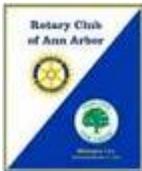


Lampon for the Meeting of April 1, 2009

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April is “Be Kind To Kiwanians” Month

Sign the Guest Book
New Fund Raiser Planned
Policy Changes Galore

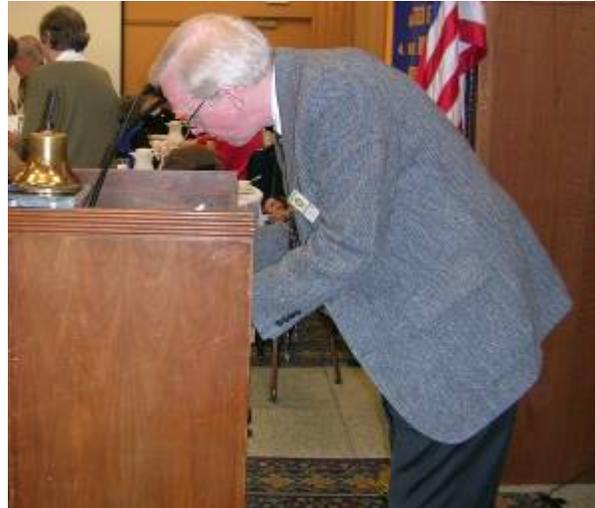


In an announcement prefaced by “The Michigan Difference,” we’ve learned that the **Michigan Union** will now offer us an expanded luncheon menu, adding a third item to the rotation of tuna and chicken. Starting this month, we’ll dine every three weeks on peanut butter and jelly; sandwich bread will replace hard rolls on those occasions.

Citing the need to balance the budget, Treasurer **John Ackenhusen** recommends that we sell the song books. “Rotarians know those songs by heart, and anyway, if **Jim Irwin** or **Ingrid Sheldon** leads the singing, they always bring their own words,” John said.

Ingrid Deininger has asked that we sign in a guest book as we arrive at meetings to thus save the paper of the sign-in sheets; **Fred Beutler** has agreed to take a digital photo of each table, so we'll know who has attended as a backup to the guest book system.

Ever mindful of how we stack up, Administrator **John White** has asked that all Rotarians return their current *Rotarian* magazine to him immediately along with all back issues they may be hoarding as he wants to recycle them. "Just imagine how many trees our Club can save," he noted, "and maybe we can even add that to our tree planting statistics so that we can achieve a milestone amongst Big Clubs."



At the March 25 orientation for new members, **Al Storey**, truly a unique Rotarian, posed two questions: "What was I getting into? What are YOU getting into?" He reminded the inductees that **Downs Herold** warns that a preposition is not a word to end a sentence with. He went on to describe his early experience in Rotary, giving the new members plenty to think about. He urged them to consider the committees they would work on. He described "service above self" that all Rotarians work toward. He talked about the project base the Club builds upon. Other officers described Rotary's benefits, such as clubs to travel to and luncheon speakers everyone benefits from. Welcome, new members, you're the people we believe in.

President-elect **Lou Callaway** has reviewed the annual Golf and Tennis Outing Fund Raiser and decided that he will take the Club in a new direction by downsizing the activity. This September's event will be the first annual Croquet and Table Tennis event. **Joanne Pierson** is already hard at work on the official fund-raiser poem. She was recently heard muttering, "What rhymes with wicket and paddle?"

The **Bowling Committee** announced this week that it will no longer have Blue and Gold teams. The teams are considering Green and White or Red and Gray, thinking that while Blue and Gold represents Ann Arbor, wearing other colors would show just how broad-minded Rotarians are.

Len Stenger and the **International Projects Committee** are considering a request from the former Yooper members of the Club to provide boot warmers to 5-8 year olds in the Keewenaw Peninsula. They noted in their proposal that since the UP is rarely considered part of Michigan, it would seem reasonable to give it some international aid.

