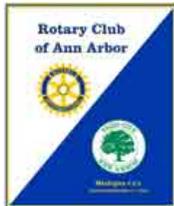


Harpoon for the Meeting of May 14, 2008

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## The Program for Wednesday, May 14, 2008

**Speaker:** Pat Warner, Chief Administrative Office, Mott Hospitals

**Topic:** "The New U-M Mott Hospitals, An Investment in the Future"

The new University of Michigan C. S. Mott Children's Hospital and Women's Hospital is a \$523 million work in progress. Planned for completion in 2011, it will be one of the finest children's and women's hospitals in the world. Mott Chief Administrative Officer Pat Warner will update us on construction of the new Hospitals, ongoing operation of the existing Mott Hospitals during construction, and what their completion will mean to the U-M Medical Center, the community, and the women and children they will serve.

**Host/introducer:** Bob Bolak

**Song Leader:** Dave Keosaian

**Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

## Looking Ahead

**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 at WCC. All Rotarians and their guests are invited for a wonderful and inspiring evening honoring this year's scholarship winners. The event will be held in Room 101 in the Morris Lawrence Building beginning at 6:30. The speaker will be Rich Sheridan of Menlo Innovations. The price is \$20. Contact Carolyn Shear at [carolyn@elwest.com](mailto:carolyn@elwest.com) to sign up.

**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.

Another reminder: Our Annual Golf and Tennis Outing will be held on Monday, September 8. Although this date is almost four months away, planning is in high gear and lots of help is needed now as well as on the day on the event. There are a wide range of opportunities. Contact Laura Lonergan at [llonergan@networksourceone.com](mailto:llonergan@networksourceone.com) or another member of the committee for details on how you can become involved.

### **News from the Meeting of May 7, 2008**

Carolyn Shear reminded us of the STRIVE banquet May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Morris Lawrence Building on the campus of Washtenaw Community College.

This is belated recognition to the editor skills of Maurita Holland and the key role she played in the strategic planning process under Jim Cook.

Nick Lacy was thanked for his work with Rotary tutors; Walt Helmreich was named an outstanding alumnus of MIT; and Phil Alexander was cited at Rotary’s district conference for his efforts in building international good will. And kudos to Agnes Reading and Tim Marshall and the membership development committee as our club had the biggest class of any in our district, as was announced at the district conference in Chatham, Ont.

Paul Yhouse gave us another reminder of the Rotate Your Food campaign June 2-14.

We heard from Ambassadorial Scholar Yuiko Ono who is heading back to Japan; her brief but heartfelt remarks earned her a standing ovation.

Karen Kerry, in our Rotary Minute, gave us a little history about Rotary founder Paul Harris, while paying homage to mothers and to Paul Harris Fellows. Our class of Paul Harris Fellows for 2007-08 includes Herb Amster; Dan Balbach; Nishta Bhatia; Barbara Bryant; Lou Callaway; Ingrid Deininger; Dallas Dort; Lynn Elwell; Robben Fleming; Roger Fraser; Dave Gunderson; Betsy Hammond; Dave Keren; Gloria Kerry; Phil Klintworth; Mike Marich; Griff McDonald; Gae Miller; Jan Barney Newman; Robbie O’Brien; Jim Reece; Susan Smith Gray; Al Storey; Randy Tisch; Lyndon Welch; and John White.

### **Notes from the Meeting of May 7, 2008**

Subbing for Libby Hines, Ingrid Sheldon introduced Stephen Postema, fellow Rotarian and Ann Arbor City Attorney, on the subject “Law in an Ordered Society.” Steve gave us a rundown of the “interesting legal issues” in the Detroit mayor’s case. Steve traced the history of the whistleblowing lawsuit and text-messaging scandal. The Detroit city attorney, he said, “could have been a hero instead of a goat.” Bottom line is you must give good advice to Council, no matter what the fallout. The real role of the City Attorney is to advise the Council as a whole. “In an ordered society, you need the freedom to provide independent advice,” he said. Steve said much of his time is spent sorting out the complex relationship among local, state and federal law.

President Al’s Thought for the Day comes from that keen observer of society and the ways of the world, Yogi Berra, who said “If it were not for lawyers, we wouldn’t need them!”

The News and Notes were compiled and reported by Don Faber, Harpoon editor.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 154 members. We had two visiting Rotarians (Wim de Rujter of Monnickendam, Netherlands and past member Markey Butler from Colorado). A total of 39 members attended four committee meetings (Golf, International Humanitarian Programs, Rotate your Food and Strategic Planning) earlier in the day. Four members attended the District Conference on May 2 and 3.

## **Other Notes of Interest**

**Birthdays:** May 11 – Flip Connell; May 13 – Bob Green; May 14 – Larry Henkel and Len Stenger; May 15 – Ray Hunter; May 16 – Marsha Chamberlin, Carl Frye and Agnes Reading; May 17 – Liz Leidy and Milo White.

**Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians:** Phil Alexander (Milan on May 6); Elaine Alexander (Milan on May 6); Henry Amble (Pacific Grove on March 13); Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on April 22); Dick Elwell (Princess Cruises on April 21 and April 27); Laura Lonergan (Novi on April 17 and April 24).

**Vocational Service Opportunities Abound:** This avenue of service currently has three lanes.

1. The Community Resource Program at Community High School is seeking one or more financial persons with investment expertise to teach a class for the remainder of the school year. The classes are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:55 to 3:20 at Community High. Contact Susette Jacquette at [jaquette@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:jaquette@aaps.k12.mi.us) or 657-4358 for details.
2. The Clague Middle School Career Day on the morning of Friday, May 23, mentioned in a recent Harpoon, can still use a few more speakers, particularly ones in financial areas such as banking and investments. Contact Linda Meneghini (mother of a former Jr. Rotarian) at [lrmeneghini@msn.com](mailto:lrmeneghini@msn.com) or 355-9384.
3. Andrew Groves, one this year's Jr. Rotarians and a graduating senior at Pioneer High, is seeking summer employment. He was included in the high school honors section of a recent edition of the Ann Arbor News. See John White for details.

**Paying our Dues to Rotary International:** As a part of budgeting for the 2007-2008 Rotary Year, we learned that we should plan to pay RI slightly over \$50 per member. In addition, our subscriptions to the Rotarian magazine will cost \$12 each. That amounts to about \$20,000 of our operating budget of approximately \$80,000. Our dues to the district are expected to run about \$11,000. Other major expenses each year are rental of the Union facilities and administrative costs.

**Highlights from the District 6380 Conference** [from Merle Loch, our District Information Officer]:

Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

What did you miss? You missed an exciting, informative, entertaining and just plain fun-filled event, if you were not at the District 6380 Conference held in Chatham, Ontario this past weekend!

You missed:

Being with our DG Audrey and John and 300+ Rotarians and their partner as we shared fun and fellowship and super food!...

Meeting RI President's representative, PDG Tony Brockington and his wife, Ruth, and hearing his inspiring message from RIP Wilf Wilkinson...

Being brought the exciting news of the PolioPlus program from Carol Pandak, the Division Manager for The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus...

Hearing the updates on water projects and possibilities from Ron Denham, Rotary's top Water Resource Coordinator. A marvelous presenter and speaker...

Break-out sessions on water, strategic planning, and literacy; as well as the malaria project update...

An evening with "3 Men and a Tenor!" Outstanding entertainment... we hurt from laughing!...

The House of Friendship with its great club displays and the really neat raffle baskets prepared by the AG's from each sector—and you missed winning one!....

Side trips to the Children's Village, the RM Classic cars and T.J. Stables...

The wonderful GSE team from Turkey..a great group of professionals. Delightful young men and women who shared their native culture and even a dance...

Having your hearts warmed by our current group of Youth Exchange students as they related what it is like to cope with living and going to school in a strange couple of countries—ours...

The presentation of awards—most notably: the Arden Detert Award to Sandy Kearney for her RYLA dedication, the Brymer Williams Award to Don Riddell for his passionate service with Ambassadorial Scholars, and the Terry Youlton Outstanding Achievement Award to Dr. Nelson Edwards for sponsoring of eye clinics in Third World countries....

Saying good-bye and remembering the twenty-eight Rotarians who left us this past year...at Sunday morning's Memorial Service...

So, as you can see, you MISSED a LOT! Next year's Conference is in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Why don't you promise yourselves that you won't miss another one!!

Note: Brymer Williams, father of our own Dave Williams was a past president of our club and a former district governor.



Each container provides a tent, stove, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months.

*Photo by Alyce Henson/Rotary Images*

### **Rotary clubs provide emergency shelter, aid to thousands in Myanmar**

[excerpted from an article by Ryan Hyland of Rotary International News]: As the humanitarian crisis worsened in Myanmar's delta region after a powerful cyclone hit on May 3, a response team of four specially trained volunteers moved into devastated areas on Thursday to distribute more than 800 ShelterBox containers. ShelterBox, a grassroots disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs around the world, was among the first charities to reach cyclone victims. Desperately needed aid from many other international groups had been stalled at the border for days by Myanmar's military government. More than one million people have been left homeless by the disaster, and 100,000 are feared dead, the United Nations reports. The team will work in cooperation with local groups in Myanmar to line up transportation and determine where the shelters will do the most good amid the massive devastation. With no Rotary presence in Myanmar, Rotarians' direct involvement in the relief effort will be limited. But Beth Palmer, executive director of ShelterBox USA, has noticed a spike in online contributions and says her phone has been "ringing off the hook" as Rotary club members have called to donate. ShelterBox was launched in 2000 as a project of the Helston-Lizard club and quickly garnered support among Rotary clubs worldwide. To date, the nonprofit has raised \$29 million and delivered aid to over 40 countries in response to more than 70 disasters. Each complete ShelterBox costs \$1,000 to sponsor, and Rotary clubs provide about half the charity's funding.

**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/>

