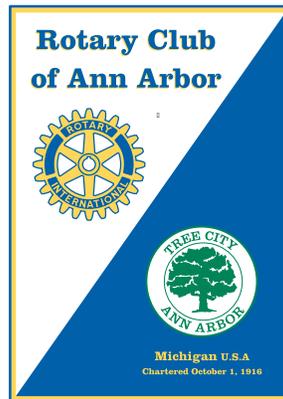


Rotary Club of Ann Arbor



Annual Report

2007 – 2008

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CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was a privilege and an honor to serve this great Club as your president. What an amazing journey I have been on with each and every one of you during the 2007-2008 year.

In that the 2007-2008 year was as memorable and productive as it was, I found it most difficult if not possible to detail in this brief presidential report all that our Club did achieve. As you read the more than twenty reports submitted by Club leaders and committee chairs I am sure you will agree with me that our members and committees were nothing but very active and productive. Given this, and knowing full well of the perils of singling out a few individuals and activities, I opted to go ahead anyway to single out and reflect on a few individuals and activities.

What a memorable year it was to be guided and mentored by the gracious leadership of our District Governor Audrey Chevalier who took time from her demanding official schedule to be with us at several luncheon visits beyond her official club visit. I certainly will miss working with her and with our "always available" ADG Manish Mehta. The friendships they have forged with many in the Club will endure over the years in the spirit of Rotary. I am most appreciative for the encouragement and support given me by our Directors, officers, and our "always there" Club Administrator John White. I am especially appreciative for the sage and always compassionate mentoring given me by our past presidents. Finally, special thanks to both Past President Norman Herbert and our Club secretary Downs Herold for the hand-holding I needed from time to time during my presidential journey.

When I succeeded then President Ingrid Sheldon in July 2007, I laid out an eight item "leadership blueprint" for the year. Some questioned the blueprint as being too ambitious and opined that the Club couldn't pull it off! I soon came to learn that that kind of questioning was unfounded. I soon came to learn that much of the blueprint could be achieved in the 2007-2008 year because the vital signs of our Club were robust and remarkably healthy. Well...about twelve months later, the Club indeed successfully met each of the eight "blueprint" items and even more. In so doing, the Club clearly and unsurprisingly demonstrated that it could do and go wherever the visions and energies of its members could take it in the full spirit of Rotary.

Let me start with our weekly luncheons that were enlivened with new features including podium presentations on "Rotarians in the News", the "Rotary Minute" that reminded all of us of our Club and RI histories, and our "Rotary Works" presentations that featured the hard work of our committees. And, the Club was especially pleased to honor all of its available past presidents at a special luncheon in the presence of DG Audrey at which time each even received new past president pins. As the Club enjoyed some rather spirited luncheons and programs during the year, the Club was also much saddened by the loss of three longstanding members, Jack Dobson, Carl Gingles, and Jim Montgomery --- each of whom was eulogized by our Club and later at the District Convention in Chatham, Ontario. Although several members left our Club family due to changes in their personal and professional lives, the Club also inducted three very large classes and earned it the District's 2007-2008 Membership Extension Award. During the 2007-2008 year, our Club was honored with several other noteworthy RI and District awards. The Club convincingly met each of the six major requirements to qualify for the prestigious RI Presidential Citation as is proudly shown below. There is no question whatsoever that this Citation is to be shared with each and every one of our members and the committees upon which they serve. As a final Club honor, and through the generous giving of our members at a level of \$37,180, our Club was honored with the "Every Rotarian Every Year" award as the District's peerless leader in total giving to the RI Foundation. Bravo!

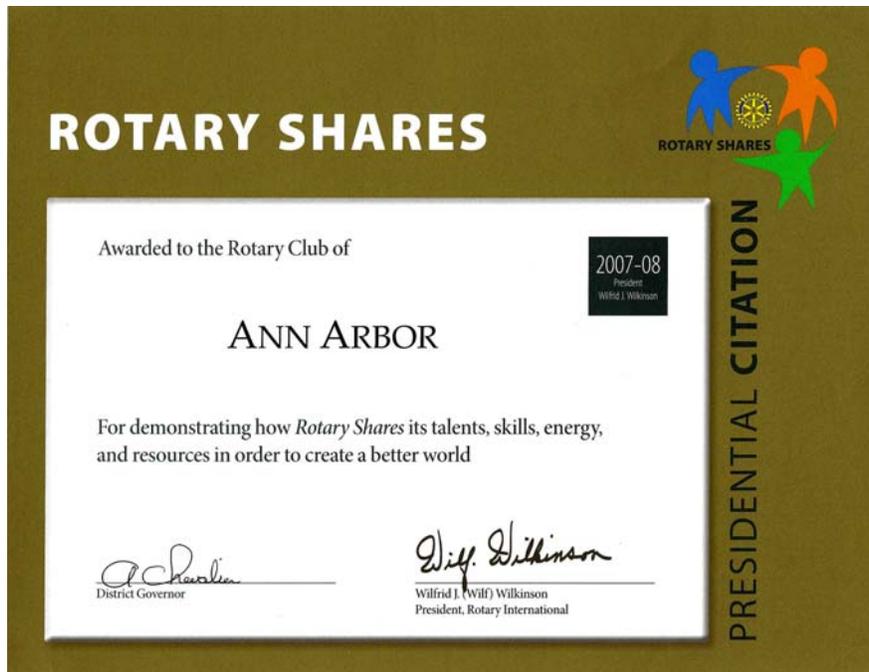
Our strategic planning or visioning initiative and the successful crafting of our new Strategic Plan 2008-2013, under the focused leadership of Jim Cook, was a sterling example of what our Club can do when we all work together hand-in-hand for the common good. Partnering and cooperation in the spirit of Rotary were always guiding values in 2007-2008. With a keen eye on and an unswerving commitment to the RI themes of health, hunger, literacy, our International Projects Committee energized with matching grants from the District and RI Foundation spared no energies in furthering worldwide projects that addressed these themes. And the committee's efforts in partnering with other clubs on RI projects were nothing short of successful. What our Club did in partnering with other sector clubs to welcome and host the District's Group Study Exchange team from Turkey was a great step in promoting world peace. Continuing with themes of international work and partnering, it was so inspirational for all of us to see Phil Alexander's visions and literally years of work come to fruition with the inauguration of the RI Ambassador of Goodwill Award. Kudos to Phil on being honored with the District's "Outstanding Achievement Award" for his stellar humanitarian work. As another vignette on the RI theme of promoting world peace and understanding, the club was delighted to host and hear from outgoing District Ambassadorial Scholar Ryan Wagner on his own journey to work with the peoples in the remote villages of South Africa. Our Interactors and Rotaractors continued to be very energetic groups with their service projects within and beyond the community. Finally, I should point out that on the memorable journey of my presidential year I had opportunity to meet so many wonderful people outside of our Club, especially through the monthly meetings with the other Club presidents in our sector as we collegially shared new visions and synergies on Rotary projects within our sector and beyond.

Fellow Rotarians, I give my sincerest thanks to each and every one of you for the deep honor and distinct privilege of serving you and Rotary as your club president in 2007-2008. We shared our time, we shared our talents, and we shared our resources. We shared our kindness and, ever so rewarding, we shared our love for Rotary, our Club and each other.

Respectfully Yours in Rotary Service.

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Alphonse R. Burdi



Looking Back at 2007 – 2008 ... What a Wonderful Year for the Club!



CLUB LEADERSHIP and COMMITTEES: 2007-2008

OFFICERS

President	Alphonse Burdi
VP/Pres-Elect	James Cook
Immediate Past Pres.	Ingrid Sheldon
Secretary	Downs Herold
Club Treasurer	John Ackenhusen
Endowment Treas.	Dave Keosaian
Sgt. at Arms	Dave Williams

DIRECTORS

Lou Callaway
 Wayne Colquitt
 Barbara Debrodt
 Maurita Holland
 Josie Parker
 Peter Wright

ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES

Bernie Bedell
 Al Burdi (Chair)
 Jim Cook
 Charlie Crone
 Mary Hays
 Anne Glendon, Sec.
 Dave Gunderson
 Norman Herbert
 Ingrid Sheldon
 Bob Swistock

COMMITTEES

Nominating	Ingrid Sheldon
Distinguished Service Award	Ingrid Sheldon
Endow. Develop.	Norman Herbert and Brooks Sitterley
Rotary Foundation	Paul Glendon and Norman Herbert
Int. Finan. Procedures	Ingrid Sheldon
Strategic Planning	Jim Cook

Club Service

Barbara Debrodt, Dir.

