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## The Program for Monday, September 11, 2006

**Special Event:** The "Rotary Invitational" (Our fourth annual golf outing). Also planned are activities for tennis players. This event will be held at Travis Pointe Country Club. The dinner portion of the event begins at 5:00 with a social hour and will take the place of the regular luncheon meeting scheduled for Wednesday. A link to the flyer for the event can be found on the Club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/golfbrochure2006.pdf>. It has a map. As a mental warm-up, here are some words from the pen of the late Dick Emmons (Club President in 1971-1972):

### Golf Grimace

I do not have to be a sage  
To know I'll never shoot my age.  
But, what scares me from toe to pate  
Is that someday I'll shoot my weight.

## Looking Ahead



**September 13 (Wednesday) – No regular luncheon meeting!**

**September 16 (Saturday) – Verdi's Requiem** at Hill Auditorium. Our Social Committee has arranged a special price of \$15 for Rotarians and their guests. Call the AASO at 994-4801 and tell Caitlin you're a Rotarian. There is a lecture at 7:00. The concert begins at 8:00.

**September 20 (Wednesday) - Eileen Kawola**, Retired Social Studies Teacher, Member, Children Affected by HIV-AIDS (CHABHA) will present, "A Tragic Toll on Children: AIDS Orphans In Rwanda"

**September 27 (Wednesday) - Don Scavia**, Professor and Associate Dean, Director, Michigan Sea Grant, Interim Director, CILER, School of Natural Resources & Environment will speak on, "Threats to the Great Lakes Ecosystem and Fish Populations"

Note: Details on all the luncheon programs for September are on the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/september.htm>. Paper copies will be available on the attendance table at the weekly meetings.

**October 4 (Wednesday) – District Governor Gerry Jackson** will make his official visit to our Club. October 4 is also the due date for New Member nominations. Information and the form are available electronically on the Club website at <http://annarborrotary.org/facts.htm> or on paper in a pocket at the bottom of the badge board. The next class will be inducted on November 8.

## News from the Meeting of September 6



We honored our cherished member, the late Bernie Galler, in several ways. Song leader Henry Johnson led us in singing “For he’s a jolly good fellow,” which indeed Bernie was. Fred Beutler spoke of Bernie as “a pioneer in the theory of computation” in computer science at the U of M. Music was Bernie’s second love as a violinist in chamber music groups. He was the moving spirit behind the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra, having founded it in 1999. President Ingrid had us bow our heads in remembrance of Bernie and his outstanding presence in our club. The funeral service was Thursday, Sept. 7, at Congregation Beth Israel. Note: the complete text of Fred’s remarks is contained in an article at the end of this newsletter.

Notable and noteworthy: Al Burdi offered two tickets to Saturday’s football game; Jim Lester is reported “feeling better” and John Ackenhusen was back with us again. The Social Committee reminds Rotarians of the Verdi “Requiem” Sept. 16 with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. And for the golf committee, Nishta Bhatia plugged auction items for the big event on Monday. Joan Knoertzer gave a pitch for the Kerrytown Book Fest on September 10 and invited members to attend. Bryan Schindel presented us with a flag from his former club, the Rotary Club of Cranbrook, British Columbia.



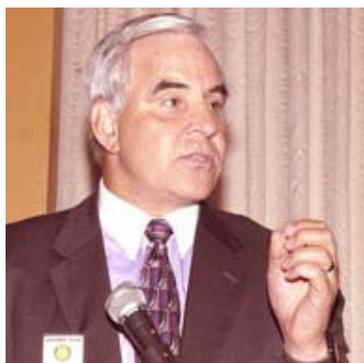
The first couple to be married on the summit of Mt. Everest (think about that, Rotarians!) were introduced. Pem Dorjee Sherpa and Moni Mulepati Sherpa are in Ann Arbor for several events, courtesy of Himalayan trekker Heather O’Neal. Saying your “I dos” at 29,035 feet above sea level gives new meaning to marital highs. Pem and Moni will be in Ann Arbor through Sunday. On Friday from 5pm-8pm and Saturday from 10am-4pm, they will be at the “Himalayan Bazaar in My Garage” at 120 Eighth St. On Sunday, they will be in Booth #37 at the Kerrytown Bookfest from 11am-5pm. For details, call Heather at 369-3107 or visit <http://www.ofglobalinterest.com/monthly.html>.



Kay Sicheneder, City Forester, (in photo at left) showed us slides of the damage done by the emerald ash tree borer to the trees of our city. She said dead ash tree removal is two-thirds complete. Kay thanked Rotary for our efforts at tree plantings, reporting “good survivability” of the trees already planted. With the help of Rotary, 543 trees have been planted and now our club sign, “replanting parks” will be posted in city parks where we’ve been digging. What great publicity for Rotary in such a valuable community project! Thanks to Ian Glassford for his leadership here and to the Rotarians who wielded shovels and provided support.

