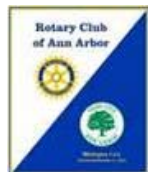


## Harpoon for the Meeting of March 18, 2009

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### **March is Literacy Month on the Rotary Calendar**

#### **IN THIS ISSUE:**

**Donate to Rotate Your Food at our Luncheon Meetings – March 25 and April 1**  
**Spring Fling – Gotta Gopher It – April 5**  
**Help Wanted – Success-by-6 Touch-a-Truck, May 16**

### **Program for March 18, 2009**

**Speakers: Ingrid Sheldon, Lori Sprague and Rotary Presidents Galore**

**Topic: A Cavalcade of Rotary in Washtenaw County**

Assistant District Governors Lori (of Dexter) and Ingrid proudly present *Presidents on Parade*, featuring the leaders of Washtenaw County's other Rotary Clubs. Ever wonder what those other clubs are like and what kind of work they do? Although we're the biggest of the bunch, seven others in the County are doing excellent work on several fronts, and we work collaboratively with them on such things as the upcoming Polio Plus *Three Men & a Tenor* concert. As the president of one says, "Our club is small but mighty!" Come hear their collective story and find out why President Jim says they're all definitely over-achievers.

**Host/introducer:** Jim Cook      **Song Leader:** Jim Irwin      **Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

#### **Upcoming events**

**March 18 - Committee Meetings, 11 a.m., Anderson Room**

Program Committee: Mike Marich ([mmarich@umich.edu](mailto:mmarich@umich.edu))

International Outreach: Spaulding Clark ([esclark2@comcast.net](mailto:esclark2@comcast.net)) Jim Reece:  
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**March 25 - A Cavalcade of Brand-New Ann Arbor Rotarians – Meet thirteen New Members**

Orientation will be in the Pound Room at 10:30; Introductions will be made during the regular meeting. John Sepp will talk about his first two years as a Rotarian.

**March 25 & April 1 – Food Gatherers Committee** will be collecting donations of non-perishable items before our Luncheon Meetings. The community wide food drive runs from March 19 through April 7. Be generous – our neighbors are hungry.

**March 27 - Community Allocations Deadline:** Final date for applications for this year's grant funding cycle. Interested 501(c)3 organizations will find the application materials and program details on the club's website, [www.annarborrotary.org](http://www.annarborrotary.org). Questions to Heidi Grix at [Heidi.Grix@wc-redcross.org](mailto:Heidi.Grix@wc-redcross.org)

**April 24 – Polio Plus Benefit Concert**, Skyline High School. In addition to ticket sales, concert sponsors are important to making the concert a great success. Contact Joanne Pierson, [jpierson@umich.edu](mailto:jpierson@umich.edu) or Andrea Bernardini, [bernardiniaad@gmail.com](mailto:bernardiniaad@gmail.com) with leads to potential corporate or individual sponsors. Tickets are available at the Hospitality Desk outside the Anderson Room. This promises to be a spectacular Rotary musical evening.

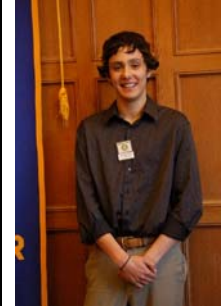
**May 16 – Success-by-6 Touch-a-Truck Event:** 15 – 20 Rotary Volunteers are needed to help staff the trucks and information tent. This is an opportunity for parents to bring their children to see and experience at least 10 trucks of various kinds, while they also receive information and outreach on children's health, parenting, early childhood care and education, and family activities. Contact Nishta Bhatia, [n\\_bhatia@hotmail.com](mailto:n_bhatia@hotmail.com), and watch this space for more information as the date approaches.