Speaker Programs Mike Marich and Gloria Kerry
 Set-Up Dave Williams
 Music Larry Henkel and Ingrid Sheldon
 Mtg. Assignments Ingrid Deininger and Lois Jelneck

Membership

Membership Devel.
 Member Survey
 Social
 Bowling
 Annual Golf Outing

Lou Callaway, Dir.

Agnes Reading and Tim Marshall
 Sam Offen
 Susan Smith Gray
 Dick Elwell
 Laura Lonergan

Communication

Member Directory
 Harpoon
 Website
 Public Relations
 Photography

Maurita Holland, Dir.

Cynthia Sorensen
 Don Faber
 Dan Romanchik
 Don Faber
 Fred Beutler

Community Service

Com. Allocations
 Scholarships
 STRIVE
 Tree Planting
 Rotate-Your-Food
 Success-By-Six

Josie Parker, Dir.

Bill Dunifon
 Milo White
 Ann Schriber and Carolyn Shear
 Ian Glassford and Terry Linden
 Steve Kesler
 Josie Parker

Youth/Vocational

Junior Rotarians
 RYLA
 Rotary Tutors
 Interact

Peter Wright, Dir.

Mark Foster and Tony Nam
 Robert Albritton and Wayne Colquitt
 Nick Lacy
 Dick Elwell
 (Huron-Karen Kerry and Ed Wier
 (Pioneer-Dennis Norton and Dan Romanchik)
 Joanne Pierson and Audrey Schwimmer
 Jim Kosteva

Int'l. Service

Ambass. Scholars (Outbound)
 Ambass. Scholars (Inbound)
 Int'l. Projects
 International Outreach

Wayne Colquitt, Dir.

Scott Westerman
 John Rasmussen
 Len Stenger
 Spaulding Clark, Phil Alexander and Jim Reece

CLUB MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Report of Club Secretary - Downs Herold

Active membership of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor at the end of Rotary Year 2007-2008 numbered a healthy 314. The Club also has four honorary members. The Club inducted 28 new members, reinstated four former members and designated the sitting Mayor of Ann Arbor as an honorary member. Nineteen members resigned, most of them due to business pressures. It was with deepest regrets that the club acknowledged the deaths of Jack Dobson, Carl Gingles and Jim Montgomery during the 2007-2008 year. In terms of club demographics, our youngest member is 27. Nineteen (6%) are under 40 and 56 (18%) are under 50. The median Ann Arbor Rotarian is 65 years of age. Forty-one (13%) members of the Club are over 80. Five of them are 90 years or older. A total of 84 of our members have been granted Active-Exempt status since the sum of their age and years of membership total 85 or more. Seventy-eight (25%) of our members are women; 240 are not. Seventy-four (23%) of our members have been in Rotary for fewer than three years. The median length of service in the Club is ten years. Twenty-three percent of our members have been in the club for more than 20 years. Eleven have over 40 years of service. Our longest-serving member has been in the Club for 51 years. Although we are often known as the "Town and Gown" Club, only 60 Club members (20%) are affiliated with the University of Michigan. In terms of honors awarded, over the years 109 of our members and community leaders have been honored with the Club's Distinguished Service Award while also awarding them Honorary Paul Harris Fellowships. Five of these honors were bestowed in 2007-2008. An additional 132 members have become Paul Harris Fellows through their personal contributions to The Rotary Foundation. During the year, 23 members and two non-Rotarians earned Paul Harris Fellowships. Thirteen of these awardees were first-timers. We are a large and robust club with a rich tradition. There are more than 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. Rotary exists in 168 countries, and we are one of more than 32,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide. There are only about 50 clubs in the world that have more members, and in our area, only the Grand Rapids and Toledo clubs have a larger memberships.

CLUB SERVICE AREAS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLUB SERVICES AREA Director: Barbara Debrott

Program Committee

Chairs: Mike Marich and Gloria Kerry

The Program Committee continued to offer highest quality programs to the membership and guests. Emphasis was placed on presenting balanced programs--academic, athletic, local and national interest in a timely fashion. About one program a month was proscribed by Rotary leadership and dealt with Rotary International and District programs as well as our local Rotary projects. The club set an all-time attendance record June 18 when over 240 Rotarians and guests came to hear Rich Rodriguez, new head coach of Michigan football. A complete listing of our 2007-2008 program series of 47 speakers, school choirs and other presenters can be found on last pages of this report. Rotarians and guests continue to comment on the fine quality of our club's programs and speakers. In the 2008-2009 year, the committee hopes to add new and additional members; to continue including our members as speakers; and to maintain its practice

of providing variety and balance in program topics. Much time, talent, and effort is generously given by the Program Committee to make our speaker series the very best.

Music Committee

Chairs: Larry Henkel and Ingrid Sheldon

Kudos to the more than 15 Song Leaders and six accompanists who continued to help our club earn its longstanding reputation as the "Singing Rotary Club". This year a new member joined the group as a song leader, Gloria Brooks.

Invocations, Hosts/Greeters, and Attendance Committee

Chairs: Ingrid Deininger and Lois Jelneck

One of the busiest of club committees, the committee adopted a new policy this year of enlisting the help of newly inducted members as soon as possible to pair with current members greeting attendees at the weekly luncheons. This has been well received by all and added to the continued success of our meetings.

Set-Up Committee

Chair: Dave Williams

Our Set-up Committee was much of the "glue" that made our weekly luncheons so successful. It took every effort to assure that all physical arrangements for the weekly meetings were achieved. The committee dealt swiftly and effectively to handle an unexpectedly large crowd for the meeting featuring a talk by the new U-M Head Football Coach and made it look easy.

MEMBERSHIP AREA

Director: Lou Callaway

Membership Development Committee

Chairs: Agnes Reading and Tim Marshall

Without question, the 2007-2008 Club year was an excellent year and that brought the Club the competitive District's Membership Extension Award. Twenty-seven new members were inducted. Thirty-two resigned and four former members were reinstated. Committee leaders had opportunity to participate in one of RI President Wilf Wilkerson's membership regional workshops held in South Bend, Indiana. Learning from that workshop and from within our own committee, several new membership development strategies and plans were launched. Focusing on membership retention and enrichment, a new member mentoring program was instituted whereby each new member is assigned a mentor from the Committee. The role of the mentor is to be an additional resource for a new member. The Committee also discussed changes to the mentoring program and the monitoring of mentoring activities for the 2008-2009 year. The Committee worked with new member sponsors to help inform new members on the opportunities and responsibilities of being a Rotarian, including expected and regular attendance at weekly meetings; and, active participation in Club committees and projects. Sponsors were also explicitly assigned the responsibility for integrating their new Member into the Club. Contacting and orienting the sponsors when nominations are submitted to make this expectation clear has been and will continue to be part of our recruitment and retention strategies. Learning from the 2007-2008 year, in the coming year the Committee will capitalize on the new download/email capability to make nominations on the Club website. It is hoped that this will prompt a sponsor to think about and prospectively discuss with a nominee the time involved in Rotary membership to be sure the nominee is willing to commit the time and efforts required. Using these computer programs along with routine email, this should strengthen Committee's plans to make membership more compatible with the way our younger members work and live, and participate as new Rotarians. Building upon its 2007-2008 experiences, the Committee looks forward to establishing a protocol for working with committee chairs to ensure that new members are fully

aware of where the strengths they bring to our Club can be used effectively on committees and projects. It is anticipated that there again will be only two new member classes in the 2008-2009 year, which will give the Committee more time to integrate the new members and work with the new retention strategies that are unfolding. As mentioned earlier, the 2007-2008 Club year was an excellent year for membership extension and retention.

Member Survey Committee

Chair: Sam Offen

In 2007-2008 our membership survey activity took on a new and strategic direction to meet new and emerging club needs. Rather than proceed with our traditional member survey covering a range of club activities and services, this year the Member Survey Committee was in a unique position technologically to craft a Strategic Planning survey. The multi-item survey obtained members' opinions about the current 2003-2008 strategic plan and gathered long term visions and ideas for the Club's new 2008-2013 Strategic Plan. The survey was conducted via the Internet, using the innovative and commercially-available "Survey Monkey" software. The information gathering process was clear, quick and "user friendly" with 223 members participating in the survey, with an excellent 73% response rate. Because the survey served our purposes most productively, in 2008-2009 we hope to share elements of our computerized strategic planning survey with other Rotary clubs in our sector, district and beyond.

