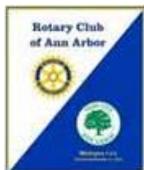


Harpoon for the meeting of February 4, 2009

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February is World Understanding Month

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Speaker: Susan Martin, President, Eastern Michigan University

Topic: EMU Today . . . Higher Education & the Michigan Economy

Eastern Michigan University has been much in the news over the past few years, not always for the best of reasons, but things have brightened considerably for this other gem in the Washtenaw County higher education crown since Susan Martin came to Ypsilanti from Grand Valley State University by way of U-M Dearborn to assume the presidency in July 2008. President Martin swiftly immersed herself in both EMU administration and campus life, establishing quick rapport with students and faculty. We're honored to hear her thoughts on the role of higher education in Michigan's economy as she begins her eighth month in office.

Host/introducer: Gloria Kerry **Song Leader:** Don Devine **Accompanist:** Tom Strode

In Memoriam



Former Rotarian Don Robinson Passes Away: Many of us learned of his passing from the obituaries in the Ann Arbor News on January 30, (<http://www.legacy.com/annarbor/DeathNotices.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonID=123462766>) and read a tribute to him in the Sports section (<http://www.mlive.com/annarbor/stories/index.ssf?/base/sports-2/123333006248750.xml&coll=2>). Don was a 35 year member of our club before resigning in 2006 upon his relocation to Florida. He was truly a "Service

above Self" Rotarian who was a very active member, a Paul Harris Fellow, and recipient of our Distinguished Service Award. A sympathy card for his family will be available for signatures at Wednesday's meeting.

Upcoming events

Feb. 4 -- **International Humanitarian Committee** meeting, 11 a.m.

Feb. 11 – **Luncheon Speakers:** Brad Bowersox, Great Sauk Trail Council Scout Executive, & Ed Micklatcher discuss the Centennial Celebration of Scouting . . . in Ann Arbor & Across the USA

Feb. 11 – **New Members** are invited to meet in the Anderson Room with Steve Pierce and other members of Membership Development. The Committee wants to learn about your Rotary experience so far, collect ideas, and answer any questions that have come up since joining in November. Please be there!

Feb 15 – **Polio Eradication National Immunization Day** -Immunize in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India. More information on our web site.

Notes from the Meeting of January 28

We may have to invent a new category for ourselves, says President Jim. It would be called "Sons of Rotarians in the news" and our own Joh Kang's son, Eugene, would be our first featured son. Gene is a special assistant to President Barack Obama and logging lots of White House time, we can be sure.

Polio Plus update: We've contributed \$3,300 to date with the big Polio Plus concert coming up. Here's your chance to help.

President Jim said "we need a lot more applications" for the new member class coming up.

Our Committee Spotlight was trained on the Rotate Your Food Committee, as Charley Crone said the Food Gatherers campaign was set for March 23-April 4.

Tony Nam introduced Junior Rotarians Gussie Askew, who's been accepted at Washtenaw Community College; Emma Tolman who hopes to attend Brown; and Mollie Ruth who's waiting on other bids while making plans to attend Michigan Tech. The trio comes from Community High.



Gussie Askew



Emma Tolman



Mollie Ruth



Notes from the Program of January 28

Downs Herold introduced our own John Ackenhusen, club treasurer and General Dynamics executive, speaking on “Seeing the Unseen...What is that building with the observatory dome by I-94?”

John paid tribute to fellow Rotarians Hank Amble, Dale Ausherman, Jack Walker and Adam Kozma who’ve been involved in remote sensing for many years. John explained how his work enables observation of things we can’t touch and often can’t see, e.g., how to distinguish man-made objects from natural objects. Clearly, his company’s work has profound implications for national defense and John’s customers are primarily the U.S. government and government agencies. If you don’t know the difference between reconnaissance and surveillance, John will be

happy to tell you!

