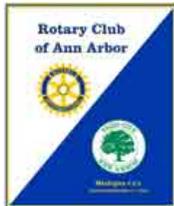


Harpoon for the Meeting of July 30, 2008

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The Program for Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Speaker: Oran Hesterman, President/CEO, Fair Food Foundation

Topic: The Local Food Movement in Distressed Urban Communities

A national leader in sustainable agriculture and the "local food" movement, our speaker is the President/CEO of the Fair Food Foundation, an organization working with historically-excluded communities to design systems upholding the fundamental right to healthy, fresh, sustainably-grown food. Dr. Hesterman will describe the Foundation's efforts – including partnerships with individual citizens, political leaders and community-based organizations – to create and sustain an effective local food system in Detroit and elsewhere.

Host/introducer: Chuck Cares

Song Leader: Dave Keosaian

Accompanist: Tom Strode

In addition to being the day that your dues are to be paid, this date is also the deadline to sign up (and pay up) for the trip to the Tiger ball game on Sunday, September 28. Walt Hancock says that only two seats are left so contact him right away if you want to join the group. His email is walthancock@comcast.net. Spouses, guests, kids and grandkids are welcome.

Looking Ahead

August 6 (Wednesday at noon) – Regular weekly meeting. Details TBA.

August 13 (Wednesday at noon) – Our regular weekly meeting will be held at the new Skyline High School (Maple Road at M-14). Guests are welcome but we need to have a good number for our caterer so please sign up at the July 30 or August 6 meetings or contact Mike Marich directly at mmarich@umich.edu. Thanks. The price for the lunch buffet that day will be \$7.00.

News from the Meeting of July 23, 2008

Art Holst's invocation is worth repeating here. Under the title of "Evolution," it goes: "When you were a tadpole and I was a fish in the Paleozoic time, And side by side on the ebbing tide, we sprawled through the ooze and

slime, Mindless we lived and mindless we loved and mindless at last we died; And deep in the rift of the Caradoc drift we slumbered side by side. The world turned on in the lathe of time, the hot lands heaved now and then, Till we caught our breath from the womb of death and crept into light again. Then light and swift through the jungle trees we swung on our airy flights, Or breathed in the balms of the fronded palms in the hush of the moonless nights; Thus life by life, and love by love we passed through the cycles strange, And breath by breath, and death by death we followed the chain of change. Till there came a time in the law of life when over the nursing sod The shadows broke and the soul awoke in the new, dim dream of God. That was in the sixth of the seven days in God's creation time. We received the gifts of freedom and choice as we began our eonic climb. And that was a million years ago In a time we cannot see And here today, we found our way, to lunch at Rotary. Our love is old, our lives are old and death always comes to men. Should it come today, what man may say, We shall not live again? God wrought man's soul, like the oil and coal, from the depths of the briny sea. He sowed our spawn in the world's dim dawn and forever that chain will be. So, as we share this Rotary lunch, with salad and soup as the dish, Let us drink anew to the time when you were a tadpole and I was a Fish!" Edited and adapted by Art Holst from a poem by Langdon Smith.

Lou Callaway presided in the absence of President Jim and did a fine job.

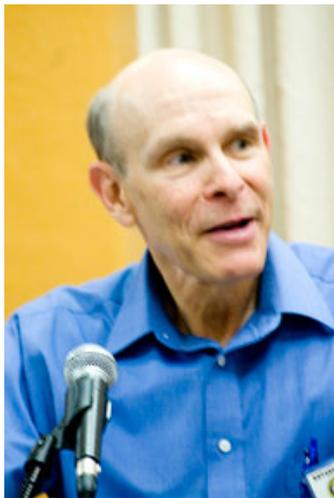
Scott Westerman was unanimously approved by the board to complete the one year remaining in the term of Josie Parker, who has resigned from the board (but not Rotary) due to work pressures.

Walt Hancock for the social committee said he had six tickets remaining for the Tiger baseball game Sept. 28. Note: the number had decreased to two by the end of the week.

Mike Marich for the program committee urged all to sign up for the Aug. 13 meeting, when we'll gather at Skyline High School for lunch and a tour. Be sure to organize your own car pool.

Secretary Downs Herold was wearing a shirt commemorating the victory of the U-M Solar Car team, after 10 days and 2,500 miles.

Notes from the Meeting of July 23, 2008



David Keren

Barbara Debrott introduced fellow Rotarian David Keren on "lessons learned from climbing Mount Kilimanjaro." Dave gave a humorous, scientific and educational talk all in one. Kili, as the mountain is known in the diminutive, is climbed frequently (30,000 annually), but it's no stroll in the park, not when the summit is more than 19,000 feet. The trek starts in sweltering heat and ends in Arctic conditions. The problems one encounters include difficulty acclimating to the rise in altitude, which is why one is advised to take seven days or longer to make the trip. High Altitude Pulmonary Edema (HAPE) and High Altitude Cerebral Edema (HACE) can kill you on Kili; onset of either necessitates getting down to lower altitude. Dave said he had loss of appetite, fatigue and confusion. He hallucinated about aluminum foil when in reality he was only seeing ice. But with the help of diamox, which accelerates acclimatization, Dave made it all the way to Uhuru Peak, highest point in Africa. But going down, he said, "was even tougher." Would he do it again? Probably not, unless it was with a grandchild.

Thought for the Day: From John Muir, America's naturalist, who said "doubly happy is the man or woman to whom lofty mountain tops are within reach."