Social Events Committee

Chair: Susan Smith Gray

Without doubt, the successful outcomes of the Social Committee's work in 2007-2008 added much to the interactions of members and their families. Each first Wednesday of the month was our very highly accepted "Mix Day" when luncheon attendees drew a number from a hat and sat at the table assigned with that number for that luncheon. This helped Rotarians to meet new members! For the second year, our social events series was staged to provide an introduction to the many cultural (non-profit) organizations available to us, as well as to provide social opportunities for our membership to further friendships. Eight events were scheduled throughout the year and are briefly highlighted here: September - Ann Arbor Symphony at the Michigan Theater, preceded by a descriptive lecture. November - Performance Network musical, "Bakers Wife", followed by a fare of wine and refreshments in the lobby which about 80 members attended. December - An evening at the Ann Arbor Art Center, which provided wine and goodies as attendees shopped and viewed the art exhibits. This event is planned for next year. January '08 - Kerrytown Concert House for "Wine, Women, and Song" which about 85 members and guests attended and also enjoyed a wine afterglow. February - Michigan Theater - a romantic film, "Bringing Up Baby" followed by socializing with champagne and chocolates. March - The Civic Theatre performed "Moon Over Buffalo" at the University's new Arthur Miller Theater. This was preceded by a lecture and tour of the Walgreen Theater complex given by Gary Decker. About 30 attended the play and 19 at the lecture and tour. April - U of M Senior (Student) Showcase at Lydia Mendelssohn Theater followed by an afterglow at the Ann Arbor home of Susan and Bob Gray. About 75 attended the Showcase and 55 the Afterglow. Everyone declared it a most special "event". May - Spring Fling at Ann Arbor's Hands On Museum with a Strolling Supper catered by The Moveable Feast provided a wonderful last event for the fiscal year. There were 101 adults and children in attendance. All urged the Committee to "do this again."

Bowling Committee

Chair: Dick Elwell

In 2007-2008, our Club continued with its two teams in an Ann Arbor Service Club bowling league. A total of 15 of our Club members bowled every Thursday evening from September through April. While the final standing of both teams was not spectacular, a great time was had by all. Participation in this sport was a wonderful way to build comradeship among all team

members. The teams also held two social events included spouses. This resulted in deepening many fine friendships outside of our regular Club activities. Good times were had by all. All Rotary bowlers look forward to a more successful 2008-2009 year.

Golf and Tennis Outing and Fundraiser Committee

Chair: Laura Lonergan

The 2007 event was once again held at Travis Pointe Country Club. Feedback from attendees was positive regarding the venue, day's activities, dinner, and live/silent auctions, but there seemed to be some ideas on the type of fundraiser we have had. The consensus was to think of other options for the upcoming years. The 2007 Committee felt the golf/tennis outing was the way to go and subsequently worked hard (with extra effort) to bring the Club an exciting and profitable event. The golf outing coupled with a tennis round robin option was once again successful. The Community Service objectives were to raise funds to help continue our Tree Planting Project to replace the thousands of ash trees lost to our community because of the Ash Borer infestation; to further the Club's support for youth by improving and expanding the Youth Scholarships for college, including the STRIVE program, and to partner with Washtenaw Success-By-Six, a new initiative of over fifty community groups coordinated by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District and the Washtenaw United Way. The Success-By-Six mission is to make sure that all our children get the necessary support in their pre-school years to be able to succeed once they reach school. A delicious plated dinner and action filled live auction capped the day's events. This year's event was ably directed by Lou Callaway and coordinated by Laura Lonergan, who assumed this role for the first time. Russ Collins masterfully conducted the evening's live auction and with his exuberant personality, was able to increase the total amount of funds raised at the event. The success of our 2007-2008 major fundraising events of the year was impressive, both in terms of participants and in terms of funds raised. Over \$70,000 (gross) and approximately \$54,700 (net) was raised thanks to the participation and support of our members and many other local community participants. Many thanks are due to all the volunteers, some of whom made numerous calls to obtain sponsorships and donations and others who worked tirelessly to plan and execute the event.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS AREA

Director: Maurita Holland

As the facilitating director in this area, it is with pleasure to report that the timely publication of events and activities in the weekly Harpoon, complete with appropriate images, kept our members fully informed this year; not a Harpoon issue [electronic or otherwise] was missed. The transition from the Club Administrator as publisher to a more collegial arrangement, whereby members take direct responsibility for our information network, was implemented at year's end. Our Club's extensive archival or historical documents underwent scrutiny with the identification and review of hundreds of documents. Those papers and artifacts deemed appropriate for archiving were added to the materials already deposited in the Bentley Historical Library. Individual club committees will maintain their own current and archival space and key elements for the Harpoon will be automatically generated. The 2007-2008 Member Directory was updated, published, posted on our website and also printed for those who needed to purchase hard copy. Immediate Past President Ingrid Sheldon prepared the 2006-2007 Annual Report. This year's design and prototyping of a new Club website will provide considerable additional functionality when rolled out in 2008-2009. Finally, as exemplified on page 3, special kudos to Fred Beutler for his skillful capturing of so many Club events this year through his creative photography.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA
Director: Josie Parker**Community Allocations Committee**

Chair: Bill Dunifon

The committee is proud to report that 42 applications from an equal number of local not-for-profit organizations were received for consideration in the 2007-2008 round of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor community allocations process. The Rotary Club continued to be supportive of community projects from organizations which specifically focus on (1) helping children of all ages grow educationally, socially, culturally, and in self-esteem (2) helping young adults learn skills required to succeed later in life (3) helping at risk children in the local area. Allocations were not recommended [by policy] in support of general operating expenses of applicant organizations. Committee members recused themselves from assessing applications from organizations with which they may have an affiliation. The committee met seven times during the period of consideration with each member assessing and ranking each application independently prior to the final meeting. A conscious effort was made to involve recent club members with the committee. As an outcome of the hard work of more than thirteen committee members, a total of 19 of the highly qualified community service projects was enthusiastically recommended to and approved by the Board of Directors for funding at a total of \$51,480. This amount represents the highest level of funding ever awarded by the Club and furthers the Club's unswerving mission to serve the community.

Tree Planting Project Committee

Chairs: Ian Glassford and Terry Linden

Our tree planting teams have worked tirelessly over the past years. Seen as a true "Rotary Family" event, our tree planting efforts remain robust and the plantings in 2007- 2008 were no different. Thanks to the funds generated from the annual Rotary Golf and Tennis Outing, an additional 90 trees were planted in Ann Arbor's Olson Park which is a new city park established a few short years ago and this was our second planting session there. Our tree planting teams of more than 40 included Rotarians and their families; Huron High School Interact students; Rotaractors; and volunteers from the City's forestry department. What a splendid fall day that was! The Spring 2008 planting session was held at South East Park and brought together more than fifty Rotarians for the planting. Although threatened by rain most of the day, the team [dodging the rains] managed to plant a variety of 85 trees at South East Park. Joining Rotarians, their families, and Interactors were 15 members of the Huron High School men's golf team. Again this past year the Club formally recognized and thanked the City of Ann Arbor's Forestry personnel for their work in our tree planting project. This recognition was planned to coincide with national Arbor Day. It should be noted that our tree planting partnership with the City of Ann Arbor is now 5 years strong and has resulted in the planting of more than 1000 trees in 18 city parks. With the tree planting project, the Club has made a significant impact on keeping our city green and beautiful...as it should be since it is known as the "Tree City".

