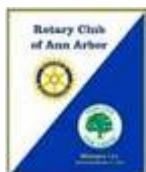


Harpoon for the Meeting of December 10, 2008

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December is Family Month on the Rotary Calendar

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Program for December 10, 2008

Topic: Winter Holiday Concert

Ken Westerman, Director, Pioneer High School Choir

The meeting will be held in the Union Ballroom where Scott Westerman will introduce Ken Westerman and his choir. Plan to bring guests to this very popular event celebrating the season. Also, plan to bring \$10.50 to pay for the full (hot entrée and dessert) buffet. Lesser options will be available as usual.

Upcoming events

Dec. 14 – Social Outing: Art Center Holiday Evening. Holiday Shopping with Rotarians!

Enjoy light refreshments: 5:00 - 7:00 pm; Gingerbread house construction for children and grandchildren: 4:00 - 7:00 pm; reservations for houses @ \$10 each by 12/6, Marsha Chamberlin

Dec. 17 – Luncheon meeting, Joel Slemrod, U-M Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy, speaks about "The Economic Outlook - Can Tax Policy Save the Day?"

Dec. 24 & 31 – No meetings – Enjoy the Holidays

January 7 - Regular weekly luncheons resume

Feb 15, 2009 – Polio Eradication National Immunization Day to immunize in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India. More information will be posted on our website.

Notes from the Meeting of December 3

After thanking Director Wayne Colquitt for pinch-hitting last week, President Jim assumed mid-season form for the club's annual meeting. By way of announcements, he said Joanne Pierson is still looking for mentors/career advisors for Rotoract. Further, Dec. 14 should be kept open for our next social event. That's when Marsha Chamberlin is hosting an Art Center Holiday Evening from 5-7 p.m. for members to enjoy the exhibits and to do a little shopping.

In the Club Assembly portion of our program, past president Al Burdi presided over the election of officers and directors to make up the club's new leadership team. Lou Callaway is the incoming president, but the new team includes Beth Fitzsimmons as the next president, John Ackenhusen as treasurer, Downs Herold as secretary and Bill Dunifon, Jim Reece and Joanne Pierson as Directors. Al also presented the annual report, with special thanks to Maurita Holland, Fred Beutler and John White for their efforts in its publication. Current officers and directors stood to be recognized in an ovation, followed by all committee chairs. It was noted by President Jim that "our club is the sum of its 30-odd committees," and by that he didn't mean that their work was strange or peculiar.

John Ackenhusen, minus his Gilbert & Sullivan-like lyrics this year, presented the treasurer's report. A small surplus was reported. Downs Herold, subbing for endowment treasurer Dave Keosaian, referred to a stock market meltdown. Bernie Bedell, who gave the endowment investment performance report, also alluded to the market, but said "we'll ride out the bad times."

We also celebrated club activities that clearly fell into the good news category. Ian Glassford said that in five years of planting trees around town, we've contributed 3,000 volunteer hours and 1,150 trees. For membership initiatives, Karen Kerry and Agnes Reading promised three new member classes next year. And in the area of international service, Claudio Spiguel from Brazil spoke and showed a DVD on an education project in his country that was completed, thanks to Rotary's hard work. Vic Rosenberg was singled out for special thanks.

President Jim's concluding remarks were "I'm proud to be a member of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, and I hope you are, too!"

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



Vic Rosenberg and Claudio Spiguel



Claudio Spiguel



Rotarians in the News: The November District Newsletter features a report from John Rasmussen, Fred and Sue Buetler, and Pat Pooley and daughter who visited the “**International Humanitarian Projects: Rotary Projects in Santarem**” in Brazil. At left is the traveling party; below see the mural designed and supervised by Sue. For details follow the link to the November Newsletter at <http://www.rotary6380.org>.



Other Notes of Interests

Birthdays: Dec. 8: Hal Flynn; Dec. 9: Ray Fitzgerald; Dec. 13 Geoff Baker, David Herzig; Dec. 14: Joel Berger, Pam Horiszny.

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the Club Assembly meeting of December 3 included 154 members (a great turnout!). We also had three guests and four visiting Rotarians (Barrett Bugg of Lansing; Claudia Spiguel of Guaxupe, Brazil; Carlos Valderrama of Bogota, Columbia and Phil Weiss of Brighton). Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 31 members participated in meetings of the International Projects, Rotaract and Distinguished Service Award Committees. Also reported for a total of six attendance credits were meetings related to the Harpoon and website.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore on November 20); Reno Maccardini (San Juan PR on November 11) and Bob Swistock (Novi on November 6).

District 6380 Newsletter Now On-line: The November issue has been posted on the District website at www.rotary6380.org. An entire page is dedicated to our projects in Santarem.

From Maurita Holland:

In November we welcomed Agnes Reading and Nishta Bhatia as co-publishers of the Harpoon. Any news or other items for the Harpoon should be sent to us at a2harpoon@umich.edu. A big thank you is overdue to John White for all his years of work in producing our Harpoon and for his continuing support in handling its distribution. Thank you also to Don Faber and Fred Beutler, whose contributions are the core of our newsletter and to the many other Rotarians who help along the way. If there are features you'd like to see in the Harpoon or if you'd like to join the team, please let us know.

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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