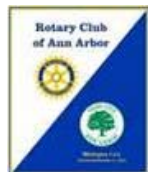


Harpoon for the Meeting of March 4, 2009

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March is Literacy Month

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Program for March 4, 2009

Speaker: Mary Sue Coleman, President, University of Michigan

Topic: Leading a World-Class University in Interesting Times

Half-way through her seventh year at the helm, President Coleman will share her insights on the challenges and opportunities of leading a great state university of high international stature and renown anchored in a state that has fallen far in national economic (and other) rankings. Did you know that in addition to the U-M presidency, *Professor* Coleman holds appointments as professor of biological chemistry in the Medical School and chemistry in the College of LS&A, as well as honorary membership in our club? For all of us connected to the University – and which of us isn’t, somehow – this will be a great learning experience.

Host/introducer: Cynthia Wilbanks **Song Leader:** Ingrid Sheldon **Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

Upcoming events

March 4: Committee Meetings in the Anderson Room

International Humanitarian Projects, 11:00 am: Len Stenger l.stenger@sbcglobal.net

Rotate Your Food Committee, 11:30 am: Paul Yhouse, pyhouse@umich.edu

March 5: Success by 6 Breakfast with Bill Millett, North Carolina Businessman, who will speak on the relationship between Early Childhood Education and Workforce Development. Rotary members are invited to Weber’s Inn for the program from 7:30 to 9 am, free of charge. To register, call 734-994-8100, ext. 2177 or e-mail mpinskye@uwwashtenaw.org

March 8: Social Committee Event: Civic Theater’s “Stage Door” at the Arthur Miller Theater; social time from 12:30-1:30 in the lobby (contact Susan Smith Gray; smithsms@umich.edu)

March 11: Luncheon Speaker: W. Scott Westerman, EMU Dean Emeritus & Former AAPS Superintendent, speaks about “Sex, Religion, Race & Much More—Ann Arbor Public Schools, 1960-71”

Notes from the Meeting of February 25

From Bettye Elkins' Invocation

*The best friend is one who calls you at 4:00 am

*Friends think I am a good egg, although they believe I am a bit cracked.



Acting President Scott Westerman welcomed back Chuck Cares and his new hip. He also recognized the many contributions to the success of each meeting, especially Audio-visual (Dan Romanchik), Music (Ingrid Sheldon), Meeting logistics (Ingrid Deininger), Program (Mike Marich and Gloria Kerry). These are only a few that make each weekly meeting so outstanding.

The deadline for new member applications is March 1st. We still need 6 applications to again receive the District Governor's Presidential Citation Award, a Club tradition.

The PolioPlus Concert, *Three Men and a Tenor*, will be held April 24th, 7:30 pm at the new Skyline High School. Tickets are \$50 (\$25 tax deductible) for preferred seating and \$30 for general admission. They can be purchased from Joanne Pierson or Andrea Bernardini, or by e-mail to Bob Comfort at bobcomfort@comcast.net. Joanne had this to say about the Concert:

Westerman gave me 2 minutes to remind you to hop on the bus and help Polio Plus.

Don't be a total baboon,
details are in the Harpoon,
make a sponsorship offer,
just open your coffer,
we need help very soon.

Sell tickets to family and friends,
on you this cause depends.
We know we can do it,
the world will approve it,
when polio comes to an end.

Please pledge for polio now.
I know that you really know how,
see me or Bernardini right after the meeting
or we just might have a cow.

The hook I'm about to get,
if I don't go and set,
my old derriere right back in that chair.
Help PolioPlus, don't forget.

Spaulding Clark described the GSE team from Australia that is coming April 19th to 25th. We need home costs and some specific vocational expertise. (See note below)

Barbara Debrodt described Rotarians in the news.

*James Stewart is leaving for a new museum position at Princeton University.

*Peter Allen, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, is sponsoring Ann Arbor tours for people planning to relocate their business to Ann Arbor.

*Marsha Chamberlin, Josie Parker, Mark Ouimet, Steve Pierce, and Deanna Relyea were nominees for Citizen of the Year.

*Howard Cooper is a director of the new Ann Arbor State Bank.

*Amy Goodman is now executive director of Washtenaw Literacy.

Notes from the Program of February 25



Pam Horiszney introduced Larry Whitworth, President of Washtenaw Community College (WCC), who spoke on *Preparing Students for a Changing World*. Pam and Rotarian Griff MacDonald are WCC Board members.

President Whitworth provided us some impressive numbers in his overview of WCC's students, costs, and programs. WCC has 9,000 FTE (full time equivalent) students but 30,000 unduplicated students annually. Their average age is 29, and 25% attend full-time. 18% already have bachelor's degrees, and of those who don't, 70% plan to earn a bachelor's degree eventually. Over 2,000 students are in distance study taking courses online. Tuition has increased by only \$14 per credit over the last 5 years. The school's Educational Foundation awards 450 scholarships each year with about \$500,000 available for financial support. The goal is that no student should be denied admission because they cannot pay the tuition. .

WCC's occupational or career opportunities give students a learning experience so they can earn a living. Popular programs are digital video production, computer security and forensics, nursing and other health science programs, such as pharmacy technology. Industrial technology teaches fundamental skills such as welding so that students have a foundation to continue into more advanced technologies. Transfer programs include partnerships with Eastern Michigan and the University of Michigan, so that students who complete their associate degrees may transfer without loss of credits. Some students require remedial programs, such as in reading, in order to succeed with college courses.

WCC's continuing education programs include non-credit courses for older professionals and tuition is free for those over age 65.

By the way, when Whitworth asked for a show of hands, we Rotarians voted in favor of WCC's acquiring the golf course.

Notes by Bob Buchanan; photographs by Ingrid Sheldon

Other Notes of Interest

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of February 25 included 107 members. Also present were two visiting Rotarians (Dick Rosenfeld of Jackson and Phil Weiss of Brighton) and six guests. Just prior to the luncheon, a total of ten members participated in meetings of three committees: Community Allocations, Membership and Rotaract.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Bill Dunifon (Milan on February 17) and Mark Ouimet (Dexter on February 19).

Birthdays: March 2 – Dale Berry; David McNamara; **March 5** – Maurita Holland, Sang Nam; **March 7**-David Milling; **March 8**-Ray Rabidoux

Rotarian Magazines Still Needed for Incoming Members [a request from John White]: I could use few more copies of recent Rotarian magazines. If you have one you can spare, please bring it to an upcoming meeting and give it to me or leave it at the attendance table or on the "Secretary's windowsill." Thanks!

Monthly Membership Report to the District: After the resignations of four members in February, we began the month of March with 308 Active Members and four Honorary Members. Our reported average attendance was 47% for the four meetings.

The Australian GSE team will be arriving in Ann Arbor on April 19 and leaving on the 25th. The Club needs three families willing to host the visitors in their homes for a period of three days. Volunteers, please call Spaulding Clark (734-604-2802) or Ingrid Sheldon (734-665-5893). Assistance is also sought to organize a half-day of vocational activities for the visitors, a business consultant, a web and multimedia developer, and a farmer. Contact Spaulding Clark if you can assist in the vocational placement.

Community Allocations Committee, Request for Proposals: The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor is pleased to have the opportunity, again this year, to provide a limited number of grants to qualified nonprofit organizations. Applications for this year's funding cycle will be accepted through March 27, 2009. Interested 501(c)3 organizations will find the application materials on the club's website, www.annarborrotary.org. Programs for consideration will engage in the club's focus on "Helping Kids Succeed." Further program details may be found on the application. Questions may be forwarded to Heidi Grix at Heidi.Grix@wc-redcross.org.

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/>