Success-by-Six Committee

Chair: Josie Parker

In 2007-2008, with the critical support of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor and a number of other community partners, Washtenaw Success-by-6[®] implemented a number of programs designed to help ensure that all of our young children are ready to succeed in school. Kelly Stupple, our Children's Health Insurance Advocate, began work in February of 2008 and worked hard to publicize the availability of publicly funded health insurance for children to their parents; addressed individual family problems with their publicly funded health insurance enrollments and continuations; streamlined the enrollment process for agencies and programs across Washtenaw

County, and worked to collaborate with the Department of Human Services – Washtenaw County. Six major initiatives were pursued: Collaborative Head Start and Michigan School Readiness Program single application process was designed and running as of March 31, 2008. This new system was designed to increase communication and cooperation between programs and to ensure that all children are given all the services for which they qualified. This program gave some assurance that all children in the county who are eligible for Head Start and Michigan School Readiness programs were supported in finding the right program, enrolling and becoming successful. A quality preschool experience, especially for low-income children, has been shown to be a proven positive effect on pre-literacy skills, school readiness and parent attitude towards schooling and education for their children. Child Care Provider Trainings for low-income child care providers took place throughout the county beginning in September, including training for teens and adults providing summer childcare when they would work on developing child literacy skills, large and small motor ability, and improve their social interaction and behavior. Parent Education and Support Network completed the design of developmentally appropriate parent packets and distributed packets and parent support materials throughout the county. These packets contained developmentally appropriate materials dealing with such tasks as child healthcare, nutrition, literacy and pre-literacy skills, school readiness Expulsion Prevention capacity involved a group of agencies and childcare providers who worked to design a county wide response to the difficult problem of pre-school children being expulsions from their childcare situations. The Community Collaboration initiative moved forward with the combination of four county collaborative groups into one – the Washtenaw Birth to Six Interagency Collaborative Council – meaning fewer, more collaborative meetings. In addition we were highly active in the county Literacy Coalition, and began a process of creating a county wide parent board to bring parent voices more strongly into the conversation about early childhood experience in the county. Again, the generous support of the Rotary Club made that special difference between what Success-by-Six could not do and what it has be able to do in 2007-2008.

Rotate Your Food Committee

Chair: Steve Kesler

In 2007-2008, our Club effectively partnered with Rotary Clubs in Dexter and Ypsilanti to run the food drive over a two-week period from June 2 to 14. A total of 74 collection locations in Ann Arbor, Dexter, and Ypsilanti, as well as 3 in Chelsea and Saline were put in place. This was a big jump over the 54 locations that we reached in 2006-2007. The food collections netted 6,858 pounds of food compared to 4,362 last year, a 57% increase (this came on top of a 32% increase in 2007 over 2006). Participation in the committee also increased to about 12 active members. In addition to organizational meetings during the year, a work session was held at Food Gatherers to get the boxes ready to be distributed throughout the area. Rotarian Paul Yhouse was elected Chair of the committee for the 2008-2009 campaign year. This Rotary food drive is clearly successful and is reaching an increasing number of possible donors. It is fully anticipated that the drive will continue in 2008-2009 and find even more productive ways to expand the involvement of committee members and other Rotarians for the benefit of our community and its needy families.

High School Scholarships Committee

Chair: Milo White

The High School Scholarship Committee distributed \$22,000 from the Endowment Fund to 13 deserving high school seniors from Huron High School, Pioneer High School, Father Gabriel Richard Catholic High School, the Greenhills School, Community High School and from Rudolph Steiner High School. The Committee of nine Rotarians received the applications which were submitted by the counselors from the respective high schools. The Committee considered the applicants' academic records, their school and community activities, the letters of recommendations from the school officials, their essays based on the Four-Way Test and the Objectives of Rotary, and finally, and most importantly, their statements of financial need. Based on the review, the Committee distributed the funds available. Eleven of the thirteen scholarship winners (and their parents) were guests of the Club at our meetings in June. The Committee

again thanks the Club's endowment donors and leadership for its financial support and looks forward again to playing an important part in the Club's commitment to the youth of the area.

STRIVE Committee

Chairs: Ann Schriber and Carolyn Shear

STRIVE (**S**tudents **T**aking **R**enewed Interest in the **V**alue of **E**ducation) is an educational competition based program among students at Ann Arbor's Stone School, often referred to as the school of "last resort". STRIVE students are measured on GPA improvement, attendance of at least 90%, and compliance with a pledge not to use drugs or alcohol. STRIVE creates an atmosphere of accountability. In 2007-2008, Rotary committed \$15,000 in Scholarships to Washtenaw Community College for the STRIVE students with the most improvements and highest grade points. The sixteen or so members of the committee obtained incentives, such as tickets and gift certificates, throughout the year to encourage the winners, organize an annual awards banquet, and hosted the STRIVE winners for the marking period to Rotary luncheons. In addition, under the leadership of Rick Reid, we have started STRIVE@Work, where students spend several hours in a local work environment (i.e. Zingerman's, Menlo Innovations), talking to employers and employees and seeing how businesses run. Andy Dahlman recruited mentors from Rotary for the winners, with offers of help, and encouragement so the students will actually enroll at WCC and be successful there. Getting the STRIVE scholarship awardees to use their scholarships is our continuing biggest concern. However, this concern will continue to be addressed by more effective tracking of Strive budgets so the scholarships can be used as efficiently as possible. As another strategy to address this concern, the STRIVE committee worked closely with the Dean of Academic Placement and other student counselors at WCC. Eight of the Strive winners have applied to WCC for the fall 2008 admission. Looking ahead to 2008-2009, the new chairs of the Strive committee will be Lois Jelneck and Wendy Correll, and the current team will stay involved to ease the transition with the expected new principal at Stone School. Fortunately, counselor Daphne Slater will continue to be our liaison at the school.

YOUTH & VOCATIONAL SERVICE AREA

Director: Peter Wright

Junior Rotarians Committee

Chairs: Mark Foster and Tony Nam

Our Club again honored and hosted at club luncheons twenty-seven students from five Ann Arbor high schools as Junior Rotarians. Each honoree attended two club meetings and presented a brief biographical sketch, received orientation about the world of Rotary from a past president of our club, was paired with two Club members acting as host and vocational advisor, and subsequently received a photo and certificate commemorating the experience. In an effort to keep Rotary in the sights of the Junior Rotarians and Interactors, in 2008-2009 the Club will be exploring ways in which Rotary Clubs in the area of where the former Junior Rotarians and Interact students are enrolled in college can be informed of their presence. If there is a Rotary Club in that collegiate area, hopefully the former Junior Rotarians and Interact students would be invited to consider continuing their involvement with Rotary. The current Junior Rotarians Committee leadership is extremely grateful to its members for their continuing interest and participation in the established processes as we celebrate these gifted students.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards [RYLA] Committee

Chairs: Robert Albritton and Wayne Colquitt

The Club sponsored thirteen students, primarily from Huron and Community High Schools, to attend the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) weekend in Ridgeway, Ontario. The sponsor teachers of the Interact Clubs at the high schools were asked to identify qualified

students to attend. Since the District 6380 was unable to provide transportation for our RYLA students, a 14 passenger van was rented by the Club to transport the students to and from Ridgetown. The students were very appreciative of this RYLA leadership training opportunity provided by our Club.

Rotary Tutors Committee

Chair: Nick Lacy

This committee continued to further the Club's mission on being supportive of the youth of the community. The number of Rotary Reading and Math tutors for the 2007-2008 year was 30. This was a significant decline from the 48 from last year, but the same as the 2005-2006 year. For the second year, Rotary Tutors served Angell and Burns Park elementary schools. The tutors group included Rotarians and spouses. UM Rotaract members were not active in this effort this year which likely explains the drop in the tutor volunteer number. Our Club continued the tradition of giving every kindergarten student at Angell and some kindergarten students at Burns Park a copy of the book M is for Mitten. This alphabet book featuring Michigan sites was given to 55 students many of whom are children of international students at the UM. It continues to be felt that the gift book will be a good reminder especially for our foreign children of their Ann Arbor educational experiences and Rotary when they return to their native countries.

Interact Clubs Committee

Chair: Dick Elwell

Our Club once again had a very good year with the two energetic Interact clubs that we sponsored. Thanks go to the fine work of Ed Wier and Karen Kerry at Huron High School and Dan Romanchik and Dennis Norton at Pioneer High School. The Pioneer Club sold candy at school and raised over \$300 which was donated to Therapeutic Riding of Ann Arbor. In addition, Interact students were paired with ESL students for weekly or biweekly tutoring sessions. Another project started this year, which will carry over to next year, is the identification of other Interact pen pals around the world. The Club also sent volunteers around the community every couple of weeks to help where needed. The Huron Club activities included volunteering at the Food Gathers community kitchen where they helped prepare meals. The students also volunteered at the Salvation Army where they helped sort and organize donations at the local chapter. Many Club members also prepared meals at the Ronald McDonald house. A number of students had interest in theater so they volunteered as ushers at various performances at several of the theaters in the community. Club members helped with events at the Hands-On Museum setting up and running various exhibits. The Club also participated in Rebuilding Together (formerly known as Christmas in April) by doing home repair and clean up for local residents. As in the past, Club members also assisted the Rotary club with tree planting. The Huron Interact club is continuing to experience growth and diversity in its membership and officers and completed the year with elections that assure every class in the school is represented on the board of directors. Both clubs look forward to the 2008-2009 year and greater involvement with our own Rotary clubs and various programs that we offer such as RYLA, Jr. Rotarians and Rotary Youth Exchange.