## Notes from the Program of August 30

Prue Rosenthal introduced fellow Rotarian Ken Fischer, president of the University Musical Society (<http://www.ums.org>), who highlighted the upcoming concert season and the return of the Royal Shakespeare Company in its third residency here. The UMS, formed in 1879, is the oldest group of its kind in the U.S. It’s been named one of the five best presenters in America by the top rating organization in its field.



UMS works in partnership with more than 50 U-M academic units, Ken said. This year it will host 70-85 performances and give 100-200 educational programs. The 44th annual Chamber Music series and the 16th annual dance series will provide many opportunities for people to enjoy fine cultural events. The Ballet Folklorico of Mexico, the Marian McPartland trio and the Kirov Orchestra are just some of 06-07’s headliners.

The real star is the Royal Shakespeare Company, returning for its third residency. To give a brief history, Phil Power was instrumental in getting the group here. The RSC’s artistic director said “we want to do all the history plays. Would you be interested?” The RSC had a strong educational component and was interested in linking up with a secondary institution, Ken said.

What was needed was an ensemble cast to do all the characters of the history plays. Michael Boyd, artistic director, put a cast together and the first residency here was a success. The RSC, Ken said, flew U-M English professor and renowned scholar Ralph Williams to England five times to help with the cast.

This year, the RSC will do “Julius Caesar,” “The Tempest” and “Antony and Cleopatra.” Ralph Williams said of Tony and Cleo, “this is the definitive production.” In all, there will be 135 residency activities in the greater Ann Arbor community. On Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Rackham Amphitheatre, Williams will present a lecture on “The Great Globe Itself,” referencing the Bard’s Globe theatre in London.

Ken praised professor Williams as being “at the heart” of the RSC’s success here. But most of us know that Ken and his staff were at the right place at the right time, representing the right venue, in pulling off the RSC coup. This year, Ann Arbor is a USA exclusive!

The News and Notes were prepared by Don Faber, Harpoon Editor. Fred Beutler provided the photographs. The archives of Dick Emmons provided the following relevant poem:

#### **Classical Claim**

Were the composers we called great  
Immune to maidens’ lures?  
I do not see how that can be  
They all make overtures.

**Meeting Statistics:** Our reported attendance at this day’s meeting was 153 members. We also had 13 guests but no visiting Rotarians. Four Committees (Golf, Directory, International Projects and Social) met before the luncheon. A total of 45 members participated.

#### **Other Notes of Interest**

**Birthdays:** September 10 – Roger Pohl; September 15 – Pat Pooley

**Make-up Cards from Roving Rotarians:** Neil Bidwell (Petoskey on August 16, 23 and 30); Brad Bowersox (Saline on August 3 and Chelsea on August 29); Steve Oldstrom (Sault Ste. Marie on August 28); Mark Ouimet (Dexter on August 10 and 31) and Fritz Seyferth (Ann Arbor North on August 3).

**Visiting Rotarians:** None this week.

**August District 6380 Newsletter Posted:** This document has recently been posted on the District website at <http://www.rotary6380.org>. The direct link is <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6380/html/12281/District6380August2006.pdf>. Please pay special attention to the looming deadlines for applications for the Group Study Exchange to Thailand and the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

**Eulogy for Bernie Galler** [by Fred Beutler at the meeting of September 6]: As a relatively new member of Rotary, I am not competent to speak of Bernie’s achievements here, which I understand are substantial. But Bernie is also a member of my department at the University of Michigan, and I flatter myself that I—like Bernie—am also a musician. Bernie is exactly two years younger than I, being born October 4, 1928. He was a contemporary—a fraternity brother—of my own brother at the University of Chicago, where he earned a doctorate in Mathematical Logic in 1955. At that time, there was no such discipline as computer science or engineering, and certainly no curriculum. The pioneers in the computer science discipline came from other areas, principally mathematics. When Bernie joined the faculty of the University of Michigan in 1955, he was a member of the mathematics department. He had to learn about computers entirely on his own. He was a pioneer in the truest sense in the theory of computation and its implementation. Bernie made an immediate impact on the University’s computing culture. At that time, the idea of a computing language was relatively new, and Bernie was a pioneer in introducing such languages, and implementing them for the University’s Multiple Terminal System (MTS). Eventually, computer science was recognized as an independent discipline, rather than a strange type of mathematics. The Computer and Communication Department was formed, and Bernie eventually became its Chairman. In 1986, this department was absorbed within the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department to avoid duplication. Bernie retired as Professor Emeritus in 1995, but continued to make contributions to computer science. In his later years, he turned his attention to the history of computing, and especially software as intellectual property. That Bernie was highly esteemed by his professional peers is demonstrated by his presidency of the prestigious Association for Computing Machinery, which had previously honored him by naming him a Fellow. He was founder and past Editor of the professional journal IEEE Annals of the History of Computing, and is the author of the book Software and Intellectual

Property Protection Copyright and Patent Issues for Computer and Legal Professionals (1995). That same year Bernie founded the Software Patent Institute, which is supported by such major software vendors as Oracle.

