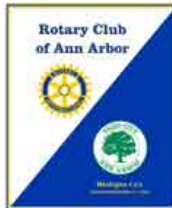


Harpoon for the Meeting of August 6, 2008

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August is "Membership and Extension Month" on the Rotary Calendar

The Program for Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Speaker: Lester Robinson, CEO, Wayne County Airport Authority

Topic: Breaking New Ground – Master Plan for Metro Airport

Detroit Metro Airport's new North Terminal will open in September, the last step in a 20-year Master Plan that has solidified Metro's standing as a world-class air transport hub. The number of passengers now served is expected to double by 2025 – to almost 60 million per year. CEO Lester Robinson will discuss the Authority's new Preferred Development Plan for enhanced capacity to handle this growth and further strengthen our region's competitive position in the world economy.

Host/introducer: Bob Guenzel

Song Leader: Downs Herold

Accompanist: Joan Knoertzer

Note: Dues payments for 2008-2009 were due at the end of July. Thanks to all who met the deadline. For the rest of you, please complete the #1 section of the pink 1-2-3-4 form right away and submit it with your check by mail to the Club's PO Box (see address in masthead) or in person to Downs Herold or John White at the next meeting.

Looking Ahead

August 13 (Wednesday at 11:45am) – Rotary Goes to School! Our regular weekly meeting will be held at the new Skyline High School (on Maple Road just north of M-14). Guests are welcome but we need to have a good number for the caterer so please sign up at this week's meeting or contact Mike Marich directly at mmarich@umich.edu. The price for the lunch buffet that day will be \$7.00. It will start at 11:45. The tour will start at 12:45 and run until 1:30. Since Huron River Drive is under construction, it will be better to approach the school from the south. Take the first driveway north of the roundabouts. Park in the lot and enter the school from the main entrance.

August 20 (Wednesday at noon) – Fellow Rotarian Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, will speak to us. The title of his presentation will be, "It's Not Your Grandfather's Ham Radio Any More." Note: We will back in the Anderson Room for this meeting.

August 27 (Wednesday at noon) – Our speaker will be Ed Steinman, Environmental Activist/Volunteer. His topic will be, “Demonstrating & Documenting Environmental Issues in Flight.” Note: This day is also one of the “move-in” days for West Quad so expect extreme congestion around the Union.
Complete descriptions for the meetings above are on the Club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/august.shtml>.

September 3 (Wednesday at noon) – Regular weekly meeting. Speaker and topic to be announced.

September 8 (Monday at 11:30am) – The Sixth Annual Rotary Invitational Golf and Tennis Outing. Plans are well in place but we can still use more sponsors, players, diners and items for the silent and live auctions. Remember: “It takes a village.”

News from the Meeting of July 30, 2008

Ruth Hastie, Larry's wife and a friend to many in this room, is hospitalized at St. Joe's following a stroke. She is in the rehab center making good progress; and the outlook is for a full recovery. I'm sure she would appreciate a card from her friends, but visits need to be cleared through Larry so she doesn't get too worn out. A card for Rotarians to sign after our meeting is in the hall.

Club dues are to be paid by the end of July! As of the latest count, about 50% of our members have sent in at least the required payments, and some of you sent in checks for all the categories in your "All In One" bill. Thank you responders and can the last minute folks please finish up?

As you know we will hold our meeting on Aug 13th at the new Skyline High School. In order to have just the right amount of sustainable, locally grown food, those who are planning to attend are requested to sign up today or next week or let Mike Marich know directly.

Walt Hancock has no tickets left for the baseball excursion on Sept. 28th. He will accept reservations for a waiting list.

Our District is looking for a leader for the outbound GSE trip to Queensland Australia for next winter (late Feb. to late March). You must be an experienced Rotarian, willing to both work on the trip logistics and lead this team of young (25 - 40 yr old) professionals. It should be a very rewarding experience. Applications are due August 20th, and interviews to select the team leader will be held on Sept. 2nd. Our good friend ex-ADG Manish Metha is co chair of the District GSE committee and would like nothing better than to talk to interested Rotarians. Information was in this week's Harpoon and will be repeated next week as well.

