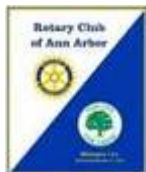


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Annual Holiday Concert . . . in the Ballroom...Pioneer High School Choirs

If you aren't in the holiday spirit when you arrive for this week's luncheon meeting, you will be when you depart . . . after a special meal (including dessert!) and concert by Pioneer High School Choirs directed by Honorary Paul Harris Fellow Kenneth Westerman. As always, guests are especially welcome for this wonderful annual event. Also, plan to bring \$10.50 to pay for the full (hot entrée and dessert) buffet. Lesser options will be available as usual.

Introducer: Todd Roberts **Song Leader:** Choir Director **Accompanist:** Deanna Relyea

Upcoming Events

Dec 9 Committee Meetings: Rotate Your Food: Todd Kephart, toddkephart@hotmail.com

Dec 16 – Luncheon Meeting: Jan Hack, Personal Property Appraiser, and Ed Hoffman discuss “Good, Better, Best . . . Why Appraisals are Important”

Notes from the Meeting of December 2

Word has been received of the death of Bob Pratt, music educator and Rotarian since 1965. We recently honored Bob with Emeritus status, recognizing his long service to Rotary and the Ann Arbor Community. More about Bob's life and legacy is below.

On the mend are Barbara Bryant, recovering from a broken pelvis, and Lee Danielson, who broke two ribs.

Joe Marr shared a flag from the Crescent Rotary Club of High Point, N.C. He attended a management seminar that was a fundraiser for Polio Plus that raised more than \$50,000.00. You can see Joe's press release to Rotarians in the News on the website. You'll find it at <http://www.annarborrotary.org/news-events/rotarians-news>; there is also a Quick Link to Rotarians in the News on the site's homepage.



U-M Rotaractors Jacki Anderson and Thomas Madigan (left) briefed us on a fundraiser for a Guatemala trip; they're collecting old cell phones and other electronics. The things will be recycled or disposed of in an environmentally responsible way. Please bring them to the December meetings. More information on the Rotaract activities below.

Notes from the Program of December 2: Club Assembly

A slate of officers and directors for 2010-2011 was presented to the club. They include Vice President and President-elect Nishta Bhatia; Secretary Downs Herold, Treasurer John Ackenhusen and Directors Rick Reid, Marsha Chamberlin and Tony Nam. A motion that the nominations be closed was carried unanimously. A motion to accept this slate of officers resulted in an election by acclamation. President-elect Beth Fitzsimmons was also acknowledged. The presentation of the annual report by Jim Cook was delayed until his return from China. President Lou then had all the Officers and Directors stand to be recognized, followed by the committee chairs; all received a round of applause.

President Lou pointed out the feedback cards on the tables, asking that all Members take a few minutes to let the Board know their thoughts on the various reports and committees. He also reported that the Website Committee is looking for people to help update the website with activities and events of the Club and Members, and that Ingrid Deininger is looking for someone to help with Meeting Assignments.



Secretary Downs Herold reported our Club has 308 active members, 6 emeritus members and 84 women members. Our median age is 65. Treasurer John Ackenhusen, assisted by Joanne Pierson (left) gave another of his "rap" versions of the club's financial status to an ovation. Endowment treasurer Dave Keosaian and Endowment investment officers Bernie Bedell provided updates in their respective areas. Beth Fitzsimmons outlined strategic plan implementation involving such activities as website development, STRIVE and Success By Six. Karen Kerry, speaking on Membership, said 3 classes had been added

and that our average age is getting younger. Karen was assisted by musicians Steve Pierce and Henry Johnson, who were the warmup acts for Karen's announcement that a fundraising concert is under consideration for 2010. Mark Foster, subbing for Ian Glassford, said a total of 145 trees had been planted this year. And Norm Herbert, reporting on Success By Six, said six goals included raising awareness of early childhood development; ensuring access to health care; providing additional training and collaboration; ensuring that parents and caregivers have the knowledge, skill and resources for supportive parenting; connecting caregivers with services for safe parenting; and maintaining a county-wide collaborative enabling all of the necessary early childhood work throughout the community.

Thought for the Day: "It is a man's job to be a good Rotarian, and he who lives up to the precepts will be a good neighbor, a kind friend, a loving husband, a companionable father and an asset to the community in which he lives." – Paul Harris, 1917.

Notes prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon editor; photos by Fred Beutler

Other Notes of Interest

Meeting Statistics: The annual Club Assembly on December 2 was attended by 142 members. We also had one guest, two visiting Rotarians (John Hansen of Dexter and Anita Brooks Lacey of Lyon Area) and

four U-M Rotaractors (Jacki Anderson, Zahrah Fadel, Syma Khan and Thomas Madigan). Just before lunch, a total of 25 members took part in three committee meetings; International Humanitarian Projects, Membership Development and Rotaract. On Saturday, December 5, eight Rotarian mentors and a dozen Rotaractor mentees met at a local coffee shop.