Notes by Don Faber, Harpoon editor; Photos by Fred Buetler and Dave Felbeck

Other Notes of Interest

Meeting Statistics: Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting on the snowy day of January 28 included 123 members. Also present were three visiting Rotarians (Debbie Green of Ann Arbor Sunrise, Mark Veich of Marshall and Phil Weiss of Brighton), three Jr. Rotarians and three guests. Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 35 members participated in meetings of four committees: Financial Resource Strategies, Rotaract, Rotate Your Food and STRIVE.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Jim Cook (Ann Arbor Sunrise on January 25) and Chris McMullen (Ypsilanti on January 26).

Monthly Membership Report to the District: We began and finished the month of January with 312 Active Members and four Honorary Members. Our reported average attendance was 51% for the four meetings.

Birthdays: **Feb 2** – Adam Kozma, Donald Smith; **Feb 4** – Nishta Bhatia, Dewey Noland; **Feb 6** – Chris McMullen, Steve Oldstrom; **Feb 7** – Steven Thoms; Feb. 8 – Millie Danielson.

January Board Meeting Report: Board of Directors met at the Red Cross Chapter House on January 21. Club membership at year end was reported as 312. Terry Foster’s request for Active Exempt membership status was approved. The Operating Fund balance and expense activity was reported to be close to budget with cash on hand totaling \$58,946. The Endowment market value at the end of December was \$890,753. Directors and committee chairs were reminded that the first reports for The Strategic Plan Implementation Process are due in February. Reports of ongoing progress of several committees were received. Five hundred dollars was appropriated for the rental of a large van and to purchase fuel to carry Huron High Interact students to the New Orleans area to participate in community service during spring break. The possible contribution of funds for a scholarship in memory of the Huron Interact Club member who was killed was discussed. A proposal for contracting with a local webpage design and development firm was reviewed and discussed. This matter will most likely be voted upon at the next month’s

meeting. It was reported that the Rotate Your Food project was rescheduled for March, with one of the major benefits being that Interact and Rotaract students would still be in session and available to work on the project with our Club members. The ongoing review and discussion of some of the present Board policies was postponed to the February meeting due to time constraints. Following adjournment, several Board members accepted an invitation from the Red Cross to stay and participate in an informative tour that highlighted many of the critical activities provided by the county Chapter of the Red Cross.



Wine, Women, and Song VII, a Tour de Force Performance: A total of 53 Rotarians and their guests were grateful for the relentless recruiting efforts of the Social Committee as they were treated to a marvelous, and often hilarious, performance of this annual event which was held last Thursday at the Kerrytown Concert House. Rotarians Deanna Relyea and Shelley MacMillan (in photos above) were part of the eleven-woman cast.

District 6380 News for December and January: The latest newsletter is now online at www.rotary6380.org. Note the .org rather than .com. Highlights of this issue are articles on the Group Study Exchange to Australia and the upcoming RYLA conference. Also included is a list of key dates and a roster of district level contacts. A copy of this issue will be posted on our bulletin board at upcoming meetings. Note: if you want your own copy of a district directory in a handy spiral-bound format, contact John White.

Recycle SOME of your old electronics at absolutely no cost!

Rotaract is still running its consumer-electronics recycling drive in collaboration with EcoPhones. They can take these **and only** these items -- cell phones, ink jet cartridges, laptops, iPods, or digital cameras. PLEASE NOTE – THIS IS ALL THEY CAN TAKE – no printers, old monitors, etc. Your used items will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds will help fund a Rotaract Service Project. You can bring the equipment to an upcoming Rotary meeting. 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). Special thanks to those who have already donated items!

Rotarian Magazine for February: Among many articles of interest to Rotarians, this month's issue includes the story of polio, its vaccines and Rotary's goal of eradication in a handy 16-page "comic book." Also included are the latest stats that count over 1.2 million Rotarians in over 33,000 clubs. Rotaract counts 170,000 members in 7,400 clubs while Interactors number 270,000 in almost 12,000 clubs.

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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