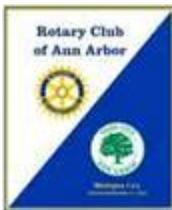


Harpoon for the Meeting of October 8, 2008

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October is Vocational Service Month on the Rotary Calendar

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The Program for Wednesday, October 8, 2008

Speaker: Dr. Sue O'Shea, Professor, Cell and Developmental Biology, University of Michigan Medical School

Topic: Stem Cells 101 - A Rotarian's Introduction to Stem Cell Biology

Professor O'Shea's presentation will focus on stem cells' two unique characteristics: pluripotency (ability to form many cell types) and self-renewal (ability to divide & replace a stem cell). Learn about their sources, from early blastocyst (embryonic) and adult tissues (neural & muscle stem cells), and how various types of stem cells can be used for study of early human development, cell replacement therapies, and drug discovery.

Host/introducer: Al Burdi **Song Leader:** Russ Collins **Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

Upcoming events

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

October 22 - Stan Sherman, District Governor, Rotary District 6380, speaking about “Making Rotary Dreams Real in District 6380”

Notes from the Oct. 1 Meeting

The deadline has been extended by one week for the next new member class. If you have some prospective members in mind, this is the time to act.

Rotarians in the news included Tom Conlin, who received a lifetime achievement award from his travel peers; Bob Guenzel, Charley Crone, Joe Fitzsimmons, Ingrid Sheldon, Verna McDaniels, Tim Marshall, Gloria Brooks, David Behen, Geoff Larcom, Bob Holmes, Ken Fischer, Nick Rutan, Scott Huckestein, Barbara Hiltz, Jan Newman and Bob Mull. In addition, Henry Johnson’s wife, Billie, was inducted into the Ohio Women’s Hall of Fame by that state’s governor.

We spotlighted the Carla Foundation among the nonprofits Rotary chooses to support. Vic Stoeffler told us the Carla Fund promotes love of books in children. “We give to all parents a packet instructing them on why it’s important to read to young children,” Vic said.

Notes from the Oct. 1 Program

Beth Fitzsimmons introduced David Munson, Dean, U-M College of Engineering on “Michigan Engineering – Partnering for the Future.” The CoE has 11 departments and 1 program and is



consistently ranked in the top 10 in its undergraduate programs. David’s enrollment snapshot showed 5,217 undergrads, 1,208 in the Master’s program and 1,271 working on their Ph.Ds. Among undergrads, 23 percent are female and 62 percent are Michigan residents. CoE may be best known for its solar car team, which gets a lot of publicity because Michigan often wins. “Students start with a blank sheet of paper,” David said, “and build something,” like a human-powered helicopter. A research powerhouse, U-M College of Engineering spends about \$135 million on research which makes in impact in such areas as start-up companies. Recent innovations include cost sharing on large industry proposals and recognition of inventors. As to the future, look for more high level problem solving and broad “horizontal” thinking among the 400 faculty members and bright students who are attracted to a school whose top competitors are MIT, Stanford and Cal-Berkeley.

To dispel the myth that engineers are humorless nerds, President Jim offered the following handy engineering conversions:

- Ratio of an igloo’s circumference to its diameter: Eskimo Pi
- Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement: Bananosecond
- Half of a large intestine: 1 semicolon
- 365.25 days of drinking low-calorie beer because it’s less filling: 1 lite year
- 1 millionth of a fish: 1 microfiche

1000 grams of wet socks: 1 literhosen.

There were more, but you get the idea. Nerds no more, President Jim!

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

Other Notes of Interest

Fifty Rotarians enjoyed the Sept. 28 trip to Comerica Park to see the Tigers last game of the season. Many thanks to Walt Hancock for organizing the event.



The Strive Committee is seeking additional Rotarians to support our goal of enrolling *all* Strive Scholarship winners at WCC. Strive Scholars are students at Ann Arbor's alternative Stone High School, who raise their grade point average the most during their senior year. Initiated to motivate students to pursue post secondary education, the program also exacts attendance and behavioral goals. Unfortunately not all of the scholarships we award are actually used.

In response to the gap, Andy Dahlmann created the Strive Partnership program, pairing a Stone Scholar with a Rotarian. The Rotarian's role is that of mentor, partner, encourager and nagger - in other words, a surrogate parent! Partners are assigned in April (we may begin sooner this year) and communicate through the summer. As a result of this program, more than 50% of the Stone Scholars from June of 2008 are enrolled this fall at W.C.C. Students and partners are to be congratulated!

Liz Orbits, the WCC Student Resources and Women's Center Director, has offered to lead a workshop on mentoring for the Strive Committee and other Rotarians interested in becoming a Rotary Partner.

If you have interest in this class, please e-mail Liz Orbits (eorbits@wccnet.edu) and send a cc to Andy Dahlmann (adahlm1322@aol.com), so we can organize and schedule the class. If you are interested in joining the Strive Committee or becoming a Rotary partner, please contact Lois Jelnick (JLoisjean@aol.com) or Wendy Correll (wcorrell@aapsef.org). Our next committee meeting will be October 22nd, 7:30 a.m. at Stone School.

Birthdays: Oct. 11 – Bob Moenart

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the October 1st meeting included 147 members, 5 guests and 3 visiting Rotarians, Phil Lowman from Rochester, MI, John Hammond from Lakeshore, MI and Beth Walker from Brighton, MI. 13 members attended meetings of the International Exchange, Membership and Nominating Committees.



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>
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