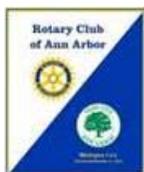


Harpoon for the meeting of January 21, 2009

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January is Rotary Awareness Month on the Rotary Calendar

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SOCIAL EVENT, January 29th: Get your tickets NOW!!

Nominate a New Member

We're on Facebook!!

Program for January 21, 2009

Speaker: Roger Myers, President/CEO, Presbyterian Village of Michigan

Topic: *Golden Years . . . the Economic Powerhouse of an Aging Society*

With the Club's median age still in the mid-sixties, it's no surprise to Ann Arbor Rotarians that the more mature among us constitute the fastest growing population demographic in Michigan, and are expected to maintain that distinction for the next twenty-five years. What does this mean for all of us – young, old or in between – and for society in general and the Michigan economy in particular? Roger Myers will answer these questions with compelling, myth-busting facts and commentary.

Host/introducer: Henry Johnson **Song Leader:** Don Devine **Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

Upcoming events

Jan. 21 – Committee meetings, 11 a.m., Anderson Room

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

Rotate Your Food: Paul Yhouse, pyhouse@umich.edu

Social Committee: Susan Smith Gray, smithsms@umich.edu

Interact: Ed Weir, ewier@aol.com

Jan 28 – Luncheon Speaker: John Ackenhusen, Club Treasurer & General Dynamics Executive

Topic: *Seeing the Unseen . . . What is that Building with the Observatory Dome by I-94?*

Jan. 29 - Social Committee sponsors Wine, Women, and Song at Kerrytown Concert House, 7:30 pm – Don't miss this very special evening!! See Susan Smith Gray for tickets; smithsms@umich.edu or phone (734) 834-0374.

Notes from the Meeting of January 14

President Jim said the recruitment period for the next new member class is officially open; nominations will be accepted between now and February 25 for Induction on March 25. The new



web-based Nomination form, with new questions, is on the website.

A Polio Plus presentation included a video of young Kamran Khan of Pakistan. We'll have a fundraising concert to benefit Polio Plus on April 24 at Skyline High in Ann Arbor.



We heard from Junior Rotarians William Liu and Julia Tang from Huron High. They were introduced by Tony Nam. William said Rotary taught him teamwork and giving back to the

community. Julia, a published writer, outlined her community activities, including the Hands-On Museum board. Ed Weir was singled out for being especially helpful.

Notes from the Program of January 14



Mary Steffek Blaske introduced James Steward, director, U-M Museum of Art, on "A New Museum of Art for U-M and Ann Arbor." After a two-year construction period, the new museum will open on March 28, with "substantially expanded hours" and free admission.



"We're going to be more than just exhibiting art on walls," said James. Partnerships with groups such as UMS, Summer Festival and the Ann Arbor Art Center will make UMMA a multi-disciplinary center for the arts. James praised

Sang Nam for his efforts at making the museum's Korean collection of art truly outstanding. The expansion, characterized by James as in the "minimalist mode", will make the facility a campus and community center, "a lantern for those driving by or walking by." Collections of contemporary art will be a priority. *Notes prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor; Photos by Fred Beutler*

Other Notes of Interest

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of the evening was between the bowlers and the equipment and computer scoring system. After two long and difficult games, the two teams were moved to a different set of lanes for the last game. After all the dust had settled, the results were as follows: The Blue team defeated the Gold team by a score of 22-18. Not enough for real bragging rights by anybody. Chuck Olson was high over average (42) for the Gold team and Al Burdi was high over (43) for the Blue team. High games

rolled were by Chuck Olson (210), Dick Elwell (192) and Peter Wright (182). At about the half way point in the season, the Blue team is in the middle of the pack and the Gold team has considerable room for improvement.

We're on Facebook!!! In an effort to continue our mission of spreading the word about Rotary, we are now on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=57896502278&ref=ts>

Facebook is a social networking site that anyone can join. This site will help members connect with one another and share the good works of Rotary with friends. Please contact Nick Lacy (nlacy@surovell.com) with any questions.

SO what is Interact, and what is its history? In the early 1960's, a committee of five Rotarians --one each from Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America and the Southwest Pacific-- developed Interact, a service club modeled along the lines of a Rotary club, but for boys and girls ages 14-18 who were in secondary school.

The name INTERACT is a combination of the words international and action. The clubs meet in high schools and have a teacher and a local Rotarian as advisors; members work together with their sponsoring Rotary Club which provides guidance, but the Interactors are self-governing and self supporting.

The first Interact Club was launched in 1962 at a high school in Melbourne, Florida, USA, and it quickly spread around the world! It is one of the most significant and fastest growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and geographical areas. Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Almost 200,000 young people are involved!!

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and good will. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of:

- *Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- *Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- *Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work.

Applications for the GSE 2009-10 with Japan are due to the GSE District co-chairs by March 15, 2009. The District 6380 GSE team will leave September 30, 2009 for District 2550 which is about 60 miles north of Tokyo. The team will spend one month in D 2550 and depart back to the US on October 30th. Team leader and members will be home hosted by Rotarians in D 2550 and have several vocational visits and do some sight seeing while there. (The team from D 2550 will come to our District April 25 to May 24th, 2010.)

Memorial Service for Tom Roach on April 18: Tom Roach, long-time Rotarian and our president in 1994-1995, will be memorialized at a service on Saturday, April 18. It will be held at 2:30pm in the U-M Alumni Center at the corner of Fletcher and E. Washington streets.

Birthdays: Jan. 18: Dan Stewart; Jan. 22: Ginny Geren, Lou Callaway; Jan 23: Norman Herbert

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of January 14 included 142 members. Also present were one visiting Rotarian (Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson), two Jr. Rotarians and eleven guests. Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 31 members participated in meetings of three committees: Rotate Your Food, Strategic Plan and STRIVE. Also documented were the activities of the Rotaract Committee during the fall semester. A total of 29 attendance credits were earned.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Hal Flynn (Flint on January 9); Amy Goodman (Ypsilanti on January 12); Bob Mull (Tecumseh on January 3). Note: Bob was the presenter at the Tecumseh club that day. His topic was the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.



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 website with background material and current information including the current Annual Report, Strategic Plan, New Member Nomination Form, Committee Descriptions, Club and Golf Outing brochures, synopses of upcoming programs and an archive of current and past Harpoons. Find our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=57896502278&ref=ts>

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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