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 127 members. We had three visiting Rotarians (Anand Harrilall of Stabroek in Guyana, Bob Ransom of Addis Ababa West in Ethiopia and Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson) and three guests. In conjunction with the luncheon, a total of 13 members attended the meetings of the Internal Financial Procedures and Golf Committees. Earlier in the month, ten members of the

Program Committee met on July 16 and eleven members of the Board met on July 15.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: July 30 – Rob Boehnke and Frode Maaseidvaag; August 1 – Joan Knoertzer

Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians: Neil Bidwell (Petoskey on June 18, June 25 and July 9); Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore on June 12, July 10 and July 17); Phil Klintworth (Eunice NM on July 16); Ruth Knoll (East Lansing on July 21 and Sidney Darling Harbor in Australia on July 2); Dan Romanchik (Ann Arbor North on July 17) and Bob Swistock (Northville on July 22).



Harpoon Meeting on July 30 Open to All: At 11:00 in the Anderson Room this 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.

Update on 2008 Community Service Grants: We recently received thank-you notes from SafeHouse, Washtenaw Children's Dental Clinic (we are even mentioned in their new flyer) and Ozone House. Our generosity was also acknowledged in the latest annual report from the Child Care Network.



Rotary Projects in Santarem [a report from our International Humanitarian Projects Committee]: Santarem is a Brazilian city of about 270,000 population at an Amazon river junction. Earlier Rotary humanitarian activities in Santarem have included the building of an elementary school, a school facility for latch-key kids, and continuing support of a dental clinic. We visited three local Rotary clubs and two new projects which involve our club and the Rotary Club Ann Arbor North; the delegation consisted of Rotarians Sue and Fred Beutler, John Copeland (President of Ann Arbor North), Pat Pooley (together with her daughter, Rachel Pooley), and John Rasmussen.

Pastoral do Manor ministers to children aged five to seventeen, most of whom are latch-key kids. They go to school for only four hours, while their parents work all day; hence the children are at loose ends for several hours. Pastoral is a place where these children go after school, engaging in activities that will enhance them intellectually, spiritually, socially and physically. Together with ten satellite facilities, all located in the poorest neighborhoods of Santarem, they serve almost 2000 children. To aid this worthy enterprise, and to facilitate vocational education (see later), we and our Rotary partner--the Santarém-Universitário Centenário Club--have been successful in obtaining matching funds for a total grant amount of \$14,900, of which Rotary of Ann Arbor is contributing \$6,550. John Rasmussen was instrumental in writing this grant, which was subsequently administered by Don Devine.

Our grant is partially dedicated to buying books, computers and other educational materials for the Pastoral children's library. We also actively worked on a rundown satellite facility located in one of the poorest neighborhoods. Our project was to paint a mural (designed and supervised by Sue Beutler) on the sixty foot outer wall. Part of the design consisted of the children's own houses, painted by the children themselves. This has given the local inhabitants the pride of ownership in their neighborhood Pastoral building.

The other part of the grant supplies educational materials—books and computers—to the trade school Centro de Edecao Profissional Esperanca A visit to the school by our Rotarian group verified that the school is a vibrant enterprise that benefited greatly by the materials purchased through this grant.



Resources for Club Committees: As the new year starts and the vacation season winds down, many committees will be assembling members, developing plans and beginning their work in earnest. RI provides many resources to these committees and their leaders. A valuable collection of links was included in the Rotary Weekly Update of July 11. Here's the link:

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/080711_news_%20committeeresources.aspx.

In addition to the guides, manuals and other advice related to committees that you will find on that web page, there is also a link that will allow you to subscribe directly to the Rotary Weekly Update.



Rotarian Team Leader Needed for Group Study Exchange to Australia: The District is soliciting applications from Rotarians interested to lead the District 6380 USA/Canada GSE Team to D9630 Australia (area around Brisbane, Queensland) during late February to late March, 2009. It is anticipated that interviews for Team Leader will take place the week of August 25. Here's an abbreviated list of requirements:

1. Be an experienced Rotarian, especially in international service, well-informed on USA and Canada and Rotary
2. Not be a current DG, an immediate PDG or DGE, or a relative thereof.
3. Assume complete charge of the team of four non-Rotarians
4. Assist the District in selecting the team members
5. Accompany the team for the duration of the study tour.
6. Be alert, energetic, and physically and mentally able to keep pace with a rigorous host/tour program
7. Not be accompanied by a spouse, companion, fiancé(e), or other relatives or dependents.
8. Assist team members in preparing presentations for Rotary club meetings and other functions.
9. Play an active role in the team members' predeparture orientation.
10. Be the primary contact between the GSE team and Rotary International Travel Service agent, and ensure that the team has completed all necessary pre-departure documents and fulfilled all pre-departure obligations/responsibilities.

The Application Form is available for download at: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_doc/260en.doc. It must be submitted by August 20. Our contact is Manish Mehta (Ann Arbor North), 468 Pine Brae Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, manishm@ncms.org, 734-604-7989, 734-369-2020 (fax)



Rotary History on Radio [excerpted from the Rotary Weekly Update of July 18]: Set the dial to 1955 and the Rotary Golden Theater Radio Show, a series of radio dramas that Rotary produced for its 50th anniversary. In this first episode, a newspaper editor helps a young reporter learn about Rotary's 50th anniversary by taking him to Rotary's headquarters in Evanston IL. It's there that they interview the RI president at the time, Herbert J. Taylor, who is also the author of The Four-Way Test . Here is the link to this broadcast:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/Multimedia/Audio/Pages/RotaryRadio.aspx>.

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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