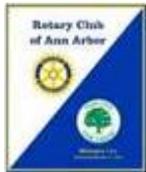


Harpoon for the Meeting of January 7, 2009

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January is Month Rotary Awareness Month on the Rotary Calendar

Calling all committees

Please send your meeting dates to a2harpoon@umich.edu

so that may be in the *Harpoon*

Calling all Rotarians

RECYCLE your used electronics at Rotary

Program for January 7, 2009

IN THE BALLROOM

Speaker: John Godfrey, Assistant Dean, U-M Rackham School of Graduate Studies

Topic: *Internationalizing by Degrees . . .* Graduate Education at U-M (and elsewhere)

The University of Michigan has drawn international students for graduate studies in many fields for many years. As Assistant Dean for International Education at Rackham, John Godfrey has a unique perspective on the long history and importance of international grad students at U-M and elsewhere in U.S. higher education. He will describe their contributions to Michigan's world-leading status as a research university and discuss emerging trends in graduate education in Asia and Europe.

Host/introducer: Spaulding Clark

Upcoming events

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

Jan. 7 – **Committee meetings**, 11 a.m., Ballroom

Food Collection Committee (contact: Paul Yhouse, pyhouse@umich.edu)

International Humanitarian Committee (contact: Len Stenger, l.stenger@sbcglobal.net)

Jan. 14 – **Committee meetings**, 11 a.m., Anderson Room

Publicity/ Communication Committee (contact: Maurita Holland, mholland@umich.edu)

Jan. 14 – **Luncheon meeting:** James Steward, Director, U of M Museum of Art, give us a

“Sneak Preview – A New Museum of Art for U-M & Ann Arbor”

Jan. 21 – **Luncheon meeting:** Roger Myers, President/CEO, Presbyterian Village of Michigan, talks about “*Golden Years . . . the Economic Powerhouse of an Aging Society*”

Notes from the Program of December 17

Invoker Art Holst delivered a Christmas poem, from memory no less, that recalled Rotary's "Service above Self."

Josie Parker was a Rotarian in the News, winning our unofficial "Crime Fighter of the Year Award" for foiling a robbery while sustaining a broken leg in the process.

We heard from Junior Rotarians Ignatius Chen, Tola Masha and Cameron Burden from Pioneer High. Iggy has been accepted at MIT; Tola is "still waiting to hear" from the college of her choice; and Cameron wants to go to Morehouse College in Atlanta.



Ignatius Chen



Tola Masha



Cameron Burden

Pictures by Ginny Geren and Fred Beutler

Notes from the Meeting of December 17



Joel Slemrod

Jim Reece introduced Joel Slemrod, U-M Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy, on "The Economic Outlook – Can Tax Policy Save the Day?" Joel described a "perfect storm" of tax policy events, including a new President to be inaugurated who can be expected to use the income tax to expand social programs; the expiration at the end of 2010 of all the Bush administration-mandated tax cuts; and finally, in 2011, the coming to retirement age of the baby boom generation when Social Security and Medicare will exceed payroll taxes by \$52 trillion over 75 years. "Something will have to give," he said. Joel said he didn't anticipate early in 2008 the financial crisis and recession of today. As for tax and fiscal policy, "we're between a rock and a hard place." Put him down as one economist who's taking a wait-and-see attitude toward the new Administration.

