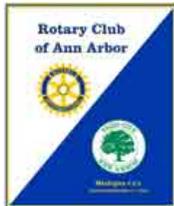


Harpoon for the Meeting of June 11, 2008

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June is "Rotary Fellowship Month" on the Rotary Calendar.

The Program for Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Speaker: Carla Milarch, Executive Director, Performance Network

Topic: Be Inspired - the 2008-09 Season at Performance Network Theater

Carla Milarch is the Executive Director of the Performance Network Theater, Ann Arbor's only resident professional theater company. PNT, which is approaching its 26th season, has been described as "Ann Arbor's little slice of Broadway" and has been the scene of some of our club's most successful and enjoyable social outings over the past few years. Come hear what it takes to operate such an enterprise in little old Ann Arbor and what the buzz is all about for '08-09 as Carla previews the upcoming season!

Host/introducer: Barbara Bach

Song Leader: Don Faber

Accompanist: Tom Strode

Looking Ahead



June 2 - June 14 - "Rotate Your Food" campaign. Drop-off points at various local businesses and organizations. The locations are on a list available from the home page of the Club website. The direct link is: <http://annarborrotary.org/RotateYourFoodFlyer2008.pdf>. If you haven't already, please bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting on June 11. Thanks to those of you who got us off to a good start with your donations in the past two weeks.

June 18 (Wednesday at noon) – Rich Rodriguez, University of Michigan Head Football Coach will present, "A New Season and a New Era for Wolverine Football." We will be in the ballroom for this event with our usual menu and prices. Guests are welcome.

June 24 (Tuesday at 7:30) – Since President-elect Jim Cook will be in Los Angeles for the RI convention on the normal date of the monthly board meeting, this is the rescheduled date. It will be held as usual at the Washtenaw United Way building on Platt Road.

June 25 (Wednesday at noon) - Al Burdi, Jim Cook . . . and others(?) will help us celebrate Presidents' Day at the

Rotary Club of Ann Arbor. You will be treated to the passing of the gavel and probably the traditional hand-me-down shirt.

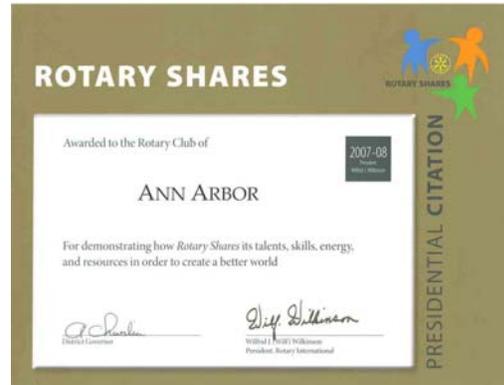
Program details for the June luncheon meetings are on-line at: <http://annarborrotary.org/june.shtml>.

News from the Meeting of June 4, 2008

District Governor Audrey Chevalier and husband, John, were in attendance to make some special awards. The Brymer Williams “ardent leader” award was presented to Don Riddell of the Troy Rotary Club by DG Audrey. The late Brymer was a longtime member of our club. And while she was making presentations, the DG gave President Al, the board and the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor a presidential citation for 2007-08. The Rotaract Club of the University of Michigan also received a presidential citation.



Don Riddell receiving the Brymer Williams Award from DG Audrey Chevalier



Our Presidential Citation for 2007-2008



Chloe Mathews, Michelle Weiss and Sarah Sorenson

Milo White announced the winners of our 2008 Rotary High School Scholarships. Sarah Sorenson from Gabriel Richard High School is U-M bound; Michelle Weiss of Community High will be attending the Residential College at the U-M in the fall; and Chloe Mathews of Rudolph Steiner High School will be attending the University of Puget Sound in Washington. The remainder of a total of 13 Rotary scholarship winners will be announced in the following weeks.

