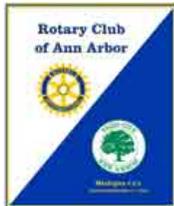


Harpoon for the Meeting of May 7, 2008

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## The Program for Wednesday, May 7, 2008

**Speaker:** Stephen Postema, Ann Arbor City Attorney

**Topic:** Law in an Ordered Society

Heard any good lawyer jokes recently? Seriously, Rotarians, it is good to remember every so often how important the law and lawyering are to the freedoms, opportunities and privileges we all enjoy as Americans, and to the responsibilities that come with them. Fellow Rotarian Stephen Postema will put all this in perspective for us. Having left a lucrative large-firm private practice to serve not only the law but his home-town city, he is uniquely well suited to bring the message.

**Host/introducer:** Libby Hines

**Song Leader:** Jim Irwin

**Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

In addition to being Stephen's birthday, May 7 is the date on 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 the luncheon.

## Looking Ahead

**May 14** (Wednesday at noon) – 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](mailto:smithsms@umich.edu) or by phone to (734) 834-0374.

**May 19** (Monday evening) – Annual Strive Banquet. All Rotarians are invited. Details will be available soon.

**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.

**May 21** (Wednesday at noon) – Richard Ingram and the Huron High School choirs will present their Spring Concert. We will be in the Union ballroom that day with a special luncheon menu. Guests are encouraged.

**May 28** (Wednesday at noon) – Our speaker will be Maura Corrigan, Michigan Supreme Court Justice on the topic, “Living Large – Challenges Facing Michigan Children in Care.” We will also host our Strive students at this luncheon.

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

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

### **News from the Meeting of April 30, 2008**

President Al gave us some dates to remember: May 6 is the community-wide vote on school millage; May 16 is the Spring Fling at the Hands-On-Museum; and May 19 is the STRIVE banquet. A reminder, too, that June 2-14 is Rotate Your Food.

We welcomed Anne Glendon back in attendance.

About 40 Rotarians planted and mulched 87 trees April 26 at Southeast Park.

Barbara Debrodt did a thorough job of reporting Rotarians in the news, who were too numerous for inclusion in this space. We had a “Go Green” theme today (speaker, Arbor Day celebrations, tree planting).

### **Notes from the Meeting of April 30, 2008**

Jim Cook, chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, took over the meeting at 12:45. “Planning is a team sport,” he said, before thanking his co-chair, Anne Glendon; the day’s facilitator, Bev Seiford; the various committee chairs and survey guru Sam Offen for their roles. Jim explained the process of strategic planning and moved on to general observations. The new plan, he said, is an invitation to get better as a club. He employed six statements to characterize the club, then turned things over to facilitator Bev Seiford who explained how the workshop would address different questions and report back. Member discussion followed, with a facilitator and a recorder at each table. In that way, the first draft of the strategic plan was addressed and input gathered, for more discussion at a later date.

The photos below document the small-group discussions and reporting.



The next set of photos show Jim Cook (President-Elect and chair of the Strategic Planning Committee), President Al Burdi and facilitator Bev Seiford.



President Al's Thought for the Day comes from that noted philosopher and keen observer, Yogi Berra: "If you don't know where you are going...you might not get there!"

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

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 143 members. We had two visiting Rotarians (Henrica F. C. Rulo from Groningeng, Netherlands and ADG Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor North). A total of 21 members attended three committee meetings (Endowment Development, Rotate your Food and Strive) earlier in the day.

### Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** May 5 – Chris Mile; May 6 – Nels Olson and Jack Walker; **May 7 – Stephen Postema and John Sepp;** May 8 – Phil Klintworth; May 9 – Gae Miller and May 10 – Wayne Colquitt.

**Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians:** Maurita Holland (Manistique on April 28); Mark Ouimet (Dexter on April 24) and Bob Swistock (Northville on March 25).



**Five Star Attendees for April:** Our club held five meetings during the month. The following members are recognized for attending each of them: Phil Alexander, Bruce Benner, Joel Berger, Andrea Bernardini, Fred Beutler, Al Burdi, Lou Callaway, Jim Cook, Barbara Debrott, Cathi Duchon, Don Faber, Dave Felbeck, Terry Foster, Ginny Geren, Betsy Hammond, Bob Hatcher, Norman Herbert, Dave Keosaian, Gloria Kerry, Nick Lacy, Frode Maaseidvaag, Mike Marich, Joe Marr, Gae Miller, Sam Offen, Joanne Pierson, Jerry Prescott, Dan Romanchik, Susan Smith Gray, Len Stenger, Al Storey, Burt Voss, Scott Westerman and Paul Wright.



**Monthly Report to the District:** Our club started the month of April with 320 members (not including our four honoraries). After the resignation of Judie Lax, we reported 319 members to the district at the start of May. Our attendance for the five meetings in April was 55%.

Historical footnote: For the last few years, our membership as of April 30 has been 312 (2007), 307 (2006) and 294 (2005). Thus, our club has been able to avoid the recent overall trend toward decreasing membership in North American clubs.



**Report on the Rotary World Peace Conference** [excerpt of an email summary by Merle Loch, District Info Officer]: "Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the Rotary World Peace summit held in Windsor this past weekend are happy to report that it was one of the most rewarding experiences of our Rotary lives! We came away with the re-confirmed knowledge that OUR Rotary is on the right track to making PEACE possible, because PEACE IS POSSIBLE!"

The definition of PEACE is not just "the absence of war." PEACE is the absence of WANT!

As we of Rotary work:

- To provide clean water --through a myriad of water projects;
- To build homes for the homeless;
- To establish schools and books where there have been none;
- To maintain our Ambassadorial Scholarships and our Peace and Conflict Resolution Fellows;
- To eliminate the scourge of polio and other diseases, and teach the means to control such diseases as malaria;
- To deliver livestock—cows, pigs, chickens, etc.-- to peoples of the world in need of earning a livelihood;
- To bring people together in the understanding of each other...even with sporting contests! Giving them the right to play and make friends with their competitors!
- To educate our youth to Service Above Self and brotherhood through Interact, Rotaract, and Youth Exchange.

We were privileged to listen to a marvelous group of dynamic presenters who were inspirational and exciting in updating all these projects and more. We came away feeling as if we had completed a year's university refresher course in just those few hours. We came away full of pride at being a part of Rotary International. We came away with hearts full of love and hope for the future of our planet. We came away wishing everyone of YOU had been there with us. It was truly awesome!

**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 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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