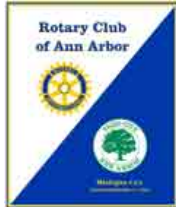


Harpoon for the Meeting of August 27, 2008

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

### The Program for Wednesday, August 27, 2008

**Speaker: Ed Steinman, Environmental Activist/Volunteer**

**Topic: Demonstrating & Documenting Environmental Issues in Flight**

Earlier this year Steve Reading told us about volunteer piloting for medical mercy flights. Private pilot (and U-M Dental School IT specialist) Ed Steinman has done that too, but will tell us how he now combines on-the-ground commitment to environmental causes with his love of flying by providing environmental observation flights to scientists, journalists, photographers, and other interested persons – to document toxic run-off from factory farms in west Michigan, for example, or the devastation of Appalachian mountain-top mining.

**Song Leader:** Jim Irwin

**Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

### Looking Ahead

**September 3** (Wednesday at noon) – Our speaker will be Lucy Ann Lance, Assistant Manager, Community Television Network (CTN). Her topic is, "From Boob Tube to You Tube: CTN Celebrates 35 years of Ann Arbor on TV."

**September 8**, Annual Golf Tennis Outing (11:30 am )

**Note:** *Outing Dinner will be held in place of Wednesday Luncheon Meeting ( Sept 10)*  
*Members Attending only the early evening dinner and auction (6:00pm) should make reservations by September 3*  
Travis Pointe Country Club

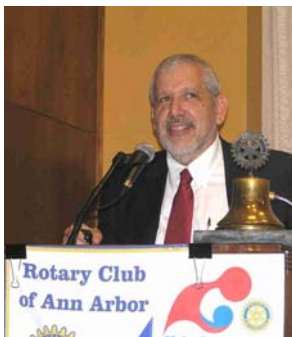
### News from the Meeting of August 20, 2008

The call is out: We still need more golfers for the Golf Outing Sept. 8. And any "spectacular auction items" (President Jim's words) would be welcome, too. And remember, there'll be no regular Wednesday meeting that week.

President Jim gave some highlights of the recent board meeting. We're at 314 members now; we ended last year with a small surplus; and there are lots of folks who are late with their dues. We've also entered the post-John White era of publishing the Harpoon, and for the initial effort all thanks go to Downs Herold. Our endowment trustees reported a not-so-good second quarter (market conditions are tough) but our overall investment strategy is good "for the long haul."

Rotarians in the news over the last month, for a variety of reasons, include Marsha Chamberlin, Jesse Bernstein, Joanne Pierson, Bob Ause, Bob Mull, Russ Collins, Don Devine, Claire Foley, John Sepp, Libby Hines (who was given the 2008 Distinguished Service Award by the National Center for State Courts), Patricia Garcia, Scott Westerman, John Eman, Peter Allen, Bruce Benz, Tim Marshall and Tom Sullivan. Gae Miller did the honors of reporting newsworthy Rotarians.

## Notes from the Program of August 20, 2008



Dan Romanchik

Bob Dascola introduced speaker Dan Romanchik on "Not Your Grandfather's Ham Radio." Dan, first licensed as a ham at age 16, said amateur radio today is "very high tech, all computer -controlled, a good example of modern technology." Ham radio operators talk to overhead satellites and use the Internet. Dan said amateur radio is a service as defined by law – it provides emergency communication. His club, ARROW, also provides coverage of certain public service events. Amateur radio promotes international fellowship, and hamming presents lots of interesting parallels with the ideals of Rotary, Dan said. And just what do ham radio operators talk about? Well, anything and everything, was the answer.

The News and Notes were compiled and reported by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor. Dave Felbeck provided the photos.

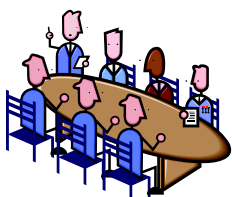
## Other Notes of Interest:

**Birthdays:** August 27- Chris Fischer: August 28- Al Burdi: August 29- Mike Nold: August 30- Margie McKinley:

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was 116 members. We had one visiting Rotarian (Donald Duff of Sutton's Bay-Leelanau) and seven guests. Prior to the meeting, a total of 31 members participated in meetings of the Golf, International Outreach and Program Committees. Earlier in the day, eleven members of the Board met. On August 18, the Endowment Investment Committee and Endowment Board met. A total of 13 members took part.

**Make-up Cards and Reports from Roving Rotarians:** Spaulding Clark (Dexter on July 30 and August 14); Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore on July 24, July 31, August 7 and August 14); Ray Hunter (Ebensburg PA on July 22); Beth Fitzsimmons (Frankfort on July 9 and August 13); Joe Fitzsimmons (Frankfort on July 9 and August 13); Amy Goodman (Ishpeming on July 16, July 23, July 30 and August 5) and Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME on July 29 and August 12).

**Two More Thank-you Notes:** The Family Book Club ([www.familybookclub.org](http://www.familybookclub.org)) and The Boy Choir of Ann Arbor ([www.aaboychoir.org](http://www.aaboychoir.org)) have each sent us a letter of appreciation for the grants they were awarded in last year's Community Allocation Program.



**Board Meeting Summary** At the meeting of the Board of Directors on August 20, it was reported that Club membership at the end of July stood at 314. This represents 4 more active members than on record than in July of 2007. Letters of resignation were accepted from Melanie Hoff, Evans Young, Gerald Hodge, Roger Pohl and Neil Bidwell. Club Treasurer John Ackenhusen reported that the Operating Fund closed the '07-'08 year with income exceeding expenses by \$1,141.67. The Operating Fund cash reserves at the start of the new year totaled \$32,884. Initial dues collections are low compared to last year at this time. The Endowment market value at the end of July was \$1,217,318. The

publication of the Harpoon has been transferred from the Administrator to the Harpoon Committee that in turn is seeking additional members to help with the production and distribution of the weekly newsletter. The Golf/Tennis Outing Committee

reported that it is continuing to work hard to reach their goal of \$45,000 net income but still need help from club members. The Board will be working on approving budget planning policies and adopting plans to help streamline Board meetings in upcoming meetings.

**Service Opportunity: Harpoon Publishers:** *Qualifications:* a) Feeling a little guilty for not doing enough to contribute to the club's activities. b) Able to contribute a couple hours a week (you pick the time) for a couple months a year. c) Computer skills at a "cut and paste" skills level. d) Hidden desire to become part of the "media" or get your name in the paper. *Duties:* Paste stories, articles and photos provided by club beat reporters into Harpoon template. Send out the completed document to Harpoon e-mail distribution list, It is expected that this work will be done on a rotating basis with other members. *Compensation:* Like the Mastercard ad, the satisfaction derived from helping your club will be priceless. Questions regarding the opportunities offered by this position should be directed to Maurita Holland or Don Faber. Opportunities like this don't come around very often. Act Now. Training is available

**Survey of our Programs and Speakers** [from Sam Offen, Chair of the Survey Committee]: In an effort to get a better sense of which programs members really enjoy, the Program Committee would like to know what you think of individual programs and speakers. We will be including a brief survey each month in the Harpoon to ask your opinions of the previous months' programs and speakers. Please take a few moments to share your views with us so that the Program Committee can serve you better. Here's the link:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=karWZDgJYwq68\\_2bZj5jEWig\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=karWZDgJYwq68_2bZj5jEWig_3d_3d).

**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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**Final Note: August 27 starts "Move-In " Days at the UM. Traffic behind the Union will be restricted. Consider carpooling, AATA or walking.**