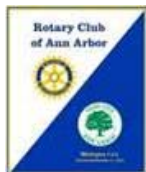


Harpoon for the Meeting of April 1, 2009

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March is Magazine Month on the Rotary Calendar

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Program for April 1, 2009

Speakers: The Scholarly Six . . . Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars

Topic: Rotary Ambassadorial Adventures at U-M and EMU

This year District 6380 has hosted six Ambassadorial Scholars, at U-M and EMU, and Ann Arbor Rotarians Bill Dunifon, Agnes Reading & Jim Reece have host-counseled four of them. Meet five – Yuuri Mano, Tomoya Sanagawa, Hyun Jung Lee, and husband & wife Byun Soo Kim & Jin Yun – and hear about their experiences in Michigan and their plans for living out Rotary values after they complete their studies.

Host/introducer: Jim Reece **Song Leader:** Don Devine **Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

Upcoming events

April 1 Committees in the Anderson Room:

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

Rotate Your Food, 11:30 (Paul Yhouse, pyhouse@umich.edu)

April 1 and 8 – Rotate Your Food: Collection of non-perishable foodstuff at our Meetings.
The Community-wide drive runs March 23 – April 4. Be generous – our neighbors are hungry.

April 5 – Spring Fling at Hands On Museum, 5 – 7 pm: This Sunday – *space still available!*
Make your reservations with Susan Smith Gray at the regular noon meeting or call 734-834-0374 (smithsms@umich.edu). Adults \$35, children ages 6 - 12 \$15, and children 5 and under, free.

Rotoractors, \$15 each

April 8 Luncheon Meeting: Mayor (and Rotarian) John Hieftje talks about “How Ann Arbor is Coping with the Current Economy.”

April 21 – 28 GSE Team: During the week beginning Sunday, April 21st, the visiting GSE Team from Australia will be in the Washtenaw area; our club is responsible for several days of activities during their stay. Transportation is needed for evening of April 21 and the afternoons of April 22 and 24. Contact Spaulding Clark for details, esclark@comcast.net

April 24 – PolioPlus Benefit Concert: **Repay all your social obligations – dinner at home costs at least \$30.00!!! Tickets available at the desk - \$30.00 and \$50.00 for a great evening, 7:30 p.m., at Skyline High School.**

April 25 – Spring Tree Planting - Attention all tree planters! Our Spring Planting date will soon be upon us. Our planting this spring coincides with Arbor Day celebrations. We are set to plant on Saturday April 25th with an inclement weather alternate date of May 2nd. More details to follow with start time and park directions.

Notes from the Meeting of March 25



In honor of our new class of Rotarians, Songleader Ingrid Sheldon led us in three “getting to know you” songs.

Julie Davidson, the Rotaract Club’s social/publicity chair, said the club raised \$500 for its New Orleans trip from its bowling event. And mark your calendars for April 3 as the 2009 Senior Send-Off Day for our departing Rotaract U-M seniors. The event is 6-9:30 p.m. at Audrey Schwimmer’s house and to RSVP, e-mail Julie at juliefd@umich.edu. One is asked to bring a favorite “cultural dish” to pass.

The Rotate Your Food drive is underway, so don’t pass by the collection boxes all over town without putting something in to make this drive successful.



Tony Nam introduced our three newest Junior Rotarians from Gabriel Richard High School: Patrick Theisen, Charles Wesley and Max Hartsell.

Barb Debrodt gave us Rotarians who’ve been making news lately. They include Charlie Crone, Andrea Bernardini, Joanne Pierson, Don Faber, Brian Mackie, Mary Steffek Blaske, Bob Guenzel, Sandy Rupp, Barbara Bryant and Greg Stejskal.

Notes from the Program of March 25

Because they recruited more than one new member, President Jim singled out Paul Glendon, Norm Herbert, Karen Kerry, Charlie Crone, Steve Pierce and Don Faber as “Super Recruiters.”

Our New Member induction ceremony was turned over to the Membership Development Committee who introduced ten of twelve new Rotarians to the Club. They are Eldon Beery, a retired Presbyterian minister; Karl Brenner, physician; Wendy Brightman, managing director of Ele’s Place; Mary D’Alessandro, businesswoman; Ed Hoffman, talk show host and educator; Brian McLaughlin, real estate developer; Barbara Niess, executive director of Safe House; Joyce

Parker, a retired city manager; Carol Sewell, a bank vice president; and Phillip J. Weiss, a senior loan officer at Michigan Certified Development Corp.

Wenche S. Borgnakke, senior research associate in health sciences at the U-M School of Dentistry and Bruce Duncan, President of Comerica Bank, will be introduced later.

Notes prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor; Photos by Fred Buetler

Other Notes of Interest

In Memoriam: John E. Chevalier, husband of Past District Governor Audrey, passed away suddenly on Thursday, March 26. John's funeral was on Monday, March 30, at St. Ursula's Church in Chatham, Ontario. Rotarians may express their condolences at <http://www.bowmanfh.ca> and to The Rotary Foundation or Rotary International PolioPlus Campaign.

District Newsletter: The District Governor's Newsletter (by Stan Sherman) for March-April 2009 has been posted on the District 6380 website <http://www.rotary6380.org>.

GSE District 6380 Team in Australia: Our District sent a fine group of young professionals to Australia at the end of February; the group began its homeward journey last Friday, March 27. They provided us a wonderful sampler of their experiences at <http://www.rotary6380.org>.

Rotary Bowling Update: A big week for the Rotary Blue Team, which garnered 32 of 40 points last Thursday. Whilst celebrating in the post-match social period, the squad doubled its pleasure as team raconteur Peter Wright told a rollicking tale of transporting a Grebe across state lines. Ask for details at this Wednesday's club meeting. The Rotary Gold Team, Hammerless for the second consecutive week, had a less successful match, except for a sterling 608 series by Scrapiron Romanchik. (Submitted by Paul Glendon)

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of March 25 included 140 members. Also present were one visiting Rotarian (Laurie Baumer of Lansing) and two U-M Rotaractors (Noam Kimelman and Julie Davidson). We also had one guest and three Jr. Rotarians. Just before the meeting, a total of twelve members attended a meeting of the Rotaract Committee. Earlier in the day, a total of 37 members participated in the New Member Orientation. On March 24, five members of the Strategic Planning-Endowment subgroup met while eleven members of the Rotate Your Food committee met on March 23.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Barbara Bryant (Scottsdale AZ on March 16); Don Faber (Ann Arbor North on March 12); Ken Fischer (Ann Arbor Sunrise on March 20); Betsy Hammond (Lakeshore on February 26) and Maurita Holland (Manistique on March 23).

Monthly Membership Report to the District: We started the month of March with 308 members (not counting our four honoraries). Following the resignation of Al Bamsey and the induction of twelve new members, we reported 319 members to the District. Average attendance for the four meetings during the month was 50%.

Birthdays: March 29 – Ed Hoffman (New Member!!); March 31 – Bill Dunifon; April 2 – Dave Felbeck, Jerry Gray, Jim Kosteva, Ted McLogan; April 3 – Bettye Elkins.

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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