I would be remiss if I failed to celebrate Bernie as a musician. As an enthusiastic violinist, he was well known in local circle for his participation in chamber music groups. Because of arthritis, he has not lately been active as a performer, but this has not prevented him from demonstrating his love of classical music, especially by promoting such music among young players. He was the moving spirit of the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra, which he founded in 1999, and which provides orchestral playing opportunities for high school students whose schools do not have a symphony orchestra. Up to the time of his death, he continued to support the orchestra financially, and to serve as President of the Orchestra. On a less formal basis, he coached chamber groups of young musicians to hone their performance to a higher standard.

I shall miss Bernie greatly, as I know you do also.

**Obituary for Bernie Galler** [as it appeared in the Ann Arbor News of September 6]: Bernard A. Galler was born in Chicago on October 3, 1928. He died suddenly of a pulmonary embolism on September 4, 2006, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, at the age of 77. Prof. Galler excelled in mathematics. He attended the University of Chicago where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics, followed by a Master's Degree from UCLA. He received his PhD in Mathematics from the University of Chicago in 1955. He joined the Mathematics Department at the University of Michigan that same year. In the early 1970's, when the University of Michigan formed a Computer Science Department, he was one of the founding professors. He retired from the School of Engineering's Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department (EECS) in 1994. Prof. Galler was a pioneer in the field of computer science. He was involved in the development of large-scale operating systems and computer languages. Prof. Galler helped to develop the computer language called the Michigan Algorithm Decoder (MAD) that was used for several years by the University of Michigan and some other universities. He taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in computer science during his 39 years with the University. He also served as an undergraduate counselor and as the advisor to many PhD candidates. In an example of a student/teacher research project, his class developed the real-time course scheduling program called Computer Registration Involving Student Participation (CRISP) which allowed students to register for courses without waiting in long lines. The University used the CRISP application for over fifteen years. From 1968 to 1970, Prof. Galler was the President of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). He was the founding editor of the journal The Annals of the History of Computing. He was also the President of the Software Patent Institute (SPI). For fifteen years, he served as an expert witness in numerous important legal cases around the country involving computer software issues. Prof. Galler met his wife of 55 years, Enid Harris, when they were students at the University of Chicago. They had four children and nine grandchildren. He excelled in music and played violin in several orchestras throughout his life. He also enjoyed playing in chamber groups and encouraged each of his children to play a musical instrument. In 2001, he co-founded the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra for children whose schools did not have string music education. From its inception, Prof. Galler served as a mentor to the students and as the president of the Orchestra Board. He was also an active member of the Ann Arbor chapter of Rotary International. Prof. Galler is survived by his wife, Enid, and their four children and their spouses: Bruce (Grace) Galler of Boulder, Colorado, Elaine (James) Levine of Atlanta, Georgia, Glenn (Carol) Galler of San Jose, California, Marilyn (Alan) Koschik of Solon, Ohio, and his grandchildren: Samuel and Isabel Galler, Olivia, Eleanor and Theodore Levine, Rebecca and Alexander Galler, Evan and Austin Koschik. He is also survived by his sister, Vivian Korn of Ashland, Oregon. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Friends of the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra, Beth Israel Congregation, or the EECS Department of the University of Michigan College of Engineering. Funeral service: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, September 7, at Beth Israel Congregation, 2000 Washtenaw Ave. Interment at Arborcrest Cemetery. Arrangements with The Ira Kaufman Chapel. (248) 569-0020 [www.irakaufman.com](http://www.irakaufman.com).

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

- **Rotary International:** <http://rotary.org/>. The RI home page has links to About Rotary, The Rotary Foundation, Club Locator and Member Access.
- **District 6380:** <http://rotary6380.org/>. This is the website for our district (covering a total of 50 clubs in the counties of Washtenaw, Livingston, Oakland, Macomb and Kent (in Ontario). The district's monthly newsletter is also posted here. A recent posting is the notice of a one-month Group Study Exchange to Thailand during February and March of 2007. Applications are due by September 22. Details on the trip to India for the NID are in the July newsletter posted there.
- **Rotary Club of Ann Arbor:** <http://annarborrotary.org/>. This is our Club's own website. It contains a great deal of background material and current information.

**“Lead the Way”**