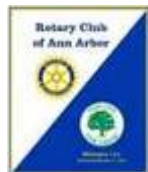


## Harpoon for the Meeting of May 20, 2009

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### **May is District Conference Month on the Rotary Calendar**

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### **Program for May 20, 2009**

**Meeting in the Ballroom**  
**Guests are welcome and encouraged**  
**Expanded buffet, price \$11**

### **Program: Singers: The Ann Arbor Rotary Spring Concert; Huron High School A Capella Choir; Richard Ingram, Director**

We always know that spring has well and truly sprung when the Huron A Capella Choir presents its annual Rotary concert. This year the Choir will present a diverse collection of wisdom from the distant past wrapped in music of much more recent times. Each selection was composed or arranged by a 20th Century composer but has a connection to an older era, including texts by 17th Century poets Robert Burns and Andrew Marvell, a Japanese folk song, an ancient Biblical text from the Old Testament, and for the grand finale, a traditional William Dawson arrangement of the spiritual "Soon – Ah Will Be Done with the Troubles of the World."

**Song Leader:** Henry Johnson **Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

### **Upcoming events**

**May 18- Strive Banquet:** Please join Rotarians and Strive Scholarship winners and their families at the Strive Banquet on Monday, May 18th. A buffet dinner will be served in the Morris Lawrence Building at WCC. Guests are asked to arrive at 6:30 pm, with dinner at 7:00 pm, and the program at 7:30 pm. The guest speaker for the event is our own Lou Callaway. The banquet is traditionally a joyous occasion. Strive scholarship winners are typically students who

have questioned if they would finish high school. Join us in celebrating this achievement, but more importantly, join us in urging them to use their Strive scholarship funds.

**Committee Meetings on May 20, Ballroom, 11 a.m.**

**Board Meeting:** 7:30 a.m., United Way Building (Jim Cook [jameswcook@comcast.net](mailto:jameswcook@comcast.net) )

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

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**May 27- Speaker: Gloria Brooks**, President/CEO, Arbor Hospice **Topic:** The Sandwich Generation – Adult Children Taking Care of Parents

**Notes from the Meeting of May 13**

In his Invocation, Greg Stejskal quoted the late Bo Schembechler:

- Honor your word
- Live for the long run
- Touch whomever you can

Bob Kerry introduced new member Wenche Borgnakke. Wenche (pronounced Vin'-ka) first came to our Club 30 years ago as an Ambassadorial Scholar from Denmark; at that time, then President Bob Kerry introduced her. She now teaches at the UM's Dental School with research interests in implants and the effect of diabetes on periodontal disease. Wenche is married to Claus Borgnakke, a professor of mechanical engineering and has two sons, Bo and Dan. Wenche missed the first introduction because she was lecturing in Pakistan and Nepal. Please welcome Wenche when you see her at Club meetings.

President Jim presented Rotarians who have achieved Paul Harris fellowship: Herb Amster, John Balbach, Dale Berry, Rob Boehnke, Al Burdi, Thad Carr, Marsha Chamberlin, Jim Cook, Steve Dobson, Dallas Dort, Cathi Duchon, Dave Felbeck, Ken Fischer, Patricia Garcia, Anne and Paul Glendon, Larry Hastie, Jack Henke, Norman Herbert, Downs Herold, Maurita Holland, Dave Keosaian, Joan Knoertzer, Frode Maaseidvaag, Jim Miller, Tony Nam, Robbie O'Brien, Jim Reece, Burt Voss, and Club Administrator John White. Dave Anderson, Howard Cooper, John Debbink, and Dewey Noland were presented earlier. Paul Harris Fellows are the heart of Rotary International as they provide the support to make the many Rotary programs happen.



## Notes from the Program of May 13



Chris McMullen introduced Ellen Schulmeister, Executive Director of the Washtenaw County Shelter Association and the Robert J. Delonis Homeless Shelter, who spoke to us on *Finding a Place Called Home*.

A short film, *The Story of Jane*, told the shelter story. The core program assists the homeless to gain economic self-sufficiency and find a place to live as well as coping with their lifestyle problems. Each has a case worker who develops an action plan. For some, this means again engaging in society, but for others, it may be shelter during the cold months plus basic needs. The Shelter has 40 staff members, 15 of whom are fulltime.

The Shelter accommodates 150 people at a time; last year 950 people were served. This year the number has already climbed to 1,056 due to the difficult economy. About 75% are from Washtenaw County, and half of these are from Ann Arbor. 60% will find independent housing; the return rate is 11%. Shelter entry requires that the person be at least 18 year old, sober, and able to care for themselves since staffing is minimal. Most have zero income. Finding a job in difficult economic times has become a major challenge.

The medical clinic, generally staffed by Medical Center volunteers, cared for 1,100 people last year and deflected 350 ER visits so is clearly cost-effective. Camping (those who live outdoors) are visited daily by an outreach medical worker. They may use the Shelter for laundry, support services, etc.

Ellen stated that the new Michigan Business Tax has a provision that a donation to a homeless shelter of up to \$10,000 will result in a direct tax reduction.

The Delonis Center is not just a bed for a night. It's about helping people find jobs, save for apartment deposits, alter self-destructive habits, and generally prepare to find a place called home. The goal is to end homelessness in our County one person at a time.

(Writer's note; Rotarian Bob Guenzel was instrumental in founding the program and Rotarian Joe Fitzsimmons lead the fund-raising for the Shelter)

*Notes by Bob Buchanan; Photos by Fred Beutler*

**Missed a Meeting?** Listen to the Podcast at <http://www.annarborrotary.org/podcasts>.

**Meeting Statistics:** Attendance at the meeting of May 6 included 145 members. We had no visiting Rotarians but did have three guests. Just before the meeting, a total of 62 (wow!) members attended meetings of the Audio, Golf Outing, International Projects, High School Scholarships, Rotary Cares, Social and Success by 6 committees.

**Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Brad Bowersox (Adrian on April 16 and Ann Arbor North on April 30); Mark Ouimet (Chelsea on May 12) and Cynthia Wilbanks (Jackson on May 6).



### Success by 6 Touch a Truck event

By all measures the event at Briarwood Mall on May 16 was a big success. Thirteen Rotarians helped with set up, blowing up balloons, and handing out information among children and their parents. Over a thousand children and adults attended.

**Birthdays:** **May 17** Liz Leidy, Milo White; **May 18** Peter Fayroian, Fritz Seyferth; **May 22** Dean Millard; **May 23** Terry Linden



**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> Also; find our meeting podcasts at <http://www.annarborrotary.org/podcasts>

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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