

# NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE ILE ROTARY CLUB

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FOR MEETING OF: 01/08/2009

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***LOOKEY HERE*** SOMETHING NEW  
A NEW FUNDRAISER FOR GROSSE ILE ROTARY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

# TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT



**Tell your friends; tell  
your relatives, tell your  
neighbors, just tell  
everybody**

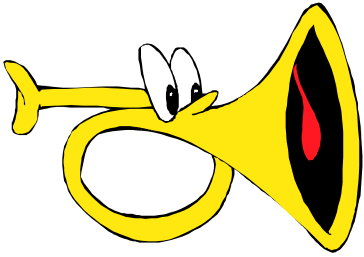
**JANUARY 10, 11, & 12<sup>TH</sup> (SAT, SUN, & MON)**

**AT: Indian Lanes Bowling Alley, 4500 13<sup>th</sup> St, Wyandotte**

**TIMES:** 1/10- SATURDAY – 2:00 PM TILL 1:00 AM  
1/11- SUNDAY – 5:00 PM TILL 1:00 AM  
1/12- MONDAY – 5:00 PM TILL 1:00 AM

## THE CALENDAR - UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- 1/15/09: Deb Green – Rotary Island Showcase
- 1/22/09: Bruce Jones – GI Nature & Land Conservancy
- 1/29/09: Wealth & Wisdom: Leonard Renier/Don Reed/ or Gary Lansky
- 2/05/09: Chloe Chang: Foreign exchange student
- 2/12/09: **NO MEETING – Valentine's Day Party on 2/14/09**



# SAVE THE DATES!!!!!!...

## UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS.....

January 10, 11, 12	GROSSE ILE ROTARY TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT
February 19	Training - ADG, DTTS, PN - Holiday Inn, Southgate
March 19-21	Great Lakes Multi-Pets - Kalamazoo

## THE PROGRAM.....



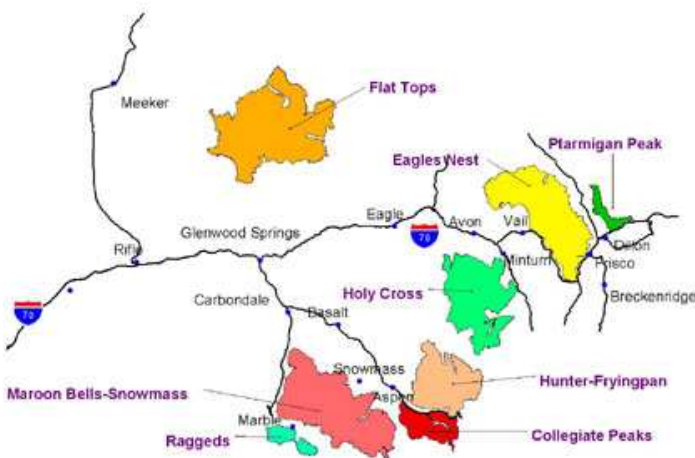
### BRUCE MILKENS ELK HUNTING IN COLORADO, 2008

*First of all, I personally would like to THANK Bruce for making his program viewer friendly. No pictures of anything nasty or gross, but very nice pictures of the hunters, the camp, the forest area and of the elk. Thank you again Bruce. Now on to the program....*

This past October, 2008, Bruce Milkens, his son, his a brother and his son, and his brother-in-law and his son, a total of 6 went elk hunting in the Flat Top region of the White River National Forest located in Colorado. As Bruce stated, "hunting is my 2<sup>nd</sup> love". The "guys" have been doing this for 8 years, and for the past 7, Bruce never got his elk, most years have not even seen an elk. Well this year was totally different...it was the mother-load! Bruce came home with 3 elk; the entire group came home with 6! According to Bruce, for him, the hunt was over almost as soon as it began. He got his 3 elk in the 1<sup>st</sup> 45 minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> day. All were bulls, 2 were 6 points for about 1,000 lbs each, and 1 was "atypical" for about 700 lbs. But that is when the real work started – de-boning, packaging, and transporting the meat. In all, about 650 pounds of elk meat were shipped back home.

