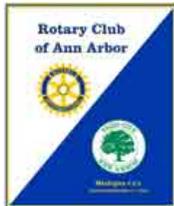


Harpoon for the Meeting of May 21, 2008 (We will be in the Union Ballroom)

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The Program for Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Performers: Huron High School Choirs

Director: Richard Ingram

For Ann Arbor Rotarians, one of the sweetest and most enjoyable signs of spring is the annual noontime concert by the Huron High School Choirs. These award winning ensembles include the Bel Canto and A Cappella Choirs, for both of which the Rotary concert is part of a school-year-long schedule of performances at concerts, festivals and competitions. They will perform under the leadership of a member of our club's extended family, Honorary Paul Harris Fellow Richard Ingram.

Host/introducer: Gene Ingram **Song Leader:** Ingrid Sheldon **Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

Note: Our meeting this week will be in the Union Ballroom. Guests are welcome and encouraged. In addition, the menu choices will be expanded. Plan to bring \$11.00 for the full buffet.

Looking Ahead

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.

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 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 Loneragan at lloneragan@networksourceone.com or another member of the committee for details on how you can become involved.

News from the Meeting of May 14, 2008

President Al gave Greg Cook a Michigan winged helmet pin. Greg is a former member of our Club, an OSU alumnus, so Greg can now proudly wear the pin.

The September Rotary golf outing committee continues to seek volunteers to make the outing an even greater success. This is our major Club fund-raising activity of the year, improves each year so President Al gently suggested that volunteering is better than being assigned a task.

Mark Foster introduced three Junior Rotarians. Dylan Cinti (Community), Charles Watson (Greenhills) and Adrian Collins (Gabriel Richard). We look forward to hearing from them next week.

The next meeting on May 21st will be the annual spring concert presented by the Pioneer High School Choir. This meeting will be in the Ballroom along with an expanded lunch buffet; a wonderful meeting to bring a guest.

Past President Patricia Garcia presented the Club Distinguished Service Awards to Joe Fitzsimmons and Beth Fitzsimmons, both members of our Club. This is our Club's highest honor and includes an honorary Paul Harris Fellowship. You will find the text for these awards and a photo later in this newsletter.

Notes from the Meeting of May 14, 2008

Bob Bolak introduced Patricia Warner, Chief Administrative Officer at Mott Hospital who spoke to us on "The New U-M Mott Hospitals, An Investment in the Future." Bob described her as the caretaker of all the angels at Mott.



Pat Warner

Mott's mission statement includes clinical care, education, training plus patient advocacy. The first pediatric service in the country started at UM in 1921. The "old" Mott opened in 1969.

The Mott mission includes the patient's family as part of the care team. Children's and women's services include a full range of pediatric services plus 38 birthing rooms. This means that infants in any difficulty can be managed without leaving their mother. Women with other medical problems are treated elsewhere in the hospital.

4,000 babies were delivered last year or 11 per day with over 8,000 admissions per year to Mott. 49% of patients are from Southeastern Michigan. US News and World Report ranked Mott as 22nd in the country in 2007 in their annual ranking. The Pediatrics Department was ranked 11th in 2006 by US News.

The new hospital will overlook the Arb; their interior theme is "Bringing the Arb Inside." Each room will have a view of the Arb with only one patient per room. Guiding principles in planning the new Mott include 1) flexibility, 2) family perspectives and 3) diversity. Some of the current patients were asked to design the ideal patient room.

The new hospital will be 12 stories, two towers, with a connector to the parking structure, another connector to the main medical center. The many different specialties will be organized by floor with specialized pharmacies. Each floor will have a "greet desk" with a family waiting area, play area. The project is on schedule to open in 2011.

The new Mott will partner with Ronald McDonald House which will have a new unit on the 10th floor with 12 rooms. The House is constantly full. Families with very sick children often arrive with nothing so the unit is

adjacent to the Intensive Care Unit in order to work closely with families. The present Mott will continue to be used as part of the Main Hospital.

Interestingly, the new Mott is the second largest construction project in the state, the first being the MGM casino.

Thought for the Day from Shirley Chisholm, "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room on this earth."

The News and Notes were compiled and reported by Bob Buchanan. Fred Beutler provided the photos from the meeting.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 124 members. We had two visiting Rotarians (past member Greg Cook of North Las Vegas and Frank Fontana of Naples FL). We also had two U-M Rotaractors (Jeffrey Birg and Zahrah Fadel). A total of 23 members attended three committee meetings (High School Scholarships, Interact and Social) before lunch. Earlier in the day, a special meeting of the Board of Directors was held. Thirteen members were present.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: May 18 – Al Bamsey, Peter Fayroian and Fritz Seyferth; May 22 – Dean Millard; May 23- Terry Linden and May 24 - Marlys Schutjer.



Bob Mull speaking to the Jackson club

Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians: Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on May 5); Doug Moffat (Brighton on May 6); Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on April 29 and Dexter on May 8); Brian Tolle (Ypsilanti on March 31 and Stoneham MA on April 8) and Heidi Vitso (Houghton on May 8). On a related note, Bob Mull took his "Taxpayer Advocacy Program" presentation on the road to the Jackson Rotary Club on May 7. The photo at left shows him in action.