Rotaract Club Committee

Chairs: Joanne Marttila Pierson and Audrey Schwimmer

Completing its fourth year, the UM Rotaract Club continued to make significant gains towards its goals of expanding membership, developing and solidifying its programs, increasing local and international service projects, and fundraising. The 2007-2008 year was a pivotal year because its founding Rotaract members graduated from UM and we needed to develop the next set of leaders. We were successful in this. Rotaractors now have a dynamic set of individuals as officers and directors for the upcoming year. The Rotaract Club was also successful in increasing membership, always a challenge with over 1000 clubs available to UM students. Local projects, such as "Crafts" with 100 second graders, working with a Detroit-based senior services organization, and assisting Rotarians with fall and spring tree planting, were successful and will

be continued in 2008-2009. Rotaractors were able to complete a new International project, going to Tijuana to help build houses. The Rotaractors hosted the Evanston, Illinois Club in Ann Arbor and traveled to Montreal to visit the Rotaract Club there. The 3rd annual Rotaract Club bowling fundraising event was again held January 2008. Professional Development activities were continued at the general meetings with presentations by our Rotary Club members. A special priority for 2008 was to increase our Rotary committee's membership and we were able to solicit some new Rotarians to join the committee. Looking ahead to 2008-2009, a goal will be to continue to improve these activities in order to entice members to regularly attend the general Rotaract meetings. There were 15 active Rotaractors in the club at the end of the 2007-2008 year but with all the promise that that number would increase to 30 or more in 2008-2009.

Rotary Youth Exchange Committee

Chair: Jim Kosteva

While the RYE committee was at work in 2007-2008, there were no full year or short term youth exchanges during the year. The committee continued to reach out to area high school counselors in a timely manner to make them aware of the opportunities provided by Rotary Youth Exchange.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA

Director: Wayne Colquitt

Ambassadorial Scholars (Inbound) Committee

Chairs: Neil Loney and John Rasmussen

John Rasmussen energetically served as our District 6380 incoming scholar coordinator for the 2004-2007 years. To continue his volunteer work with our club's International Committee on several matching grant projects in Brazil, John stepped down from serving as incoming scholar coordinator for District 6380. Neil Loney, an Ypsilanti Rotarian and former Assistant District Governor, assumed the role of the new coordinator [transitioning with John Rasmussen] as incoming Ambassadorial Scholars during the 2007-2008 year.

Ambassadorial Scholars (Outbound) Committee

Chair: Scott Westerman

In 2007-2008, the committee chair received more than a dozen inquiries, generally by way of emails, and usually prompted by information on the International Rotary's Website. This level of interest was an increase over the previous year. Email responses were sent to the inquirers followed by pamphlets describing all Rotary scholarship opportunities. Three requested the full application form, two of whom chose not to follow through. One, however, did and proved to be an outstanding candidate. Her application was forwarded to the District committee with the unanimous approval of the Club's committee.

International Outreach Committee

Chairs: Spaulding Clark, Phil Alexander and Jim Reece

The International Outreach Committee has managed or completed all of the goals that were set in previous years, several of which continued into 2007-2008.

Our forward looking Professional Enhancement Program [PEP] Russian Initiative was completed last fall. Under the masterful leadership of co-chairs Jim Reece and Ashish Sarkar, the committee hosted 13 Russians for the period of October 4-24, 2007. Arrival and farewell dinners occurred with special sightseeing arrangements for the two weekends. Jim Reece recruited several of the UM Business School faculty and cleverly redesigned the proposed training program which was aimed at restaurateurs. Local restaurants including Zingerman's and Dominos Pizza volunteered their resources. A local church volunteered their bus for transportation. Jim Reece provided his informative insights on the program's highs, lows and the lessons learned in the process. Overall

the results were most positive, and the program was of a very high quality. Of particular note were the contributions made to the program from local volunteers and organizations, that is, in-kind contributions. There was some disappointment that some of the participants did not seem to take the program seriously enough, nor appropriately appreciate the high professional level of the program and the contributions of time and energy from the program's volunteers. Given the last minute loss of grant funding provided to the parent PEP organization in San Francisco, it may be that there was a failure within the selection process that could not have been rectified in any event. All-in-all, based upon after-action evaluations received from the participants, our PEP activity received very high praises. Our District 6380 Group Study Exchange with Turkey went well again for the Ann Arbor portion of the District's GSE program. Co-chairs Spaulding Clark and Bill Dunifon crafted a nice experience for the five Turkish guests and wrote up a comprehensive report on the overall effort. In the event planning for the 2008-2009 year, responsibility was newly assigned to past Assistant District Governor Manish Mehta, who assumed the responsibility for the scheduling and coordination of all events in Washtenaw County. Local Ann Arbor clubs assumed the responsibility for the first four days, being primarily the Ann Arbor Club, and the out-county clubs assumed scheduling responsibility for the remainder of the visit. It is unknown how the rest of the visit to the District went for the Turkish visitors. New committee leadership took place in 2007-2008. In December long time and founding committee Chair Phil Alexander resigned his post, citing other responsibilities, and Spaulding Clark took over as Chair, with Jim Reece serving as co-Chair. A possible District-to-District Friendship Exchange with District 2440 in Turkey remains active and under consideration, now likely for the 2009-2010 year. There has been communication with Sait Tosun, the District 2440's Friendship Exchange Program Chair, who has agreed to help with the project planning. The exchange would probably be for a two week period of time in District 2440, which includes the west coast of Turkey and is centered in Denizli. A side visit to Imamlar could be considered, as our club participated in an earlier joint project which helped to stock Imamlar's new public (school) library with books. As our District Governor wants a District Friendship Exchange Committee to be established before proceeding further, that committee is in the process of being established. Members of our IOC may serve temporarily in the capacity of an initial ad hoc District Friendship Exchange Committee. Our robust International Outreach Committee activities took place in other parts of world during the past year. John Rasmussen, Fred Beutler, Sue Beutler and Pat Pooley traveled to Brazil to visit a Rotary matching grant project in the Brazil-Pastoral do Menor program for children at risk, participating in the Livramento mural project, visiting the 3-H grant site at Belterra Hospital and meeting with three area Rotary clubs. Noam Kimelman, Valerie Wang and Jamie Walsh, members of the University of Michigan Rotaract Club, participated in a project to build houses in a sustainable housing project in Tijuana, Mexico. Noam Kimelman also participated in several Rotary clean water projects and an eye care testing project, in remote villages under the auspices of the Katmandu Rotary Club, Nepal. Looking ahead to 2008-2009, the committee continues to discuss opportunities for sister club arrangements, as well as opportunities for possible foreign service projects, such as with the Rotary International polio immunization effort. A current and ongoing relationship with one of our sister clubs, the Pune Central Club., has been undertaken by our Club's International Humanitarian Projects Committee, where the Committee has teamed in an effort to supply medical instruments to a pediatric clinic in Guatemala. The project is complete, but not closed. It is a pleasure to report that the International Outreach Committee is functioning well and currently has 20 members and will be adding more in 2008-2009.

International Humanitarian Projects Committee

Chair: Len Stenger

The committee had another productive year. For the 2007-2008 year, the Club initially allocated a budget of \$25,000 for International Projects which was subsequently augmented with an additional \$3,518 to enable one particular project (West Bay Library project) to be fully funded. We also attracted another \$2,250 in contributions for that project from other Michigan Rotary Clubs. The committee devoted the budget to 4 new projects. In addition we formally closed three projects begun in previous years after they were successfully completed and we completed project activity on one other. The committee also initiated and funded (with Board permission) a 2008-2009 project even before the 2008-2009 FY began. Below are summaries of the projects and activities that the committee worked on during the year.

International Projects New and Active in 2007-2008 :

Guatemala - Pediatric Cardiac Clinic Equipment Project

Status: The project was approved in 2007-2008 and has been implemented. This is a joint project supported by Rotary Clubs in on three continents. - The Rotary Club of Guatemala Norte, the Rotary Club of Pune Central (India) and the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor. The purpose is to purchase medical equipment to support cardiac surgery for poor children in Guatemala. Total cost of the project is \$17,000; the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor contribution was \$6,938.

