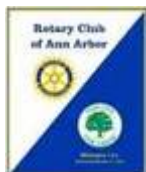


## Harpoon for the Meeting of February 18, 2009

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## February is World Understanding Month

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**Mark Your Calendar: See PolioPlus Benefit Concert**

### Program for February 18, 2009

**Speaker:** Peter Brown, Associate Publisher & Editorial Director, *Automotive News*

**Topic:** Why Detroit Will Never be the Same

Folks connected with the American auto industry (aren't we all?), are experiencing the curse of living in interesting times. Few have had a clearer view of the gathering storm than Peter Brown of Automotive News. In July 2008 he wrote: "Everyone has known for years that oil prices would rise . . . someday. Unlike the finance people the product folks at some companies – especially the Detroit 3 – didn't hedge. The bucks were in trucks." The price of gas has dropped since then, but things are even tougher today for the Detroit 3. Let's hope for words of encouragement from this expert commentator on the automotive scene.

**Host/introducer:** Bob Mull    **Song Leader:** Dave Keosain    **Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

### Upcoming events

#### February 18: Committee Meetings at 11 a.m. in the Anderson Room

Rotate Your Food Committee  
International Outreach Committee  
Financial Strategic Plan Committee  
Membership Committee

**February 25:** Speaker: Larry Whitworth, President, Washtenaw Community College, speaks about "Preparing Students for a Changing World"

**April 24: PolioPlus Benefit Concert:** To raise funds for Rotary International’s \$200 million Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation matching grant challenge, the eight Washtenaw County Rotary Clubs are jointly sponsoring a benefit concert. Three Men and a Tenor will be performing at 7:30 pm in Skyline High’s auditorium. The quartet is known nationally for its unique combination of singing excellence--like the Four Freshmen, and humor—like no other quartet. Tickets will be \$50 for preferred seating and \$30 for general admission.



### **Notes from the Meeting of February 11**

We sang “Happy Birthday” to Walt Helmreich, 92 years young and, a propos our guest speaker, in scouting activities for 80 years.



Chair of the Endowment Investment subcommittee Bernie Bedell gave us an update, actually a downdate, on the state of Rotary Endowment. The upshot, or maybe we should say the downshot of it all, is that we’ve taken a bit of a hit in our investments, but things could be worse.

President Jim said we have only three more weeks to fill a new member class with a bushel basket full of prospective Rotarians.

The Committee Spotlight fell on Rotate Your Food and in that regard, we heard from Eileen Spring, executive director of Food Gatherers. Our goal this year is 7,500 meals.

There was no support from our club, via a survey run by Sam Offen, for a second polio fundraiser, therefore we’ll stick with one concert April 24 at Skyline High.

## Notes from the Program of February 11



Charlie Crone introduced Brad Bowersox, Great Sauk Trail Council Scout Executive and Ed Micklatcher, assistant executive director, on “A Centennial Celebration of Scouting...in Ann Arbor and across the U.S.A.” After seeing a video on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, we heard from



Ed who said that typically Boy Scouts “don’t toot their own horn.” The Scouts teach environmental stewardship and integrity. Through Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, co-ed programs and exploring, scouting develops leadership through hands-on service projects. The Great Sauk Trail Council, Brad said, serves 10,000 youths. Great Sauk Trail Council has had 1,000 Eagle Scouts (the top honor) in the last seven years. The two men left us with the question, “What have we meant to you for the last hundred years?”

*Notes by Don Faber, Harpoon editor; Photos by Peter Wright*

### Other Notes of Interest

**Large Club Conference Report:** President-elect Lou Callaway and Club Administrator John White participated in the Large Club Conference hosted by the Rotary Club of Oklahoma City from February 8-10. Sixty-seven of the nation's largest clubs (we are number 49) were represented by their president-elect and a paid staffer. The purpose of the event was to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas that will help clubs be more energetic, effective and efficient in



achieving membership growth, better programs and higher quality projects in the accomplishment of Rotary goals. This was our club's first experience with this annual conference. Lou and John were impressed with the event and came back with many suggestions, ideas and recommendations. Expect to hear some details at an upcoming luncheon meeting.

Fellowship was also a part of the conference. Shown in the photo with John and Lou are John Deal, President-elect of the Columbus Rotary Club, and Scott Brown, their Executive Director.

**Meeting Statistics:** Attendance at the meeting of February 11 included 121 members. Also present were two visiting Rotarians (Laurie Baumer of Lansing and Phil Weiss of Brighton) and

three guests. Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 28 members participated in meetings of four committees: Golf Outing, Membership, Social and STRIVE.

**Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians:** John Balbach (Kentwood on January 28); Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on January 26); Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore on February 5) and Ingrid Sheldon (Ann Arbor Sunrise on January 23).

**Birthdays: Feb.16** – Mary Barnett, Jack Weg; **Feb 18** – **Griff McDonald, Chuck Olson; Feb. 21**, Walt Hancock

**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, and 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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