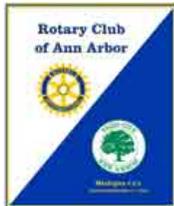


Harpoon for the Meeting of July 23, 2008

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## The Program for Wednesday, July 23, 2008

**Speaker: David Keren – Pathologist, Rotarian & Steep Terrain Trekker**

**Topic: Lessons Learned from Ascending Mount Kilimanjaro**

Earlier this year club member Dave Keren had his adventure of a lifetime: climbing to the 19,340-foot peak of Mount Kilimanjaro. He will describe his six-month preparations for and the physical and mental challenges of the climb, controversies about snow at the peak, current status and likely future fate of Kilimanjaro glaciers, altitude sickness and economic factors that make it almost unavoidable for most climbers, his summit-day hallucinations, and a memorable "night of a thousand zippers."

**Host/introducer:** TBD

**Song Leader:** Jim Irwin

**Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

## Looking Ahead

**July 30** (Wednesday at noon) - Oran Hesterman, President/CEO, Fair Food Foundation will present, "The Local Food Movement in Distressed Urban Communities."

This date is also the deadline to sign up (and pay) for the trip to the Tiger ball game on Sunday, September 28.

Walt Hancock says that only eight seats are left so contact him right away if you want to join the group. His email is [waltonhancock@comcast.net](mailto:waltonhancock@comcast.net). Spouses, guests, kids and grandkids are welcome.

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

## News from the Meeting of July 9, 2008

Sang Nam has requested copies of this month's Rotarian magazine so that he can send the story on D.K. Lee to friends.

Laura Lonergan gave us an update on the Golf Outing. Foursomes are still needed.

Among "Rotarians in the News" was Budge Gere who received a 10-ton birthday card by having his name painted on The Rock near his church.

We'll meet on August 13 at the new Skyline High School for a tour of the facility and lunch. Al Storey will give instructions on how to negotiate the roundabouts at Skyline.

Vic Rosenberg was given the Paul Harris Award he earned for his contribution to a world humanitarian project. Congratulations, Vic!

## Notes from the Meeting of July 9, 2008



Jesse Bernstein

Charlie Crone introduced Jesse Bernstein, President and CEO of the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce, speaking on "Ann Arbor's economy – past and present realities, future hopes."

Despite losing major world businesses such as Argus Camera, Bendix Aerospace and ERIM, Ann Arbor has the capability of bouncing back. Overseas, Jesse said, the University of Michigan has an excellent reputation for entrepreneurial savvy. Add EMU and WCC to the mix and "education is the cornerstone" of the greater Washtenaw community. He said the health care and engineering components will be huge in the near future. "We have a town that's comfortable with people from all over the world," Jesse said, in praising the talents, skills and brainpower of our area. What looms 5-10 years down the road? Well, he said, business-wise, "there'll be no more battleships locating here, but likely PT boats." The message is that "you can make a living here, the quality of life is excellent and that this is a community that attracts the best and the brightest." We still have to work on those 20 and 30-year-olds, however, and improve public

transportation.

President Jim's Thoughts for the Day: "The study of economy usually shows us that the best time for purchase was last year." Also, "computers have enabled people to make more mistakes faster than any invention in history, with the possible exception of tequila and handguns!"

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

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 133 members. We had two visiting Rotarians (Byron Hestevold of Marathon FL and former Ann Arbor Rotarian Laura Lonergan, now of Novi) and five guests. In conjunction with the luncheon, a total of 13 members attended the meetings of the STRIVE and Golf Committees.

## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** July 14 – Fran Brennan; July 13 – Bob Johnston and John Laird; July 16 – Ray Detter and Dan Romanchik; July 17 – Joanne Pierson; July 18 – Neil Bidwell and Loren Rullman; July 21 – Roy More; July 22 – Michael Cole; **July 23 – Henry Amble;** July 26 – Ed Carlson and Andy Dahlmann.

**Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians:** Maurita Holland (Manistique on June 16) and Loren Rullman (Ann Arbor Sunrise) on June 27.



**July Board Meeting Report** [by Secretary Downs Herold]: At the meeting of the Club's Board of Directors on July 15, it was reported that total membership at the end of June was 317. This is a total of eight more active members on record than in June of 2007. Letters of resignation were accepted from Laura Lonergan and Bob Bolak (both with new positions out of town) and Brenda Herman. Josie Parker resigned as a Director effective July 1. Scott Westerman was elected to fill the remaining year on her term. The Operating Fund cash on hand totaled \$41,046. Dues payments are being received and many members are electing to pay all or several portions of the 4-part invoice. The Endowment market value at the end of May was \$1,235,023. Plans are being started to design assessment procedures to use with the Club's third Strategic Plan.



