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## The Program for Wednesday, September 20, 2006

**Speaker:** Eileen Kawola, Retired Social Studies Teacher, Member, Children Affected by HIV-AIDS (CHABHA)

**Topic:** "A Tragic Toll on Children: AIDS Orphans In Rwanda"

There are 12 million African children who have been orphaned by AIDS, and that number is expected to reach 25 million by 2010. CHABHA works in four African countries, and in Rwanda, CHABHA works to support children who many times are now head of household, parenting their siblings. The focus of the presentation will be to educate us about the two programs focuses, the conditions and problems, as well as the reasons for hope, with regard to children in Rwanda who have been affected by HIV/AIDS and the 1994 genocide.

**Host/Introducer:** Hal Flynn

**Song Leader:** Shelley MacMillan

**Accompanist:** Maurita Holland

## Looking Ahead



**September 20** (Wednesday) – 7:30am: Monthly Board meeting at the Washtenaw United Way headquarters. Noon: Regular Luncheon Meeting. See details above.

**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"

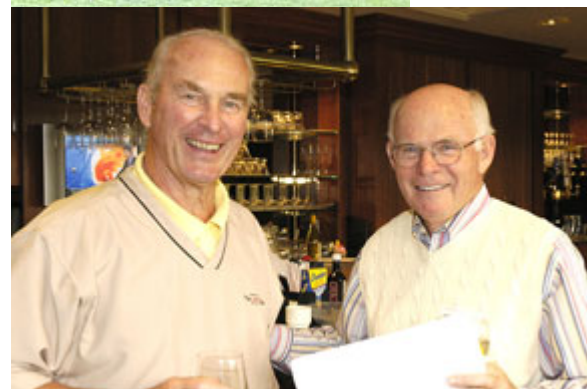
Note: Details on all the luncheon programs for September are on the website at <http://annarborrotary.org/september.shtml>. Paper copies will be available on the attendance table at the weekly meetings.

**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.shtml> or on paper in a pocket at the bottom of the badge board. The next class will be inducted on November 8.

## News and Notes from the Golf/Tennis Outing of September 11, 2006

Although it will be a while until the final results are in, all accounts so far indicate the Golf and Tennis Outing was a great success. We dodged the raindrops, had great attendance for the outdoor activities and were treated to a large and lively (thanks to Nishta and Joanne) auction. A total of about 90 Rotarians were on hand, either as golfers, tennis players, diners, bidders or workers. Thanks again to our major sponsors: Bank of Ann Arbor, Mercantile Bank and Toyota Technical Center.

Here is a collection of photos:







## Other Notes of Interest

**Birthdays:** September 17 – Patricia Garcia; September 18 – Jim Lester; September 19 – Don Faber; September 21 – Dick Elwell and September 22 – Buz Hoff.



**Rotary Reading and Math Tutors:** If you are interested in becoming a Rotary Tutor in reading and math and spending an hour with an elementary student each week during school hours, please READ on! The annual Rotary Tutor/Teacher Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, September 22 at 8:00 AM at Angell School and tutoring begins the following week. The breakfast is our opportunity to meet teachers, receive our class assignments, and establish tutoring times/days of week. If you have not contacted me with your preferences for a school, Burns Park or Angell, please do so as soon as possible. Also, if you are a tutor and will not be able to volunteer this year, please let me know. Tutoring or teaching experience is not required. Thanks. Josie Parker, [parkerj@aadl.org](mailto:parkerj@aadl.org) or 734.668-1027.

**Rotarians in the News:** In the September 15 issue of the Ann Arbor News, Tom Degrazia was noted for the Volunteer of the Month Award he received from the Ford Motor Company, primarily for his work with the American Red Cross Washtenaw County Chapter. The award was extra special in that he is a Ford retiree. Congratulations, Tom!

**Rotarian Magazine for September:** September is “New Generations” month. Two articles, “Building our Future” and “In with the New,” discuss recruiting younger members and seeking alumni of Rotary’s youth programs, such as Rotaract, Interact, RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange. The first article includes details on the distribution of age groups of Rotarians worldwide. Here is how club compares with averages throughout Rotary: Under 40 = 11% (our club = 5%); 40-49 = 21% (12%); 50-59 = 29% (17%); 60-69 = 22% (32%) and 70+ = 17% (34%). Although we are clearly on the high side in chronological age, it should be noted that one quarter of our members have been in the club fewer than three years and that ten is the median for years of service.



**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.
- **Zone 28:** <http://www.zones27-28.org/>. The zone level is between RI and the district. We are part of a zone with 15 districts covering the lower peninsula of Michigan, the upper parts of Indiana and Ohio and even a bit of Pennsylvania and New York.
- **District 6380:** <http://rotary6380.org/>. This is the website for our district (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 29 (team leader) and October 6 (team members).

- **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”