The White River National Forest is famous for its outstanding recreational opportunities, particularly hunting and fishing. At the top of the list has always been hunting the flattops elk herd, best in the nation. All hunting is done from drop camps located in or near the flattops. Camps are at up to 10,500 feet. The terrain is rugged: steep mountains, rockslides, and lots of black timber with small, mid-sized, and large open parks. Weather during rifle season is usually cold and snowy, days may be quite comfortable, but nights are always bitter cold. The Flat Tops is Colorado's second largest Wilderness, a precious expanse of breathtakingly beautiful open land.

### White River National Forest Wilderness Areas



*Location: White River & Routt National Forests, Colorado. Size: 235,406 acres*

*Elevation: 7,600 to 12,994 feet Miles of trail: 300+ Year designated: 1975*

The Flat Tops Wilderness lies within the White River National Forest and is one of the largest primitive areas in the Rocky Mountains. It is well known as some of the very best elk and deer country anywhere. Colorado has more elk than any other U.S. state or Canadian province. The elk herd we hunt is estimated at 54,000 animals.

## The final words on the Del Ray Christmas Party.....

The GI Rotary has put on this party for 5 years now, and each year the party is different, has its own personality so to say. And this year, the party was great because so many Rotarians and InterAct kids got involved - more than ever before! There were about 125ish or so people that attended the party, which included the Del Ray kids, the brothers & sisters that came along, and the parents that stayed to watch. Then on top of that there were the Rotarians, and the InterAct club members.

For those of you that were not able to attend, this year was an exceptional year. The hall was beautifully decorated again this year by June Van Os. June puts her heart and soul into this each year so that the kids can have a great Christmas. The tree was gorgeous, and the tables were decorated so nice.

This year there were more high school kids involved than ever. The kids came from the GIHS InterAct Club. This is due to the great efforts of the President Christine, who has really gotten the club moving and shaking this year. This year there are at least 25 GIHS kids actively involved with the club and they worked very hard to put on a great party! For weeks, they shopped for all the presents, packaged them up, and presented each and every child with an age appropriate gift. The club also provided Christmas stockings with all the pretty trimmings for the kids to make as many as they wanted, and a lot of the parents did so too, that was a big hit. Also for the party goes - face painting, and boy did they loved that! The talent and artwork that these InterAct kids have to make each and every child look beautiful with whatever they wanted painted on their face was amazing. There were Santa face's, Christmas trees, candy canes, butterfly's, tigers, puppies, cats and even Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer was done - oh what fun! And of course the great tasting Christmas cookies with all the most wanted goodies to go on top so that the kids could decorate them to their very own liking. What fun the Del Ray kids had.....and what fun the InterAct kids had playing right along with them.

Another new item this year was balloon animals and magic tricks. The kids absolutely loved this! Our very own Barry Jensen came with hundreds of balloons that he made into the cutest animals, crowns, swords and just about anything the kids wanted. Then on top of that magic tricks to boot! Apparently Barry learned the art of magic and balloon sculpting as he worked his way through college being a clown. He was the life & clown of the party that Barry. The sad part was that of course - what do kids do with balloons - they pop them! All the work and effort - and they popped them! Barry says this always happens and he is used to seeing his art and effort go up in a pop.

And of course then there was Santa and Mrs. Clause. What is a Christmas Party without Santa? President Ted Aller outdid himself this year. He looked the part, sounded the part, and acted the part. He saw and talked to at least 100 kids, the small ones and the BIG ones alike, he did not care about size... he just wanted that each child gets their Christmas wish! Then everyone was presented with a picture from the computer guy, John Strain, who just happen to bring along his computer and printer so that we were able to again provide the kids with pictures.

Jim Karolyi, the district photo guy in the area with his camera. He took pictures, over 150 of them! They are all available to see on the district web site at: <http://www.rotary6400.org/assets/images/gallery0809/GrosseIle-Santa/index>. (Or go the DG6400 web page, [www.rotary6400.org](http://www.rotary6400.org), then on the left side of page, go to photo gallery, then scroll to December, 2008 and click on Grosse Ile- Christmas Party. It really isn't hard - try it.) Jim K, he really did enjoy himself.

Of course there was the food, due to the Jim Jackson pizza delivery service. Domino's on West Rd in Woodhaven owned by Jim Hudak of Grosse Ile has for the past 5 years been right on with hot & ready pizza...and plenty of it!

Well that is it for this year's party.....on to next year!