Makeup Cards from Roving Rotarians: Maurita Holland (Manistique on November 16).

Birthdays: Dec 8 – Hal Flynn; Dec 12 – Debra Moore

John Holland is our longest serving Member. He joined in 1957 and was President in 1968-69.

The Rotaract Mentoring program is in full swing this year thanks to the work of Alisha Van Tiem (UM '08), who is chairing this effort for the Rotaractors. A fine group of Rotary mentors and Rotaract mentees (the picture proves it) connected for coffee and some lively conversation Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Espresso



Royale on State St. Special thanks to the Rotarians who attended the event as well as to those others who are mentors. Every Rotaractor in need of a mentor was paired with a Rotarian. Outside of this meeting on Saturday, mentors have been hosting their mentees at our Rotary meetings, meeting for coffee, or inviting them over for dinner. The Rotaractors are grateful to all involved... and the Rotarians are feeling young again. Audrey Schwimmer and Barb Hiltz are the committee co-chairs. Zahrah Fadel, Jeff Birg, and Jacki Anderson are the Rotaract co-presidents.

New Member Directory Now Available: Last week, it was reported that the latest edition of the member directory had become available for free on www.annarborrotary.org. Nevertheless, members quickly snapped up the entire 40 copy run of printed versions at \$6 apiece. Perhaps it was Bob Dascola's salesmanship? In any case, members who went home empty-handed last week can buy a copy at this week's meeting. The late Dick Emmons, a beloved past president, would certainly have been in the line for a printed version as prophesized in his poem below.

Most people own computers, but
I haven't found one yet;
If you intend to reach me, friend,
Please use the Outernet.

Ann Arbor's Robert Pratt left a rich musical legacy (*From AnnArbor.com, by Roger LeLievre*):

Longtime Ann Arbor music educator Robert Pratt, 83, died Monday, November 30 in Jackson. He had been battling cancer for the past six months.

For 25 years, Pratt was chairman of the music department, director of choral activities and founder of the music history portion of the humanities program at Pioneer High School. His name is listed on the Ann Arbor Public Schools' Roll of Honor. He was also involved in a host of local musical endeavors, and conducted the annual Community "Messiah" Sing from 1988-2007. "We all just loved him," said Melody "Meg" Gower, organizer of the event. "He was a fabulous conductor, sharing his joy and enthusiasm with the music."

Long active in church music, Pratt was director of music at Ann Arbor's Zion Lutheran Church and conductor of the Chancel Choir at the First United Methodist Church. He was the founding conductor of the Plymouth Oratorio Society and also conducted the Ann Arbor Cantata Singers.

His involvement with the Youth for Understanding Chorale from 1964-73 led to 10 tours of Europe and

South America, appearing in major concert halls and on radio and TV. After the chorales ended, Pratt and his wife, Mary, spent a sabbatical year in Brazil studying Brazilian culture and music and conducting and teaching. He conducted a reunion concert of the Youth for Understanding Chorale in June 2008.

He received his degrees from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music and the University of Michigan School of Music. “He was the choral conductor when I was at Pioneer,” recalled Mary Steffek Blaske, who is now executive director of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. “He trained (Huron High choral director) Richard Ingram, he trained (Pioneer High choral director) Ken Westerman — he was just the best teacher. His legacy is living on with these people teaching at our schools today.”

Westerman said Pratt “is fondly remembered by 18 years of singers at Ann Arbor High School and Pioneer High School. ...I have credited him with much of our methodology and drive and success. Certainly a lot of our emotional connection to what we do came from his passion.”

“Being in choir with Bob always set a high standard and he chose a challenging repertoire,” Ingram observed. “It really gave me a good model and certainly provided me with an idea of what a program could be like with a knowledgeable person at the helm.”

A member, song leader and past president of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club, Pratt was designated an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary's highest award, and was recently honored with emeritus status.

Ingrid Sheldon, Rotary past president, former Ann Arbor mayor and former student of Pratt's, said she is saddened by Pratt's passing. His legacy will be as a music educator “who recognized the value of music and fine arts and the education of the whole child, as well as being a real leader in musical education, especially for high school youth,” Sheldon added.

A private service for family has already been held. A memorial service is planned for early January at First United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor, where he had been a conductor for a number of years. He is survived by his wife Mary, three children, 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Links of Interest: Below is a list of links to various websites that will be of interest to Rotarians.

Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org> . The RI home page has links to About Rotary, The Rotary Foundation, Club Locator and Member Access.

Zone 29: <http://www.zones28-29.org> Our club is in Zone 29. The zone has 17 districts and covers portions of Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ontario.

District 6380: <http://www.rotary6380.org> . This is the website for our district which includes 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://www.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/news-events/podcasts>

Our club also sponsors the following Rotaract and Interact Clubs:

U-M Rotaract Club: <http://www.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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