Notes from the Meeting of July 30, 2008



Oran Hesterman

Chuck Cares introduced Dr. Oran Hesterman, CEO of the Fair Food Foundation, which has its headquarters on Main Street in Ann Arbor. Formed to promote sustainable agriculture, this foundation is preparing to provide grants to promote its objectives. As a stark example of the extent of damage from farming practices, the speaker identified a large "dead zone" area in the Gulf of Mexico just outside the Mississippi delta, where nothing lives. He attributed this to destructive run-off from farms in the Mississippi River drainage area.

The average distance that food travels between production and consumption in the United States is about 1500 miles. Aside from the issues of spoilage, this transportation burden has become progressively more significant as energy prices continue

to increase. In addition, much of the farm labor is performed by migrant labor, often un-documented workers. Farms have been pushed progressively further from urban areas by suburban sprawl for roads, houses, and

shopping malls.

The speaker commended the voters of Ann Arbor for their willingness to tax themselves to preserve near-by farmland. In contrast, the city of Detroit is largely without a source of fresh farm products. Its residents depend largely on fast-food stores and gas station markets for their food source. As a consequence, children suffer from numerous dietary conditions and illnesses brought about by poor diets.

Dr. Hesterman said that the agricultural system is largely broken. The Fair Food Foundation is promoting the following strategies aimed at improvement:

- Develop local food sources; farmers' markets are good examples.
- Support entrepreneurship and sources of capital.
- Fix the "broken public policy" regarding agriculture.
- Organize urban youth using art and culture.

Funded by a family who wishes to remain anonymous, the Foundation is brand new. Applications for grants will start in November, with Detroit MI and Oakland CA as target cities. One-third of the land in Detroit is vacant. One analysis showed that even a small shift in food supplies for urban areas can have a profound effect on the people and the economy.

The News and Notes were compiled and reported by Dave Felbeck. Fred Beutler provided the photos.

Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 92 members. We had one visiting Rotarian (Byron Hestevold of Marathon FL) and three guests. In conjunction with the luncheon, a total of 11 members attended the meetings of the Harpoon and Golf Committees.

Other Notes of Interest

Birthdays: August 3 – Peter Wright; August 5 – Rob Juergens and Montatip Krishnamra; **August 6 - Susan Westerman;** August 7 – Robert Albritton; August 9 – Jan Barney Newman.

Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians: Barbara Bryant (Petoskey on July 23); Nels Olson (Frankfort on July 9, July 16 and July 23) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME on July 15 and July 22).

Monthly Membership Report to the District: During July, we lost three members to resignations (Bob Bolak, Brenda Herman and Laura Lonergan). At the end of the month, we reported a total of 314 members (not including our four honorary members). Average attendance for the month was 44%.

Rotarian Magazine for August: This month's issue includes a major article on Rotary's relationship with the Peace Corps (be sure to check out the marker on the front steps of the Union) and features describing projects on bridge-building and National Immunization Days. Also included is the latest version of the very popular "Rotary Basics" pamphlet. The Rotary Insider section contains news and information specifically for members.



More Resources from RI: Last week, the Harpoon reported the availability of resources to committees and their leaders. This week, the Rotary Weekly Update of July 30 announced another valuable collection. These resources are primarily for Club Officers but other members could benefit as well. Here's the link:

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

Also, here is another link that provides a variety of resources to help you get the most from your membership.

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/GeneralInformation/Pages/ridefault.aspx>.



Rotarian Team Leader Needed for Group Study Exchange to Australia [carried over from last week's Harpoon]: 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 first week of September. 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).

Flags, Flags and More Flags: Thanks to the globetrotting ways of a number of Rotarians and the photographic talents of our own Fred Beutler, here are photos of the flags that have been brought to us by visiting Rotarians or brought back by our members:



Links of Interest: Below is a list of links to various websites that will be of interest to Rotarians.



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- **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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