Rotarians in the news included Bob Green, Geoff Larcom, Margie McKinley, Scott Huckestein, Roger Fraser, Tim Marshall, Jesse Bernstein, Bob Guenzel, Peter Allen, Spaulding Clark, Russ Reister and Mark Ouimet.

Notes from the Meeting of June 4, 2008



Walt Hancock

Brooks Sitterley introduced our own Walt Hancock on the subject “Hospital Costs and Quality Improvements Using Contemporary Systems.” Walt’s point, supported by his own studies of hospitals, was that if these institutions only used up-to-date systems, they could reduce their budgets many times over and improve quality. Hospitals, he said, should focus on systems that work best; present systems result in poor quality, excess costs and inefficiencies. “We have flexibility in admissions we just don’t use,” said Walt. “If we have a good admissions process, the other things fall in place.” He said there are too many fixed costs, we should tailor the system to meet real needs. Operating room scheduling dominates the politics in hospitals, Walt said, yet ORs cost between \$30 and \$45 PER MINUTE. Also, we don’t need RNs to care for the physical needs of patients when aides could do the job just as well. He said 33 percent of nurses’ time is spent each day trying to find things; 25 percent of that 33 percent could be eliminated, Walt said. Sadly, the best-run hospitals in terms of efficiencies are those that are

losing money – they have all the incentive in the world to run a tighter ship.

President Al's Thought for the Day comes from the Club's late poet-laureate, Dick Emmons: "We just don't realize how indebted we are to the medical profession...until we get a bill from the doctor!"



President Al, DG Audrey and our visiting Rotarians from India

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

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 137 members. We had six visiting Rotarians (DG Audrey and John Chevalier of Chatham Sunrise, Neil Loney of Ypsilanti, Don Riddell of Troy and A. Sampath Kumar and D. K. Saiprasanna of Tiruvannamalai, India). We also had eight guests, including our scholarship winners and a parent. Just before lunch, 14 members attended the meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee. Also reported was a total of nine members who attended a Bowling Committee meeting on May 29 and seven members who joined with our Huron and Pioneer Interactors at their end-of-year picnic.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: June 8 – Spaulding Clark, Ian Glassford and Jon Gordon; June 10 – Gloria Brooks and Cathi Duchon; **June 11 – Bob Meyers and Josie Parker;** June 12 – Hugh Morgan; June 13 – Ed Petykiewicz and Russ Reister and June 14 – Susan McClanahan.

Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians: Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore St. Joseph on May 15).



Latest WCC Scholarship Awarded: Through our scholarship fund with the Washtenaw Community College Foundation, the latest Ann Arbor Rotary Club Scholarship has been awarded to Julie Gebhart. Julie is a student in WCC's Nursing Program. She attends WCC part time as she is the primary care giver for her aged mother. This scholarship will give her much needed financial assistance towards her goal of working in the health care field. Overall, The WCC Foundation awarded 130 scholarships during the spring semester. Over 40% of WCC

students receive some form of financial aid. On an annual basis, the Foundation is able to award over \$500,000 in scholarships.

June is Fellowship Month on the Rotary Calendar: One suggestion to celebrate the month is to share experiences and interests with other Rotarians. Our club's bowling teams are an example of fellowship. The Toledo Club has a "Fellowship of Biking Rotarians" that enjoys riding together. At an upcoming meeting, why not mention your hobbies, recreational interests or other non-Rotary activities to your tablemates. Perhaps you will have some common interests. As an example, one member recalls talking to a fellow member about repairing lawn mowers but can't recall with whom he talked. If you are that member, contact John White who will put you in touch with one another.



Printing Resources Available: Need some copying or related graphic services to support the work of your committee? The Club has two accounts with Kolossos Printing; one for the Club and the other for the Endowment. Kolossos has three locations in Ann Arbor and is on the web at <http://www.kolossosprinting.com>. Before arranging for any work, however, be sure to check with your committee chair to make sure such an expenditure is in the budget. Contact John White if you have a question regarding which account to use.

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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