U-M Rotaract Club's Filipino Benefit Night. Rotarians and guests are welcome. For details, see a complete article later in this newsletter.

## News from the Meeting of March 5, 2008

Invoker Budge Gere connected to our speaker by quoting that famous physician, Dr. Hawkeye Pierce, in the

person of actor Alan Alda, who once famously and succinctly addressed a graduating class of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons by saying “Remember, the head bone is connected to the heart bone.”

Rotarians in the news included Mark Ouimet, Bob Mull, Dave Felbeck and Lois Jelneck.

Tony Nam, whose father Sang Nam celebrated his 75th birthday, introduced Junior Rotarians Carolyn Blessing, Mathew Johnson and YouSun Nam from Pioneer High.

The new membership survey is out. A prompt response facilitates strategic planning for our club. President Al said we’re outpacing Rotary International in this critical area.

Carl Gingles is ill and at home. He and Sue would welcome visitors, but be sure to call first.

The next club meeting is very important, as we’re taking in 16 new members.

## Notes from the Meeting of March 5, 2008



James Stanley

Fritz Seyferth introduced Dr. James C. Stanley, director of the U-M Cardiovascular Center on the topic “The Michigan Experience in Vascular Medicine and Surgery.” The CVC is a team of cardiologists, neurologist, vascular surgeons, etc. whose mission is excellence in education, compassionate care and innovative science. More than 200 physicians and 900 staff make up the CVC. Dr. Stanley illustrated blockage of the vital carotid artery and ruptured aortas; blockage in the former causes strokes. Carotid artery disease is a “major cause of severe disabilities,” said Dr. Stanley, and the third most common cause of death in the U.S. His advice: Get a carotid scan. To help prevent aortic aneurysms, Dr. Stanley called for early diagnosis and imaging via ultrasound.

President Al’s Thought for the Day: “So many people spend their health gaining wealth...and then have to spend their wealth to regain their health.” This is from Dr. Paul Dudley White.

The News and Notes were compiled by Don Faber, Harpoon editor. Fred Beutler provided the photograph.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today’s luncheon meeting was 116 members. We had one visiting Rotarian (John Hammond of Lakeshore St. Joseph) and fifteen guests (including our three Jr. Rotarians). Four committees, Strive, Membership Development, Rotate Your Food and International Humanitarian Projects, met before lunch. A total of 26 members participated. As part of the development of our new strategic plan, four focus group meetings were held on March 4 and March 5. The groups in focus were our youngest members, our newest members, our past presidents and our recent resignees. A total of 38 members took part.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** March 9 – John Hieftje and Evans Young; March 10 – Victor Stoeffler; **March 12 – Howard Deardorff;** March 13 – Carolyn Shear; March 15 – Mel Drumm, Henry Johnson and Karen Kerry.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Neil Bidwell (Key West Sunrise FL on February 29); Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on February 25); Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore St. Joseph on February 21, Anna Maria Island FL on February 26 and Ruskin South Shore FL on February 27) and Steve Oldstrom (Mt. Pleasant SC on March 5).

**An Update on our Club’s Favorite Buckeye** [a note from Greg Cook]: “Ann Arbor Rotarians: I really enjoy the newsletter I continue to receive, which keeps me on top of the Club, the great members and what is going on. I am the Director of Transportation in Las Vegas. I have 1500 employees, run service 24/7 and deliver over 200,000 passenger trips per day! I still have my home in Ann Arbor. At some point I will return when I take on trouble shooting for my firm nationwide. I look forward to seeing you all soon. All the very best, Greg.” Greg can be

reached at 702-413-4235 or [gregory.cook@veoliatransportation.com](mailto:gregory.cook@veoliatransportation.com).



**U-M Rotaractors Host Filipino Benefit Night!** [a note from Noam Kimelman]: On Sunday, March 30 at 7pm, we will be collaborating with the Tanza Rotaract Club of the Philippines and the Filipino American Student Association (FASA) in putting on a Filipino Benefit Night. The event will be held in the Trotter Multicultural House at 1443 Washtenaw Ave in Ann Arbor. Dinner will be followed by a Filipino cultural show put on by FASA, as well as a keynote lecture from Dr. Joi Barrios-Leblanc on poverty and labor conditions in the Philippines. The event will conclude with our first ever tastiest-dessert competition, so bring your forks and your appetites and get ready for a delicious event! There will be a silent auction throughout the night as well. If you are interested in entering a dessert into the competition, donating an item to the silent auction, or simply RSVPing, please click on the link below. All proceeds from the night will support tutoring and clean-water projects in the Philippines. Entry is \$5 for dues-paying Rotaract and FASA members, \$10 for all other students and \$15 for everyone else. If you have any questions, please email Noam at [noamkim@umich.edu](mailto:noamkim@umich.edu).

**Rotarian Magazine for March:** By now, every member should have received his or her “Rotarian” magazine for March. The cover is tantalizing in that it pictures Dolly Parton offering a confession. Unfortunately, her confession is that she is really a children’s librarian. While the “Rotarian” may not be able to keep with the supermarket tabloids for revelations, the feature story about Dolly does a good job of kicking off Literacy Month. Another feature story also centers on literacy. Other articles include a conversation with RI President-elect D. K. Lee, a story about an oral history project involving polio survivors and an outline of The Rotary Foundation’s Future Vision Plan. Finally, the RI Board of Directors has announced that the eradication of polio is still the number 1 priority.



**Rotaract Reaches Middle-age:** The first Rotaract club was formed in North Carolina on March 13, 1968 as a logical next step for young people no longer of Interact age (14-18). The name Rotaract (Rotary in Action) was selected to show the program's close affiliation with both Rotary and Interact clubs. Originally, Rotaract clubs were open to young men and women ages 17-24. Since 1971, the age range has been 18-30. Nowadays, there are more than 163,000 Rotaractors in over 7,000 clubs worldwide. You can learn more about the celebration of Rotaract Week on-line at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/080304Rotaract40.aspx>.

**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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