**Rotary Tutors – Report Card for 2007-2008** [from Nick Lacy]: Thanks to a group of outstanding volunteers (see photo above), this year’s Rotary Tutoring program was a huge success. We had 21 regular tutors and five substitutes serving in Angell and Burns Park Elementary Schools. Both schools have repeatedly expressed their gratitude for the amount of time, effort and most importantly benefit to their students that our program provides. In classrooms varying from 20-25 students, teachers are grateful for the one-on-one assistance we provide. This year, Rotary was also able to continue the tradition of giving books to kindergarten students. Through generous club funding, we gave away copies of M is for Mitten to all 139 kindergarten students. Susan Cramer, a kindergarten teacher at Burns Park said, “I only wish you could have seen the faces of the children when I held up the first copy of M is for Mitten they were about to receive! They were stunned and very excited. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please know that there are many children here at Burns Park who do not have library cards, nor print of any kind in their homes. This beautiful book, therefore, may just be the beginning of something new in their life.”

Thank you to all of the volunteers, past and present, that have made this such a strong program, and thank you for your donations to Rotary which allow us to buy so many books and impact so many lives. If you are interested in becoming a tutor or continuing to serve as a tutor, please keep an eye out in the Harpoon in mid-August. At that time I will be collecting names of interested Rotarians. Thank you. –Nick Lacy



**Harpoon Meeting on July 30 Open to All:** At 11:00 in the Anderson Room that Wednesday, Maurita Holland, Director of Publications and Communications, will conduct a meeting to develop a plan and assemble volunteers to carry on with the Harpoon starting in August. All interested members are invited to attend.



**“Rotate Your Food” Wrap-up [by Chris McMullen]:** Thanks to the hard work of the Rotate Your Food Canned Food Drive committee and the many businesses and organizations in Ann Arbor, Dexter, Saline and Ypsilanti that participated in this year’s drive, 4,025 pounds of food was collected between June 2nd and 14th for our county’s food bank/food rescue program—Food Gatherers. With additional financial contributions received from community members, this brings our total collection to 6,858 pounds of food! This translates into 4,572 meals for our neighbors in need throughout Washtenaw County. Food collection boxes were placed in a total of 74 local businesses and organizations, as compared to 54 locations in 2007 which resulted in a collection of 4,362 pounds of food last year. We were happy to once again partner with the Dexter and Ypsilanti Rotary Clubs who successfully collected food in locations throughout their communities. Special thanks to the City of Ann Arbor for providing cardboard food collection boxes for the drive. The committee thanks all who contributed, placed collection boxes in their businesses and who spread the word throughout the community in our effort to help fight local hunger. Job well done by all!

**Club Structures & Strategies** [an article on the District 6380 website]: A really excellent presentation has been prepared by Gerry Jackson (a past District Governor and currently chair of the District’s Membership Committee)

that can be an invaluable aid to your club. Please do not miss this information which is a valuable asset for all members, not just your club officials and executives.

Note: go to <http://www.rotary6380.org/> to view the presentation. Also there is information on Stan Sherman, our current District Governor. He is from the Rotary Club of Royal Oak. His official visit to our club is scheduled for October 22.

**New Registration/Login Process for Member Access** [from the RI Weekly Update of July 11]: In July 2008, Rotary International will implement a more comprehensive registration and login process for Member Access and other password-protected online services. The new system will improve security and provide self-service features. When the new system is fully implemented, all registered users will be able to reset their passwords and update their e-mail addresses. In addition, the new system allows Rotary to increase and improve secure online content and service to non-Rotarian constituents. Starting July 2008, both new and existing users will be required to register, or re-register, with a unique e-mail address, password, and a secret question and answer. If you use spam blocking software, we recommend you add [secure@rotarymailings.org](mailto:secure@rotarymailings.org) to your approved sender list. This will ensure that you receive e-mails that support the new self-service features.

Note: For the complete story and a step-by-step guide aided by a PowerPoint presentation, go to:

[http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/GeneralInformation/Announcements/Pages/member\\_access.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/GeneralInformation/Announcements/Pages/member_access.aspx)

Another note: Individual members can use Member Access to monitor their donation records and contact information but we ask that contributions to The Rotary Foundation and any address updates be routed through the Club (Downs Herold or John White) for logging and forwarding. That will ensure our records remain up-to-date and allow us to better support our members in case of questions.



**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 and Member Access.
- **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, Strategic Plan, 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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