Resources for Rotarians: Here is a link that will be of interest to Rotarians involved in membership, public Relations, project funding, The Rotary Foundation and youth programs:

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/080513_news_rotariansresources.aspx.



Recommending a Speaker for a Club Meeting: Here is an answer to a recent question from a member. It may be of interest to you.

Q. I have an idea for a program -- who do I contact?

A. The best way is to submit your suggestion electronically via the website. It's under Contact Us at the top of the home page. Then choose Club Meetings. Here is a direct link:

http://annarborrotary.org/cntct_meet.shtml.

The message you create goes to Mike Marich, Co-Chair of the Program Committee, who collects the recommendations. The committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month to discuss each submission as to whether it would make an appropriate program for the club. If so, the committee

puts it on the list for scheduling.

In any case, you will be contacted with the outcome of their evaluation and may be invited to help with the final arrangements.



Interact Committee News [from Dick Elwell]: The Interact committee is seeking a few good Rotarians for membership on this fun and exciting committee. The committee also needs two people who can assist Karen Kerry and function as Liaison to the Huron High School Interact club. Joining the committee now will put us in good shape for the start of the new school year in the fall. Interested members should contact Ed Weir who is the new committee chairman.

Photos from the District Conference now Available: View them, and other items of district-wide interest, on the District 6380 website at: <http://www.rotary6380.org/>.

Distinguished Service Award Presentations: Pasted in below is the text from Patricia Garcia's presentations to Joe and Beth Fitzsimmons at our meeting on May 14:



Distinguished Service Awardees Joe and Beth Fitzsimmons are flanked by President Al Burdi and Past President Patricia Garcia

Joseph Fitzsimmons earned a degree in Chemical Engineering from Cornell and in 1957 joined the Xerox Corporation. He moved to Ann Arbor in 1966 to help develop a recent acquisition—University Microfilms (UMI). He was elected President of UMI in 1976 and led the company to international prominence.

After retiring from UMI in 1995, Joe has concentrated on his passion: “helping to improve the quality of life in our community.” From 1999 to 2001, as CEO of Nonprofit Enterprise at Work (NEW), he was instrumental in helping non-profits deliver their services more efficiently and effectively. In 2001, his civic contributions were recognized when he and Judy Dow Rumelhart were named Ann Arbor Citizens of the Year. In 2007, he received the Jewel Award for “Outstanding Volunteer

Fundraiser” for Southeast Michigan.

Joe has served on over 25 corporate and nonprofit boards, including the Bartech Group, National City Bank, St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Siena Heights University, the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, Dawn Farm, the Hands On Museum, the Washtenaw Housing Alliance, the Ann Arbor Art Center, and the Arbor Hospice Foundation.

Joe provided extraordinary leadership as President of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor in 2003-2004. His outstanding professional career and inspiring record of community service reflect the highest ideals of Rotary.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, it gives me great pleasure to present the Distinguished Service Award to my dear friend, Joe Fitzsimmons, and bestow upon him, the designation of honorary Paul Harris fellow.

Our second Distinguished Service Award is presented to an exceptional person whose complicity in today's clandestine operation was completely innocent. She was a pawn in our ruse, and the DSA team hopes that she will forgive our deception. We concluded that a “partial truth” was marginally acceptable, based on the Rotary test, “Will it be beneficial for all concerned?”

Beth Fitzsimmons earned a degree in Chemistry from Simmons College, an MLS (Masters in Library Science) from SUNY Albany and in 2001, earned a PhD in Public Policy from George Mason University. In 1987, she established Information Strategists, LLC, a company that provides information services to high tech companies.

In 2003, Beth Fitzsimmons was appointed chair of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science by President George W. Bush, and she is now completing her fifth year in that position. Nationally, she serves on the Department of Commerce NTIS Advisory Board, on the Board of Visitors (SILS) at University of North Carolina (UNC-Chapel Hill), and the Knowledge Trust.

Locally, Beth has served on many Boards and Committees, including the YMCA, University of Michigan Libraries, HelpSource, First Congregational Church, Cleary University, the Library of Michigan Foundation, and MIT Enterprise Forum.

Beth has also made significant contributions to the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor as a board member and a committee

chair. A passionate educator, Beth worked diligently to expand the Rotary Readers program, introducing many Rotarians to the joys of tutoring and broadening the program's scope to include Math and Science tutoring at Angell and Burns Park Elementary Schools. Beth was instrumental in a 2003 board decision to provide a gift to each kindergarten student at Angell Elementary School—an alphabet book, “M is for Mitten”—a tradition we continue today with kindergarteners at both Angell and Burns Park Schools.

In 2004, Joe and Beth Fitzsimmons received the Washtenaw County Distinguished Citizens of the Year award from the Great Sauk Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and most recently, were recognized and honored by the Home of New Vision at the annual “Toast of the Town”.

Together, Joe and Beth have been blessed with seven children and fifteen grandchildren.

On behalf of our Rotary club, it is my privilege to designate Beth Fitzsimmons as an honorary Paul Harris fellow and present her with the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

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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