The Philippines – Library Expansion – West Bay Learning Center Project

Status: The project was approved and has been implemented. This project is a follow up on to a previously successful project to furnish an orphanage in Toledo City, the Philippines. The goal here is to enhance the learning opportunities for the orphanage residents and the entire Toledo City community by establishing a library in an existing facility by supplying furnishings and library materials. This project has garnered support from four other Rotary clubs in Michigan – Petoskey; Michigan Center; Hillsdale; and Jackson. Total cost of the project is \$25,000; the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor contribution was \$9,750.

Rwanda – Van for AIDS Self Help Organizations Project

Status: Project implementation has been completed and a final report is being generated. The purpose is to purchase a van to assist self help organizations assisting about 1,800 parentless children of AIDS victims in the area around Kigali, Rwanda. The van will enhance the nutrition, education, health, socialization, and micro project missions of these organizations. Total cost of the project is \$18,585, the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor contribution was \$8,955.



Sri Lanka - Irrigation Tank Rehabilitation Project

Status: This project has been approved and funding has been transferred to the participating clubs. And, we are awaiting dry weather to begin implementation. The purpose is to rehabilitate irrigation tank and infrastructure in a remote farming area of Sri Lanka to increase farming productivity for a village. Total Project cost is \$12,250 and our Club contribution was \$2,875.

Minas Gerais, Brazil - The Adolescent Citizen Project

Status: With Board approval, this project was begun in FY 2007- 2008 with funds budgeted for FY 2008-2009. This project is approved and Rotary Foundation funds will transfer early in FY 2008-2009. The project is aimed at extending an existing program for young children providing free education in Informatics and Bakery expertise to children aged 14 -18 years. Rotary funds would be used to purchase bakery equipment and computers for the existing school. This is part of a larger program of ~\$80,000 with a local government agency providing \$56,000 to be used for facility construction and maintenance. Total Project cost is \$26,263 and our Club contribution was \$6,713.

International Projects Active in 2007-2008 Carried Over from Previous Fiscal Years:

Philippines – Artificial Fishing Reef Project : 2006-2007

Status: This project has been completed and is in process of being formally closed. The purpose of the project is to provide materials to construct 60 biodegradable, indigenous fishing reefs for communities along coastal barangays of Gumaca, Philippines with the goal of increasing the fish catch. They are seeing a very positive effect in the form of increased fish population (fish catch increased 10x) and the return of species that had previously disappeared in these waters. Total cost of the project was \$15,000 and our Club contribution was \$6,273.50.



India – Medical Van for Artificial Limb Outreach : 2006- 2007

Status: This project was completed and formally closed. This was a joint project with the Bangalore (India) Midtown Rotary Club. The purpose was to purchase a van to be used to provide artificial limbs and calipers for handicapped people. The van will allow outreach to many people that cannot reach permanent facilities in Bangalore. Total cost of the project was \$24,550 and our Club contribution was \$5,700.



Brazil – Educational Supplies : 2006-2007

Status: This project was completed and final report is now in the process of being drafted. The original purpose was to create a communication system in a rural area of Brazil to facilitate the operation of a non profit organization dedicated to providing health and education services to a large region of the Amazon basin. Because of Rotary Foundation guidelines, the scope has been revised to provide books, computers, educational CDs and DVDs to two non profit organizations in the same area. Total cost of the project was \$15,500 and our Club contribution was \$6,550.



India - Dhanbad Limb Camp : 2006-2007

Status: This project was completed and formally closed. This project, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ridgeway Ontario was organized by PDG Terry Youlton. It supported a Jaipur Limb Camp in November 2007 including establishing a Permanent Limb Facility. Nine hundred and twenty two appliances (prosthesis, braces, crutches, modified shoes and hand operated tricycles for those too crippled to help otherwise) were distributed. Also 46 corrective surgeries were done during the camp with more planned. Remaining funds will be channeled into supplies for a permanent limb facility. Total cost of the project was \$59,755 and our Club contribution was \$4,800.



Brazil – 3H medical Facility Project : 2006-2007

Status: This project is being implemented. The purpose of this project is to improve the capacity of the health system in the Tapajós region of the Amazon in Brazil so that it will not only adequately serve the current population but be able to keep up with the growing population. The grant will purchase health equipment such as x-ray machines, EKG machine, blood testing equipment, and other equipment used by the hospitals and health posts in the region. This grant will also go to mobilizing a self sustaining system of health education throughout the region. Total cost of the project is \$330,000 and our Club contribution was \$1,000.

International Projects in Development Phase:

The following projects were under consideration for funding in FY 2008–2009 at the end of FY 2007–2008:

San Miguel de Allende, Mexico – Adopt Disadvantaged Villages Project – Villages in the area of San Miguel de Allende area have a shortage of potable water and because of geologic conditions; the water has unacceptable levels of fluorine. The potential project would be to provide a rain catchment (roofs) and storage system (cistern) in a particular village in the area.

Obraje, Ecuador – Water for People Project – This project is aimed at providing clean, sustainable supplies of water for small villages in Ecuador. The projects not only build water collection and distribution systems, but also require latrines to ensure water quality, a local water board and local fee structures to ensure maintenance of the systems and sustainability.

International Outreach Initiatives:

We continued our efforts to reach out to neighboring Rotary clubs to engage them in International Humanitarian projects. Some success was evidenced in our generating support for two of our projects. One project garnered over \$2,000 of support from various clubs due largely to efforts of

the project champion. Another gained over \$1,000 in support from a club in India. We plan to continue this effort this year.

International Humanitarian Projects Committee – Publicity Program:

This year the International Projects Committee, following the cue of Rotary International, created a publicity subcommittee to assist project leaders in developing and disseminating formal publicity items. This activity seems to be working well in its initial efforts and will continue in 2008-2009.

OTHER MAJOR CLUB REPORTS

Report of the Past President

Ingrid Sheldon

The responsibilities of the past-presidents include chairing the Nominating Committee, the Distinguished Service Award Committee, and the Internal Financial Procedures Committee as well as producing the Annual Report for their presidential year.

The Nominating Committee consisted of President Al Burdi, Deb Polich, Ingrid Deininger, John Eman, and Downs Herold. After much thoughtful consideration, the following slate was presented to the membership at the Club Assembly, December 6, 2007: President Nominee -- Lou Callaway; Directors – Mark Foster, Karen Kerry, and Len Stenger. This group, with the additions of Jim Cook, President 2008-2009; John Ackenhusen, Club Treasurer; Dave Keosaian, Endowment Treasurer; and Downs Herold, Secretary were accepted as presented.

The Distinguished Service Award Committee of Patricia Garcia, Downs Herold, and Scott Westerman reviewed the membership for members who demonstrated “Service Above Self” within their community, profession, family, and Rotary. C. Philip Alexander, Robert Buchanan, Ingrid Deininger, C. Beth Fitzsimmons, and Joseph Fitzsimmons were honored for their effective leadership and presented with the award and an Honorary Paul Harris Fellowship.

Claire Foley and Pete Richards joined Mark Foster as the three at large members of the Internal Financial Procedures Committee, a permanent committee established by board resolution and implemented during the 2006-2007 fiscal year. With their assistance checking accounts and check documentation were reviewed, and the University of Michigan account reconciled. The committee also served as a good sounding board for other financial concerns. With their support, a new auditor, John Park, was selected who produced financial statements and tax returns which were prepared in a very timely manner. The club can feel reassured that their funds are being handled prudently and responsibly.

Endowment Development Committee

Co-Chairs Norman Herbert and Brooks Sitterley

The Committee was composed of: David Anderson, David Gunderson, Paul Glendon, Norman Herbert, David Keosaian, Susan McClanahan, Jan Barney Newman, David Schmidt, and Brooks Sitterley

In reviewing the goals for the 2008-13 Strategic Plan of the Club, the Committee reaffirmed its commitment to provide education and promote growth of the Club's Endowment Fund. Gifts are to be encouraged through the annual giving program, bequests and memorial gifts. A goal of at

least five (5) new annual bequest commitments was adopted and the Club is to provide greater recognition for member contributions at at least one of the noon luncheon programs. The recognition is also intended to promote the Rotary Legacy Wheel, for every \$5,000 of cumulative giving, the Rotary member would "earn" a spoke of the Rotary Wheel; five spokes would correspond to \$25,000 of cumulative giving to the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment Fund.

