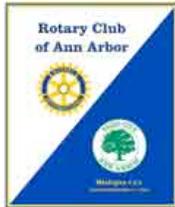


Harpoon for the Meeting of September 3, 2008

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## September is "New Generations Month" on the Rotary Calendar

### The Program for Wednesday, September 3, 2008

**Speakers: Luce Ann (Lance) Visovatti**

**Topic: From Boob Tube to You Tube . . . CTN's 35 Years of Ann Arbor on TV**

Public Access TV has been part of the Ann Arbor media scene for 35 years, now occupying four local Comcast channels (16, 17, 18 & 19). Long-time radio personality Lucy Ann Visovatti (known on-air as Lucy Ann Lance), Assistant Manager of the Community Television Network, will review how CTN has brought "power to the people" with a forum to speak out, create and communicate over the past 3-1/2 decades and give us a peek at what's next for Ann Arbor's own reality TV. Host/introducer: Patricia Garcia.

**Pianist:** Henry Johnson

**Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

## Looking Ahead

### September 8

**Speakers: President Jim Cook and Other Club Luminaries**

**Topic: The Golf Outing Dinner . . . *This IS Your Regular Weekly Club Meeting!!!***

Again this year our regular weekly meeting moves two days ahead on the calendar and several miles south, to Travis Pointe Country Club, where the annual Golf Outing fundraiser will be held this *MONDAY* afternoon and the festive dinner/auction that concludes the day's activities will be our Club meeting for the second week of September. Even if you don't play golf or tennis, please attend to enjoy our usual fellowship and good cheer in this unusual venue and support this important effort to fund our good works in the community.

### September 17

**Speakers: Beth Fitzsimmons and Cathi Duchon**

**Topic: The Ann Arbor YMCA . . . Serving the Community for 150 Years**

### September 24

**Speaker: Grady Burnett, Head of Online Sales & Operations, Google Ann Arbor**

**Topic: An Update on Google Ann Arbor & Online Search**

Complete descriptions for the meetings above are on the Club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/august.shtml>.

## News from the Meeting of August 27, 2008



Jim Irwin

Our song leader was the irrepressible, uninhibited and thoroughly enjoyable Jim Irwin who led us in a spirited song session that made those end-of-summer blues seem almost tolerable.

Felicitous congratulations go to Al Storey on the occasion of his 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

How would you rate our weekly programs? The Program Committee is asking you to participate in a monthly survey, a link to which is in the Harpoon. (Don't pull your punches, the "Programmers" love input of a constructive nature).

Just 12 more days, Laura Lonergan reminded us, until the annual golf tennis outing Sept. 8. More golfers, and more late auction items are still welcome. And remember, there'll be no regular Wednesday meeting that week.

Karen Kerry, in her Rotary Minute, outlined what Rotary is doing to keep Tree City green. Our fundraiser – that's the golf outing – provides money for the tree planting budget. We've planted 660 trees to date, but we need to keep digging.

## Notes from the Program of August 27, 2008

Agnes Reading introduced Ed Steinman, environmental activist and volunteer, on the topic "Demonstrating and Documenting Environmental Issues in Flight." Ed, a private pilot and U-M Dental School IT specialist, told us about how he provides environmental observation flights to scientists, journalists and other interested persons through Lighthawk. Lighthawk is one of two major groups in the country to collaborate with environmental groups to educate and inform decision-makers on such issues as water projects. He showed pictures of Bryce Canyon in Utah, the Four Corners area, Monument Valley and the Grand Canyon. He was able to document toxic run-off from those monster factory farms in western Michigan, and the devastating effects of mountain-top mining in Appalachia. If you want to know more, you can contact him at [esteinman@umich.edu](mailto:esteinman@umich.edu).



Ed Steinman

Notes prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor, Photo's by Fred Beutler

## Other Notes of Interest:

**Birthdays:** Sept. 2- Tony Nam, Bev Seiford: Sept. 3- Robbie O'Brian, Bryan Schindel:  
Sept. 5- Cheryl Elliott, Bob Pratt:

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at today's luncheon meeting was only 96 members, likely due to the fact that it was also student move-in day. We had one visiting Rotarian (Laura Lonergan of Novi), one Rotaractor (Noam Kimmelman, President of the U-M Club) and two guests. Prior to the meeting, a total of 16 members participated in meetings of the Golf and Rotaract Committees.

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Ian Glassford (Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario on July 20 and July 27); Amy Goodman (Ishpeming on July 16, July 23, July 30 and August 5); Maurita Holland (Manistique on August 18); Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on August 12) and Len Stenger (Cheboygan on May 28); Jack Walker (Damariscotta-Newcastle ME on August 19 and August 26).

**Monthly Report to the District:** We completed the month of August with a total of 309 active members after the resignations of Neil Bidwell, Melanie Hoff, Jerry Hodge, Roger Pohl and Evans Young. We also have four honorary members. Average attendance for the four meetings in August was 41%.

**Reminder on Dues:** Thanks to the 240 or so members who have paid their 2008-2009 dues that were to be submitted by the end of July. For those have not yet sent in their check, please do so promptly. On the positive side, almost 100 members have paid their 2009 Community Services Assessment and over 70 have already made a contribution to the "Every Rotarian – Every Year" campaign which kicks off officially in November. Also, about 40 have donated to PolioPlus.

**Directory Notes:** Our next printed directory will be issued in October. Please make sure your contact information is up to date. Contact John White with any changes. As part of the assembling the new directory, we are also striving to ensure all our member photos are current. Club Photographer Fred Beutler will be taking new ones on September 10 and 17. See him before or immediately after one of these meetings. He will also be accepting head-and-shoulders portraits as .jpg files or prints if you have one you would like us to use. Color photos are preferred.

**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).

**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 directed to Maurita Holland or Don Faber. Opportunities like this don't come around very often. Act Now Training is available

**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: If you are not yet registered, please do so by Sept. 3 for the Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Social Hour and Dinner at the Golf Outing.**