

## **News from the City of Dearborn**

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### **Plaque dedicated in memory of Hugh Archer**

**DEARBORN**, Mich. – A plaque honoring one of Dearborn's most well-known citizens was dedicated on Thursday, November 9, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center.

Hugh M. Archer, who died in 2005, was a 67-year resident of Dearborn. During his long and richly varied life, he distinguished himself in many different areas of endeavor, achieving success as an inventor, business entrepreneur, community activist and global service organization leader.

An engineer by training, Archer held six U.S. patents for devices he created. He invented everything from medical equipment to promote blood safety to a telescope that measures infrared radiation. During World War II, he was involved in the Manhattan Project, which gave birth to the nuclear age.

Many people remember Archer best as President of Rotary International, a post he held in 1989-90. As the global leader of the service organization, he led a worldwide campaign to raise \$226 million for child polio vaccine immunizations.

Locally, Archer volunteered his time for many worthy causes. He served as chair of the board of Henry Ford Medical Center, and a member of the Henry Ford Hospital chairman's council and the Michigan Cancer Foundation. He was

also involved in many Dearborn groups, such as the Dearborn YMCA and the Boy Scouts.