As part of the Strategic Plan, an objective is to increase the annual distribution from the Endowment to the \$100,000 per year level was adopted. Based on current policies, this will require a prior 12 quarter average market valuation of \$2,350,000 to achieve the desired distribution.

Task Force for Development of Club 2008-2013 Strategic Plan

Chair: Jim Cook

During the 2007-2008 year the Club prepared its third Strategic Plan building on its experience from the earlier plans. Developing the new plan involved every Club member over several months. Early in 2008, the Club's Board affirmed the mission statement, articulated the vision and defining characteristics, reviewed the recommended planning process, and set the charge for the Strategic Planning Task Force. The Task Force, representing a broad cross section of the Club, initiated the process that included a survey of the entire membership and input from several focus groups. Directors, committee chairs, and in many cases, entire committees, prepared individual committee plans that form the core of the plan. The Task Force integrated all the material into the first draft of the new plan and collected comments from the committees and feedback from members. The Club membership reviewed the survey and focus group results and participated in a facilitated discussion at a regular Club meeting. The Task Force then prepared a second draft of the plan and submitted it for Board review and revision. The final draft includes a list of Club leadership, Committees, and Task Force members. It was distributed to every member via the *Harpoon* in advance of its adoption by the Board before the new Rotary year begins on July 1, 2008.

CLUB OPERATING FUND

John Ackenhusen, Club Treasurer

	2007- 08 Budget	2007- 08 Actual	2006- 07 Actual
INCOME			
Interest Earnings	1,850	1,853	1,880
Dues	72,160	72,566	70,610
New Member Fees	1,100	1,040	1,080
Social Events	5,000	4,773	3,590
Other	0	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$80,110	\$80,232	\$74,828
EXPENSES			
RI Dues	21,000	19,685	19,241
District Dues	11,000	10,930	10,740
Union Facilities Rental	13,700	13,759	11,232
Club Administration	13,650	13,650	13,150
Administrative Supplies	3,600	3,953	3,051
Mailing Costs	220	168	222
Fidelity Bonds	120	0	718
Tax Preparation	750	730	650
D & O Liability Insurance	225	-134	225
Program Expenses	750	853	500
Luncheon Guests	1,750	2,602	1,626
Annual Report	275	302	255
Directory	400	426	369
International Conference	4,000	3,996	2,396
PETS & COTS Expense	550	0	320
District Conference	550	321	488
Board Planning Retreat	500	360	372
New Member Induction	2,300	550	2,149
Social Event Expense	5,500	5,192	3,800
ML Annual Account Fee	0	0	65
Bank Charges	36	6	30
Miscellaneous	1,500	190	1,560
Website	1,000	1,431	270
Club Surveys	150	120	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$83,526	\$79,090	\$72,954
NET INCOME	-\$3,416	\$1,142	\$1,874
ACCOUNT BALANCES - June 30, 2008			
Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$32,884		
Total Assets		\$32,884	\$32,884
Liabilities & Net Assets			
Fund Balance	\$32,884		
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		\$32,884	\$33,676

* Includes one-time true-up adjustment of \$1,934 of University of Michigan Departmental Account for Union.

ANN ARBOR ROTARY ENDOWMENT REPORT
Dave Keosaian, Endowment Treasurer

The Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment engaged the services of Park & Company, P.C., Certified Public Accountants to perform a review of the FY 2007-08 financial statements of the Community Service Accounts and the Permanent Endowment. Copies of this review have been distributed to the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and members of the Internal Financial Procedures Committee.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

	2007- 08	Annual Budget
INCOME		
Dues-Community Service	\$55,700.00	\$53,040.00
Donation-STRIVE	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
Donation-STRIVE dinner	\$480.00	\$460.00
Donations to Other Programs	7,150.25	0.00
Golf Outing - Net	\$54,763.72	\$45,000.00
Interest earnings-CS	\$3,530.18	\$1,500.00
Transfer from Permanent Fund	\$47,369.00	\$47,369.00
Other Income	\$1.00	\$0.00
Use of Fund Balance from Permanent Fund	0.00	\$3,231.00
Total Income	\$169,994.15	\$153,100.00
EXPENSES		
Community Service Grants	\$51,480.00	\$50,000.00
Ash Tree Replacement	\$17,819.00	\$13,000.00
Scholarships	\$23,017.85	\$30,000.00
Success by Six Program	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Scholarship & Program Exps.	\$1,620.91	\$1,000.00
Int'l Humanitarian Projects	\$31,267.50	\$25,000.00
Incoming Ambass. Scholars	\$0.00	\$800.00
Group Study Exchange	\$620.61	\$100.00
RYLA	\$3,900.00	\$3,000.00
Rotary Readers	\$1,698.50	\$1,500.00
Junior Rotarians	\$0.00	\$400.00
Interact	\$291.66	\$700.00
Rotaract	\$245.00	\$1,500.00
Rotary Youth Exchange	0.00	\$100.00
Rotate Your Food	\$753.49	\$900.00
PEP-Russian Entrepreneurs	\$5,700.04	\$1,000.00
Total Community Service	\$148,414.56	\$139,000.00
Administrative Support	\$8,190.00	\$8,190.00
D/O Liability Insurance	\$345.00	\$325.00
Fidelity Bond Coverage	\$160.00	\$160.00
Tax return prep. & review	\$3,975.00	\$2,500.00
Bank charges	\$72.09	\$150.00
Office expense	\$41.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$30.04	\$2,275.00
Total Administrative	\$12,813.13	\$14,100.00
Total Expenses	\$161,227.69	\$153,100.00
Excess Revenue/Loss	\$8,766.46	\$0.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT RECIPIENTS

Ann Arbor Hands On Museum	\$3,000
Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra	3,000
Ann Arbor Teen Center – Neutral Zone	2,500
Ann Arbor YMCA	1,650
Boy Choir of Ann Arbor	2,530
Family Book Club	3,000
Friends of CASA	3,000
Girl Scouts of America – HVC	2,800
Huron Trails, Great Sauk Trails, BSA	3,000
Innovative Works Academy	3,000
Leslie Science & Nature Center	3,000
Ozone House Youth & Family Services	3,000
Safe House Center	1,000
Summer Camp Scholarships	3,000
The Karla Fund	2,000
Washtenaw Camp Placement Assoc.*	3,000
Washtenaw Children's Dental Clinic	3,000
Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad	3,000
Washtenaw Cty. American Red Cross	3,000
Total Awards	\$51,480

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ANN ARBOR ROTARY ENDOWMENT

Permanent and Community Service Funds

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	2008	2007
Assets		
Cash	\$60,649	\$67,794
Accounts Receivable	360	75
Prepaid Expenses	7,236	1,633
Investments	1,235,023	1,405,751
Total Assets	\$1,303,268	\$1,475,253
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accrued Scholarships	\$36,950	\$37,750
Accrued Expenses – Other	1,405	11,036
Deferred revenues	8,000	7,750
Total Liabilities	\$46,355	56,536
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,231,913	1,393,717
Restricted Net Assets	25,000	25,000
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,303,268	\$1,475,253

ANN ARBOR ROTARY ENDOWMENT

Permanent Fund

Beginning market value balance 7/1/07	\$1,405,751
Contributions received from Club members and other transfers	25,846
Dividends and Interest	84,357
Disbursed to Community Service Fund For community grants and scholarships	(47,369)
Investment market loss during year	(233,562)
Ending market value balance 6/30/08	\$1,235,023
Pledges and bequest commitments	412,500
Total Endowment	\$1,647,523

Note: Investment assets are held in an account at Charles Schwab, Inc.

Permanent Endowment Activity for 2007-08

The Endowment portfolio consists of donations from Rotarians and friends in the community. These contributions, along with investment performance, account for the market value of the portfolio being \$1,235,023 as of June 30, 2008 – a decrease of 12.15% from June 30, 2007.

The investments within the Permanent Endowment Fund are governed by an Investment Policy statement which was established and is periodically reviewed by the Endowment Trustees. The policy requires that the assets be invested in publicly traded, broadly diversified assets so as to obtain a total rate of return in excess of an established benchmark. This benchmark utilizes market indices that are weighted according to the Fund's target asset allocation.