**Notes from the Meeting of March 11**



Stoeffler, the gopher snake, hopes YOU can come to the Spring Fling on Sunday, April 5, 2009 from 5 until 7:30 p.m. at the Hands on Museum, 220 East Ann Street. Dinner will again be catered by the Moveable Feast. We can browse the exhibits; there will be activities for children of ALL ages! Make your reservations with Susan Smith Gray at 734-834-0374 ([smithsms@umich.edu](mailto:smithsms@umich.edu)). Adults \$35, children ages 6 - 12 \$15, and children 5 and under are free. Rotoractors, \$15 each.

Tony Nam introduced our 3 Junior Rotarians, all from Pioneer, each with a deep commitment to community service.

	<p>Nathan Patel described his participation in Boy Scouts.</p>		<p>Colleen Macke also described her Girl Scout projects and Student Council projects.</p>		<p>Jessica Zhang belongs to the Pioneer Interact Club, has participated in our tree planting project. She tutors other orchestra students who are new to performing.</p>
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## Notes from the Program of March 11



Henry Johnson introduced our own Dr. W. Scott Westerman who spoke to us on *Sex, Religion, Race and Much More during the period from 1960 to 1971*. Scott is Dean Emeritus of the EMU School of Education and served as the Superintendent of Ann Arbor Public Schools from 1967 to 1971. Scott has been a member of our Club since 1998, is a Paul Harris Fellow and recipient of our Distinguished Service Award.

The cultural issues that roiled the nation in the late 1960's were very much in evidence in Ann Arbor Public Schools. In 1966 a sex education program was piloted that caused great turmoil in the schools and the wider community. A program review in the pilot schools indicated strong community support so the program was placed in all 25 schools.

Religious issues were also in evidence. Christian groups demanded access to present the Christian message to students and the Public Schools were also asked to fund teachers for the non-religious courses at Catholic schools. The controversy surrounding Christmas activities was also aired. These issues were resolved with policies that are still in place today.

Racial issues also required attention and address. A report by two sociologists, Vinter and Saari, described high school racial problems from 1967-1971. The resulting meeting in May 1971 provided a forum for black students to present a list of twenty-one demands to rectify perceived racial injustices. Resolution of these issues was so painful, controversial, and contentious that school closings and many meetings were required. Public safety was at serious risk and took much of Dr. Westerman's time and all his skills to ensure. As a result of this difficult self examination, many long-standing injustices were addressed and corrected.

Asked about enrollment, Scott responded that enrollment was 6,000 in 1953 and topped out at 21,122 in 1971. By 1982, enrollment had dropped to 14,000 due to a reduction in the national birth rate. Current Ann Arbor Public Schools enrollment is just over 16,000.

*Notes by Bob Buchanan; Photos by Fred Beutler*

### Other Notes of Interest

**Rotate Your Food** and the **PolioPlus Fundraiser Concert** take to the Community Television Network screen this month when Charlie Crone talks about Rotary's collection for Food



Gatherers and Andrea Bernardini and Joanne Pierson speak about polio eradication and the Three Men and a Tenor concert. View their 5 minute "Access Soapbox" presentations on Channel 17

Sundays: 5 p.m.

Mondays: 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: 11:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Thursdays: 7:30 p.m.

Fridays: 12:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:30 p.m.

**New Scholarship Program at U/M:** UM has received a private \$1M contribution to identify promising students in foster homes (placed in foster care because of abuse, neglect, etc). The new program will encourage such students with a strong potential to apply to UM and support their transition. Nationally, 2% of children in foster homes eventually obtain a college degree; this should change. **Bob Holmes** is in charge of this new program.

**Meeting Statistics:** Attendance at the meeting of March 11 included 123 members. Also present was one visiting Rotarian (Laurie Baumer of Lansing) and one U-M Rotaractor (Noam Kimelman). We also had 10 guests and three Jr. Rotarians. Just prior to the luncheon, a total of 17 members participated in meetings of three committees: Golf Outing, Membership and Social.

**Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on March 3).

**Birthdays:** March 16 – Dave Harlock; **March 18 – Tim Marshall; Doug Weber;** March 20 – Vic Rosenberg; March 21 – Downs Herold

**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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