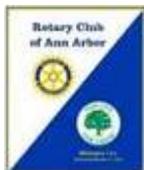


Harpoon for the Meeting of July 1, 2009

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July Begins the New Rotary Year on the Rotary Calendar

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Speakers: Jim Cook and Lou Callaway, Presidents Old and New

Topic: Inauguration Day ... Celebrating '08-09, Previewing '09-10

President Jim will preside for the first half of his last business meeting as president and then pass the torch to new-President Lou, who will recount his experiences at the International Convention and share his vision, hopes, and plans for the Callaway presidential year. Be there to share one of the greatest traditions of Rotary, the smooth annual transition of Club leadership.

Song Leader: Don Faber **Accompanist:** Joan Knoertzer

Upcoming events

July 8 - Speaker: Belinda Dulin, Executive Director, The Dispute Resolution Center

Topic: Barking Dogs to Estate Disputes . . . Community Based Mediation in Ann Arbor

July 10 –Nomination Deadline – New Members sought to strengthen and refresh our Club.

Nominate on line on our website. Read through the Membership Guidelines and find the link to the electronic nomination form at the bottom. Orientation/Induction is August 5.

Notes from the Meeting of June 24

The deadline for New Member nominations is July 10th. Young, vigorous new Members are the heart and future of our Club and will insure our strength in the days ahead.



President Jim reported on the June 17 Board meeting. A complete set of notes is included in this Harpoon.

Ken Fischer and Joan Knoertzer, both musicians, received a Paul Harris Fellowship for their support of Rotary International.

Earlier this spring the Club conducted a survey of the membership to seek opinions on questions of interest to the Board. Sam Offen summarized the highlights. The full details will be available at our website.

- Meetings are very satisfactory. Some favored an earlier starting time but early departure remains a problem. Programs were also satisfactory; 2/3 favored hearing from our own members.
- Members enjoyed the Harpoon (and the Harpoon staff enjoys writing it)
- 2/3 of the members are active on committees.
- Problems with not attending the golf outing are: conflicts, not a golfer. A keynote speaker has been suggested.
- Youth and homelessness are social concerns.
- A Social Committee function at the Art Museum would be a winner.

President Jim stated that we haven't had a single compilation of Board approved policies. A complete search of the minutes of past Board meetings was necessary to determine these policies. With the help of John White and Downs Herold, we now have a single document containing 19 separate policies and guidelines currently in use. These will be posted on our website. All committees are asked to check their records for policies or guidelines not included in the Club's compilation.

Assistant District Governor Ingrid Sheldon made two District awards.



- The Presidential Citation was accepted by President Jim on behalf of the Club.
- The Brymer Williams Award (Brymer was a Professor of Chemical Engineering, past Club president, twice District Governor, a quiet, gentle and effective leader) was presented by Ingrid to Paul Glendon for his work as the

District Ambassadorial Scholar chair for four years. Paul thanked several members who have participated, including Dan Balbach and Scott Westerman.

Program Notes from the Meeting of June 24

Paul Glendon introduced our own Ed Weir, residential architect, who spoke on "Aging in Place/Universal Home Design. . . Making Your Home More Livable."

Our present homes are not well adapted for an aging population, Ed said. Although the Americans for Disabilities Act (ADA) implemented laws for public buildings, no standards exist for individual homes, and residential building codes provide only minimum requirements. In fact, most people aren't aware of how their homes might be modified in order to accommodate disabilities or extend their living independently. Typical responses are "our house is fine," "we like it," or "how much will this cost?"



Using examples of homes and public buildings around Ann Arbor, Ed cited the UM's Museum of Art as a very fine example of modern, accessible architecture in a community space. Universal design applied to homes is a new concept that addresses the needs of a family from youth through advanced age with safety and convenience for everyone. Elements of universal design are no-step entry and ramps with heat to melt snow. Interior mobility can include a chair lift for stairs and no sunken rooms. A first floor master bedroom can be created by converting an existing garage to a bedroom. A family room can be converted to a master bedroom with a bath and tub. Kitchens require open shelves, generous counter top space, plenty of accessible storage, and natural light. Appliance design can include appliances that do not require stooping or bending. Grab

bars, chair height toilets, sink locations, and wheelchair-accessible showers are important in bathroom design. The whole house requires wide aisles, and light switches and electrical outlets that are easy to reach. Simple fixes include offset door hinges and paddle electric switches. New concepts are movable bathroom fixtures and home automation. Finally, generators can be useful in case of electric outages. *Notes prepared by Bob Buchanan; Photos by Fred Beutler*

Other Notes of Interest

Mark your calendars! The Annual Golf and Tennis Outing is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2009. We're anticipating a fun-filled day of birdies (the kind that fly in the sky and the kind that happen on the greens) and aces! Don't miss the fun. If you don't play, come on out and help at the event, or just enjoy the company of your fellow Rotarians. Golf and Tennis will be followed by a social hour and dinner. Our own Art Holst will be the keynote speaker at dinner – and you definitely won't want to miss that! Seating is limited, so register early. Contact Claire Foley with ideas: claire@fiscalfit.net

Notes from the Board Meeting of June 17



- The Board voted to accept Tom Dickinson's resignation in order to make him an Emeritus Member later in the day.
- The Board voted to terminate several members if they have not paid their entire Club dues by June 30th. Paying dues is a requirement for membership; the Board has worked diligently to communicate with every member in arrears

and to make special arrangements to those in difficulty. We will end the month with an active membership between 309 and 313.

- The Club will end the year with the predicted operating budget deficit that will be covered by the operating reserves. Our Community Service budget will generate a surplus after grants and scholarships are disbursed. The Club's Endowment portfolio continues to regain some of its prior value, finishing May at \$955,000.
- The Board approved the recommendation of the Endowment Trustees and Investment Subcommittee to conduct an RFP to evaluate the benefits of hiring a custodian to help administer the endowment portfolio.

- The Board voted to send an inaugural gift to the recently chartered Rotary Club of Hartland MI, the newest club in our District.

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

Meeting Statistics: Attendance at the meeting of June 24 included 115 members. We had no visiting Rotarians and only five guests. No meetings were held before lunch and no reports from off-site meetings were received.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Mark Ouimet (Saline on June 18 and Chelsea on June 23)

Birthdays: July 2 – Budge Gere; July 3 – Bob Bachteal; July 5 – John Holland

Annual Dues Bills Coming Out This Week: Envelopes containing a four-part invoice for 2009-2010 dues, 2010 Community Service Assessment and donations to TRF's Every Rotarian, Every Year and PolioPlus campaigns will be handed out at the July 1 and July 8 meetings. The remaining envelopes will be mailed. Payment for dues will be expected by July 31 but you are certainly welcome to bring your checkbook to one of the meetings. Also in the envelope will be a clipping of your directory listing for confirmation or updates and a copy of the Club's new policy requiring prompt attention to financial obligations.



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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