Ed Wier announced that the high school **Interact** clubs have decided to knit mittens for everyone in the Ann Arbor Rotary Club. "We've noticed that your Club members are pretty old, and we would like to make sure you all survive to have us back again next year because we really like the singing," they said.



The **Kerry family** forwarded new membership applications for several other family members. Bob commented: “We decided that we are such busy people we rarely have time to get together. Having a family reunion every Wednesday at Rotary is just what our family needs.”

Joan Knoertzer, Griff McDonald, and Larry Hastie brought the whole Michigan basketball team to lunch last week. While applauding their maize and blue spirit, Sergeant at Arms **Dave Williams** asks that in the future, if teams are coming to the meeting, they should leave their equipment, including basketballs, hockey sticks, or baseball bats, outside the dining room as seating and space are limited.

President Jim mixed his hats at last week’s meeting and sends along his apologies. He temporarily forgot that he was not chairing a Red Cross Board meeting. He had not meant to require that every Rotarian donate a pint of blood before leaving the meeting. Maybe it was **Norman Herbert’s** mention of “Every Rotarian, Every Year” that contributed to the confusion. Anyway, thanks to **Heidi Grix** for supplying graham crackers and juice for everyone.

Exhausted by the planning of high-quality events, the **Social Committee** has merged with the **Community Service Committee** to plan the “Support City Hall and the New Police-Court Building Campaign.” **Roger Fraser** added, “Imagine how much we can save the City if we Rotarians hold a regular Saturday morning “Dig-the-City’s Dirt” project.” There will be donuts from Kroger; bring your own coffee and shovels.

News Director **Bill Stegath** had prepared a special news update for this issue, however space is short, so we only include Bill’s astronomy report: Jupiter has aligned with Mars in the age of Aquarius.

Reviewing the 5 year strategic plan, the **Board** noted that planning has become too difficult in severe economic times and decided to resort to an ouija board. When asked for comment, Downs Herald responded, “Whatever! I can’t find any policy on it.” We had hoped to learn **Al Burdi’s** thoughts, too, but he was running behind schedule on his way to a UM softball game.

Birthdays: Since we know that our Club membership is older (64) than that of most other big clubs, we are adopting a new policy of reporting ages along with the birthdays as a reminder of how old we're all getting to be. Example: April 1: Melissa Green, 64. When we have enough members who are younger and can therefore bring the average down to 55, we'll drop the age reporting. The **Membership Committee** asks, "How's that for incentive to continue earning the District's *Most New Members Award*?" Not to be outdone, however, **Cynthia Sorensen** is calling for the **Membership Directory Committee** to begin re-touching the Directory photos using Photoshop, expecting to adopt some of the same techniques used by *People* magazine and making all members look 35 or younger.

Visiting Rotarians included **Manish Mehta**, who expects to soon enter the Guinness Book of World Records for most guest appearances at Rotary meetings. Way to go, Manish!

Libby Hines suspended her letter writing to **Junior Rotarians** in mid-sentence, citing writers' cramp and a chambers that no longer has space for any additional stationery.

Note: **Art Holst's** invocation will appear next week when we can devote an entire issue to reprinting the poem he so eloquently delivered from memory at last week's meeting.

Disclaimer: This Lampoon Fails the Four Way Test!

1. **Is it the TRUTH?** Heck, no!
2. **Is it FAIR to all concerned?** Of course not.
3. **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?** We hope so.
4. **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?** Probably not, but a good laugh is always beneficial!

Note to readers: The *Harpoon* for April 1 will follow shortly. In preparing this *Lampoon*, we scoured "A History of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1916-1945" hoping to learn the origin of our newsletter's name. There we learn only that Charles Sink, the club's first secretary, was the originator of the publication and gave it its name, and that later Wilfred Shaw, with the cooperation of Shirley Smith, conceived and drew the emblem which today heads each issue—a whale stabbed to the heart by a spear.

The "History" concludes "In short, throughout the years, the *Harpoon* has proved itself to be an inspiring house-organ of superior journalistic merit. Its weekly appearance has been like a letter from home to a man in a strange land." We couldn't say it better ourselves!!