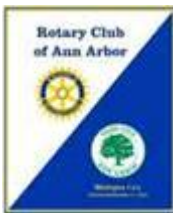


Harpoon for the Meeting of October 1, 2008

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October is Vocational Service Month on the Rotary Calendar

The Program for Wednesday, October 1, 2008

Speaker: David Munson, Dean, UM College of Engineering

Topic: Michigan Engineering - Partnering for the Future

The University of Michigan has one of the largest and best colleges of engineering in the nation. Dean Munson will provide an up-to-date overview of its educational and research missions and activities and answer these three questions: What have we been up to besides education? Where are we going? How are we helping to transform the economy of the State of Michigan?

Host/introducer: Beth Fitzsimmons **Song Leader:** Jim Irwin **Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

Upcoming events

October 3 – Nomination for New Members due today!! Information and membership application available at <http://www.annarborrotary.org/facts.shtml>. New member induction will be Nov. 12.

October 8 - Dr. Sue O'Shea, Professor, Cell and Developmental Biology, discusses "Stem Cell Research."

October 15 - Dan Long, Music Education Consultant, relates the “History of Music in the Ann Arbor Public Schools”

Notes from the Sept. 24 Meeting

Our invocation by Ingrid Sheldon urged the benefits of laughter – “live long and laugh often.”

President Jim gave an inspiring “Polio Plus” slide presentation which showed worldwide gains in eradicating the disease. Problem areas still are Nigeria, Pakistan-Afghanistan and India. Rotary’s partnerships with such groups as the CDC and the World Health Organization are paying dividends. Jim described “wonderful progress” from 1985-2008 in wiping out the disease.

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Ken Fischer introduced Grady Burnett, director of online sales and operations, Google Ann Arbor, on “An Update on Google Ann Arbor and Online Search.” Burnett laid out the “Google Effect” – if it’s good enough for Google in Ann Arbor, it will resonate with the world business community. The local Google makes money, Burnett said, by working with advertisers all over North America. He noted that “intense debates” characterize the company command structure. Google’s beginnings were in a dorm room, then a garage, and now it’s a corporate giant whose goal is to organize the world’s information and make it

accessible. Google moved to Ann Arbor in 2006 and now employs about 250 people. “We have a vibrant, creative workplace,” said Burnett. “We’re team-based, locally and globally.” Among its arsenal of products are spreadsheets, docs, g-mail and You Tube. Burnett said, “We try to keep things simple for users and advertisers.”

Notes prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor; photo by Fred Beutler

Other Notes of Interest

Flying High! That’s Pete Pierson smiling broadly after taking the flight he won earlier this month at the Golf & Tennis Outing auction.

Your Opinion Counts! Please take the brief program survey at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pcJiwSdE TJhquPSvQnmTCA_3d_3d

Birthdays: Sept. 29 - Deanna Relyea; Sept. 30 – David Anderson, Anne Glendon; **Oct. 1 – Bill Martel;** Oct. 2 – Mary Sue Coleman; Oct. 3 – Fred Beutler; Oct. 4 – Chuck Rubin; Oct. 5 – Steve Kesler



Meeting Statistics: Our reported attendance at the luncheon meeting was 140 members. We had 15 guests, three visiting Rotarians (Jeff Lichty of Clarkston, Manish Mehta of Ann Arbor North and Mary Sloan of Clarkston) and two Rotaractors (Noam Kimelman and Nathalie Cornett, both of the U-M club). In addition we were honored to host Jamie Revord, a Major Gifts Officer from The Rotary Foundation. Prior to the luncheon, a total of 33 members participated in meetings of the Interact, Membership, Public Relations and Rotaract Committees.

Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians: Brad Bowersox (Saline on September 11 and Ann Arbor North on September 18).

Monthly Report to the District: After two resignations in September (Brandt Coultas and Marlys Schutjer), our club reported 307 Active members to start the new month. We also have four Honorary members. Average attendance for the four meetings during the month was 48%.



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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