Total Portfolio Performance as of June 30, 2008

Time Period	Rotary Portfolio	Market Benchmark
Quarter	-2.2%	-2.0%
Six months	-9.9 %	-9.6%
One year	-10.6%	-9.1%
Three years	+5.1%	+5.1%
Five years	+8.1%	+8.0%

The Permanent Endowment Fund's Spending Policy requires that it distribute 4.25% of the assets each year to the Community Service Fund based on the average market value for the preceding twelve quarters. For 2004-2005, the amount was \$30,500; for 2005-2006, it was \$34,950; for 2006-2007, it was \$41,450; for 2007-2008 it was \$47,369; and for 2008-2009 the amount will be \$53,250. The opportunity to increase our support of community service projects and scholarships is enhanced with voluntary contributions to the Endowment Fund and bequest commitments. The trustees especially appreciate those who have considered and become part of the Legacy Circle initiative. Thank you for your support of the Ann Arbor Rotary Endowment Community Service Fund.

ANN ARBOR ROTARY ENDOWMENT

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LUNCHEON PROGRAMS: 2007- 2008

July 4, 2007

Independence Day -- No meeting

July 11, 2007

Presiding: Agnes Reading, Tim Marshall, and the Sponsors of Our New Rotarians

Event: Welcome to and Induction of Our Summer Class of Ann Arbor Rotarians

July 18, 2007

Art Fairs -- No meeting

July 25, 2007

Speaker: Ray Detter, Promoter of Downtown Street Exhibits

Topic: Downtown Ann Arbor Historical Street Exhibit Program

August 1, 2007

Speakers: Laurie Balmer and Gloria Brooks

Topic: New Help for Grieving Children, Ele's Place and Arbor Hospice

August 8, 2007

Speaker: Lloyd Carr, U-M Football Coach

Topic: Preview of the 2007 Season for the Wolverines and Big Ten

August 15, 2007

Speakers: John and Eileen Heasley, Troy Rotarians

Topic: Working for Clean Water in Developing Countries - The Biosand Filter

August 22, 2007

Speaker: Robert Dolan, Dean, Stephen M. Ross School of Business Administration

Topic: Some New Directions for Business Education at U-M

August 29, 2007

Speaker: Professor Sylvia Pedraza, U-M Sociology Department

Topic: Transforming America--Immigrants Then and Now

September 5, 2007

Speaker: Todd Roberts, Superintendent, AAPS

Topic: Challenges and Opportunities Facing Ann Arbor Public Schools

September 10, 2007

The 2007 Rotary Invitational Golf & Tennis Outing Fund Raiser

Hosts: Al Burdi and Auctioneer Russ Collins

September 19, 2007

Speaker: Walter Kraft, Exec. Vice President, Caponigro Public Relations

Topic: Understanding & Working with the News Media

September 26, 2007

Speaker: Ronald M. Davis, M.D., President, American Medical Association

Topic: Rising Costs & Decreasing Access--Challenging Directions for U.S. Health Care

October 3, 2007

Speaker: Ray Rabadoux, President & CEO, Glacier Hills, Inc.

Topic: Aging: Everybody's Doing It!

October 10, 2007

Speaker: John Beilein, U-M Men's Basketball Coach

Topic: Hoops Time! Perspectives on Michigan Basketball, 2007-2008

October 17, 2007

Speaker: Melissa Kesterson, Executive Director, Project Grow Community Gardens

Topic: Project Grow - Growing Community

October 24, 2007

Speaker: Audrey Chevalier, District Governor, Rotary District 6380

Topic: Challenges & Opportunities in Rotary Year 2007-2008

October 31, 2007

Speaker: Jochen Schacht, Director of U-M Kresge Hearing Research Institute

Topic: "Can You Hear Me?" Our Precious Auditory Sense and How We Can Lose It

November 7, 2007

Speaker: Roger LeLievre, *Ann Arbor News Arts* & Entertainment Writer

Topic: Memorable Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes

November 14, 2007

Presiding: Agnes Reading, Tim Marshall, and the Sponsors of Our New Rotarians

Event: Welcome to and Induction of Our Fall Class of Ann Arbor Rotarians

November 21, 2007

Speaker: Michael Finney, President & CEO, Ann Arbor SPARK

Topic: Advancing Innovation-based Economic Development in Ann Arbor

November 28, 2007

Speaker: Eric Booth, Nationally Known Actor, Author & Educator

Topic: Transforming Community through Creativity

December 5, 2007

Club Assembly - President Al Burdi and Club leadership team

December 12, 2007

Pioneer High School Choirs, Directed by Kenneth Westerman

Program: 2008 Holiday Concert

December 19, 2007

Speaker: Mary Sue Coleman, President The University of Michigan

Topic: The State of the University, Heading into 2009

December 26, 2007

Winter Holidays - No meeting

January 2, 2008

Winter Holidays - No meeting

January 9, 2008

Speakers: John Austin, Andy Buchsbaum, & George Kuper

Topic: Environmental & Economic Benefits of Great Lakes Restoration

January 16, 2008

Speaker: Bob Bolak, *Ann Arbor Radio*, General Manager

Topic: The Future of Radio in Ann Arbor and the U.S.

January 23, 2008

Speaker: William Baker & The Dodworth Saxhorn Band

Topic: A 19th Century Brass Band ... at Lunch in Ann Arbor in the 21st Century!

January 30, 2008

Speaker: Stephen Reading, Entrepreneur, Pilot

Topic: *Angel Flights* ... Service Above Self Taken to a New Level

February 6, 2008

Speaker: Judy Vindici, Development Director, Starr Commonwealth

Topic: Changing the Lives of Troubled Youth

February 13, 2008

Speaker: John King, U-M Vice Provost for Academic Information

Topic: Education in the Digital Age

February 20, 2008

Speaker: Rick Stites, President, West Washtenaw Business Association

Topic: Business on the Boulevards, Working for a Better Community

February 27, 2008

Speakers: Scott Westerman and Doug Brouwer

Topic: Mission to Haiti

March 5, 2008

Speaker: James C. Stanley, M.D., Director of U-M Cardiovascular Center

Topic: The Michigan Experience in Vascular Medicine and Surgery

March 12, 2008

Presiding: Agnes Reading, Tim Marshall, and the Sponsors of Sixteen New Rotarians

Event: Welcome to and Induction of a Big Class of New Ann Arbor Rotarians

March 19, 2008

Speaker: Robert Mull, Ann Arbor Rotarian & TAP Member

Topic: The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Your Voice for a Better IRS

March 25, 2008

Speaker: Ron Shapiro, Sports Agent, Lawyer & Negotiator Extraordinaire

Topic: "Dare to Prepare" - How to Win (in negotiations) Before You Begin

April 2, 2008

Speaker: Enrico Bertocchi & Jun Usaka, Ambassadorial Scholars

Topic: Ambassadorial Scholarly Adventures in Ann Arbor

April 9, 2008

Speaker: Kevin Borseth, Basketball Coach
Topic: Building a New Tradition for U-M Women's Hoops

April 16, 2008

Speakers: Rotary Group Study Exchange Team from Turkey
Topic: Promoting International Learning & Understanding in District 6380

April 23, 2008

Speaker: Marvin Pettway, U-M Supervisor of Forestry & Horticulture
Topic: Tree Campus within a Tree City

April 30, 2008

Speakers: All of Us ... Having Our Say on the Club's New Strategic Plan

May 7, 2008

Speaker: Stephen Postema, Ann Arbor City Attorney
Topic: Law in an Ordered Society

May 14, 2008

Speaker: Pat Warner, Chief Administrative Office, Mott Hospitals
Topic: The New U-M Hospitals, An Investment in the Future

May 21, 2008

Huron High School Choirs
Director, Richard Ingram
Program: Annual Spring Concert

May 28, 2008

Speaker: Honorable Maura Corrigan, Michigan Supreme Court Justice
Topic: Living Large --*Challenges Facing Michigan Children in Child Care*

June 4, 2008

Speaker: Walton Hancock, U-M Emeritus Professor of Engineering
Topic: Hospital Cost & Quality Improvements Using Contemporary Systems

June 11, 2008

Speaker: Carla Milarch, Executive Director, Performance Network
Topic: Be Inspired - the 2008-09 Season at Performance Network

June 18, 2008

Speaker: Rich Rodriguez, University of Michigan Head Football Coach
Topic: A New Season and a New Era for Wolverine Football

June 25, 2008

Speakers: President Al Burdi and President-elect Jim Cook
Topic: Presidents' Day at Ann Arbor Rotary

