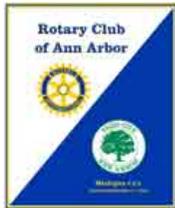


Harpoon for the Meeting of April 30, 2008

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April is "Magazine Month" on the Rotary calendar.

The Program for Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Speakers: Jim Cook, Co-Chair Strategic Planning Committee; Bev Seiford, Professional Planning Consultant and members of The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor.

Topic: Status of the New Strategic Plan, Highlights from the First Draft and an Opportunity to Contribute

Our Club is in the process of preparing a new five year strategic plan. President Elect, Jim Cook, is co-chairing the Strategic Planning Committee and PE Jim will review what has been accomplished to date and what remains to be done. You will learn what the committee heard from the recent member survey and focus groups, and the upper level conclusions contained in the just released first draft of the new plan will be presented. More importantly, you will become a participant in the continuing work with the help of our new member, Bev Seiford, who just happens to be a professional planning consultant. She will lead a facilitated discussion of selected strategic issues that are currently before the Club. Please lend the committee a hand.

Song Leader: Don Faber **Accompanist:** Tom Strode

Looking Ahead

Program details for the May luncheon meetings will soon be on-line at: <http://annarborrotary.org/may.shtml>.

May 2-4 (Friday morning through Sunday noon) – District 6380 Conference at Wheels Inn in Chatham, Ontario. Details and registration information are on the District website at <http://www.rotary6380.org/>.

May 7 (Wednesday at noon) – Fellow Rotarian Stephen Postema, Ann Arbor City Attorney, will speak on, "Law in an Ordered Society." This is also the meeting at which our 2007-2008 class of Paul Harris Fellows will be honored. If you are one of these 26 generous donors, please plan to attend.

May 14 (Wednesday at noon) – Our speaker: Pat Warner, Chief Administrative Office, Mott Hospitals, will speak on the topic, "The New U-M Mott Hospitals, An Investment in the Future."

May 16 (Friday evening) – Our club’s annual Spring Fling at the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum, 220 East Ann Street. The time will be 6:00 to 8:30pm. Rotarians, significant others, children, grandchildren and other guests are welcome to enjoy strolling supper with beverages. The prices are: \$15 for children 6-12 and \$35 for teenagers and adults. Kids five and under are free. Make your reservations with Susan Smith Gray. See her at a meeting or contact her by email to smithsms@umich.edu or by phone to (734) 834-0374.

May 20 (Tuesday evening) – Annual Board of Directors retreat. This special evening meeting brings together the boards for the 2007-2008 Rotary year and the 2008-2009 Rotary year. A major item on the agenda is to establish a next year’s budgets for both the Club and the Endowment. Committee chairs should now be preparing and documenting their own funding requests for incorporation into these discussions.

Reminder: The “Rotate Your Food” campaign will run from June 2 – 14. Sign-up sheets will be available at upcoming meetings or contact Steve Kesler at skesler@umich.edu for more information.

News from the Meeting of April 23, 2008

We had a “Go Green” theme today (speaker, Arbor Day celebrations, tree planting).

Sang Nam was warmly acknowledged by President AI for his bequest to a Korean Studies facility on campus.



In the photo at left, Kay Sicheneder of the city’s Forestry Department displays an example of the signs posted at 15 city parks. At left, Roger Fraser and Ian Glassford present our award certificates to Kay and her colleagues.

The spotlight was on our golf and tennis fundraising committee; Nick Rutan spoke of the club’s major fundraising event on Monday, September 8 and said “it takes a club to get things going.” Note: brochures for the event were on the tables and will be available in a pocket at the bottom of the badge board. It is also available on the Club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/GolfBrochure2008.pdf>.

Ian Glassford and Roger Fraser participated in recognizing the work of our city foresters, four of whom were on hand to receive certificates. Rotary now has planted 1,000 trees in 15 city parks?

Mark Foster introduced Junior Rotarians Ethan Sagher, Margarite Matrossian and Britne’e Simpson. Ethan plans to attend U-M while studying business; Margarite would like to go to medical school and serve with Doctors without Borders; and Britne’e has plans to attend Michigan State in the fall. All attend Huron High. Photos of these students can be found later in this newsletter.