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

December Board Meeting Report

At the meeting of the Board of Directors on December 17, the Club membership at the end of November was reported as 316. Resignations were accepted with regret from Jim Lester and Harvey Grotrian (health), and Brian Tolle, and Collyer Smith (business pressure). The Operating Fund balance and expense activity was reported to be close to budget with cash on hand totaling \$556,486. The Endowment market value at the end of November was \$856,201. The Strategic Plan Implementation Process has started and committees are being asked to assess their present activity leading to the Strategic Plan goals and objectives. Reports of the success of the fall tree planting and social programs were received. Rotaract and Interact Clubs are running well and Strive and Jr. Rotarian students are being scheduled to attend upcoming meetings. Claire Foley and Greg Stesjkjal have agreed to serve as co-chairs for the '09

Golf and Tennis Outing. Work on the new club website is moving forward with Stew Nelson's help. Dan Romanchik has stepped down as webmaster but has agreed to help maintain the old website during the transition to the new site. The Audio Visual section of the Program Committee was encouraged to prepare a proposal for the purchase of wireless microphones for use at our meetings. An ad hoc group was also asked to prepare recommendations for the Board regarding providing care of our senior members. The Board members received a draft collection of Club Policies and Procedures and will be reviewing and altering these where needed in upcoming meetings.

Recycle your old electronics at absolutely no cost!

Beginning January 7, Rotaract is running a consumer-electronics recycling drive in collaboration with EcoPhones. If you have old cell phones, ink jet cartridges, laptops, iPods, or digital cameras lying around, bring them to an upcoming Rotary meeting! Your used items will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds will help fund a Rotary-Rotaract Clean-Water Project in Ecuador. At the entrance to the Anderson Room, a labeled bin awaits your drop off! Any questions or to schedule a drop off, please contact Jeff Birg (jbirg@umich.edu).

And a good time was had by all...

Thanks to the Social Committee for last Sunday's outing to the Ann Arbor Art Association!



Connie Cook, Barbara Bryant, Rick Price



Joanne Pierson, Paul and Anne Glendon

Photos by Susan Smith

Strive Committee Goes to College

On Tuesday, December 16, 2008, Rotary Strive Committee Members Wendy Correll, Lois Jelneck, Agnes Reading, Rick Reid, Dan Romanchik, Tim Porter, Barb Bryant, Omari Rush and Andy Dahlmann participated in a mentoring training program at Washtenaw Community College aimed at improving outcomes with Strive scholars from Stone School. Andy's analysis of Strive scholar participation rates revealed that less than 50% of scholarship winners actually use their scholarship funds in a typical year. Committee members hope that by building relationships with Strive scholars earlier and more deeply, they can achieve a higher utilization rate.

Other Notes of Interests

Birthdays: Dec. 23, Verna McDaniel; Dec. 25, Brooks Sitterley; Dec. 26, Bob Holmes; Dec. 27, Wendy Correll; Dec. 28, Ken Fischer; Dec.29, Paul McCracken; Dec. 30, Bob Ause; Dec. 31, Chris Conlin; Jan 2, Herb Amster

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of December 17 included 139 members. Also present were four guests and three visiting Rotarians (Robert Reizner of Jackson, Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson and Phil Weiss of Brighton). Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 22 members participated in meetings of the Interact, International Outreach and STRIVE Committees. Earlier in the day, 17 members were present at

the Board of Directors meeting. On Tuesday, December 16, a STRIVE mentoring session drew eight members while thirteen members attended a Bowling Committee retreat on December 12. Finally, Nick Lacy submitted his report on Rotary Tutors for the fall semester. Twelve Rotarians combined for a total 81 sessions while three spouses added another 23.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Dale Berry (Plymouth on December 10); Brad Bowersox (Ann Arbor North on December 11) and Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on December 9).

Community Services Assessment due by December 31 [a note from John White]: Thanks to the 170 or so who have already paid your 2009 Community Services Assessment. Coincidentally, that number is the same as the amount in dollars that the rest of you need to submit by the end of the calendar year. You can check the #3 section of your 1-2-3-4 invoice for details or simply write out a check for \$170 to the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment and mail it to the Club at PO Box 131217, Ann Arbor 48113-1217. You are also welcome to add an additional amount that will go directly to the Endowment's Permanent Fund. In both cases, the amount will be tax-deductible. If you want to claim your total on your 2008 return, get it in promptly so that I can get it to the bank on time. Thanks.

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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