Notes from the Meeting of April 23, 2008



Marvin Pettway

Chuck Olson introduced Marvin Pettway, U-M supervisor of forestry and horticulture, who gave a brief history of tree planting at the U-M. As early as 1840, we had 120 trees planted on State Street, the North University median and on Washtenaw. Pettway’s grounds services group maintains about 40 million square feet of land in Ann Arbor, including 170,000 square feet of annual and perennial beds. My task, he said, “is to make the U-M grounds attractive to people.” Future joint projects with the city include sharing de-icing technology, tree plantings with Global ReLeaf of Michigan and invasive plant management.

President AI’s Thought for the Day comes from Ogden Nash: “Suburbia is where the developer bulldozes out the trees...and then names the streets after them!”

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

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 144 members. We had seven guests, but no visiting Rotarians. A total of 17 members attended two committee meetings (Rotaract and Strategic Plan) just before lunch. It was also reported that ten Ann Arbor Rotarians attended the U-M Rotaract's Senior Send-off Dinner on April 18. Finally, 15 Rotarians, three spouses and one other volunteer participated in a total of 113 tutoring sessions at Burns Park and Angell Schools in the months of February and March.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: April 27 – Donna Duvin; April 28 – Dave McDowell; April 29 – Don Devine and **April 30 – Hank Brown and Barb Hiltz.**

Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians: Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on April 14) and Mark Ouimet (Dexter on April 10 and April 18).

May Rotarian Magazine: The current issue of this magazine seems to have come out a week or so early. While the most pages are devoted to a road trip on historic Route 66 and another key article is an interview with the Director of the Centers for Disease Control, you will surely want to go first to page 55. Here you will find a short piece entitled, "A Plan for All Seasons." It discusses strategic planning and makes for great reading in advance of our luncheon meeting this Wednesday.

Here are the photos of our latest Junior Rotarians (there wasn't room for them in the Notes section of this week's Harpoon):



Our latest Junior Rotarians:
Ethan Sagher, Margarite Matrossian & Britne'e Simpson

Junior Rotarian Seeking Summer Employment: Andrew Groves, a Junior Rotarian from last November, is looking for a summer job in Ann Arbor. As you might expect, he has an impressive list of accomplishments on his résumé. He is primarily interested in a career in science but is open to any employment possibilities. If your organization has a need for summer help, here is an opportunity to help it and a young man along the "avenue of vocational service." Contact John White for more information.

Leadership by Rotary [excerpted from a message from the Rotary Global History Fellowship]:

Fellow Rotarians,

Rotary may be the greatest organization of leaders in the world. With 1.2 million Rotarians in 170 countries, we have an incredible asset of talent, wisdom and know-how in one organization.

It all started with Rotary's Founder Paul Harris, who today celebrates his 140th birthday. He was born on April 19, 1868. Paul Harris is well-known in Rotary, but what most Rotarians may not know is that Paul Harris made his main contributions to Rotary as a young man. He was only 37 years old when Rotary was founded. He was only 44 when his two year term as President of the International Association of Rotary Clubs ended in 1912 (later in 1922 renamed Rotary International).

After 1912, Paul Harris had no formal position in Rotary. He was the Founder of Rotary and continued to influence and inspire Rotary for the rest of his life, until he passed away in 1947.

It is my opinion that Paul Harris' vision has created the spirit in Rotary as we know it today. Here are some examples of Paul Harris' wisdom:

- * A well ordered mind is a possession more valuable than unlimited riches.
- * It is just as easy to acquire the habit of speaking kindly as it is to acquire the habit of speaking unkindly.
- * Perhaps dreaming is not so bad if one dreams good dreams and make them come true.
- * Rotary brings out and develops the best there is in men.
- * The Rotary of today is different from the Rotary of yesterday and the Rotary of tomorrow cannot, must not, be the same as the Rotary of today. Rotary will continue to evolve.

Rotary Global History Fellowship publishes a weekly newsletter called “What Paul Harris Said”, which many thousand Rotarians read every week. It provides inspirational quotes by Paul Harris every two weeks. You can sign up for this newsletter free of charge at <http://www.whatpaulharrissaid.org>.

Rotary Global History Fellowship is probably the most successful fellowship in Rotary with approximately one million visits every year to their websites at <http://www.rotaryhistoryfellowship.org>, <http://www.rghf.org> and <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org>.

Photos from the Tree Planting on Saturday, April 26: Here are a few of Fred Beutler’s shots from last Saturday’s efforts as Southeast Park.



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 53 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,

Golf Outing brochure, 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://uofmrotaract.wordpress.com/>

- **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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