

NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE ILE ROTARY CLUB

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FOR MEETING OF: 01/29/2009

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VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

GROSSE ILE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

6:30 PM

Bring your sweetie!

Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies.

- Aristotle

Age does not protect you from love. But love, to some extent, protects you from age.

- Anais Nin

Alan Hickman, Chair.

CHECK OUT YOUR ROTARIAN MAGAZINE.....

Bambang & Roberto want all of us Rotarians to actually **READ** the monthly Rotarian magazine. So, to entice us all to actually **READ** the magazine the dynamic duo will be “testing”, “quizzing”, “asking” (or whatever you want to call it) questions about the magazine and its contents. They promise that it won't be hard, the questions will be of easy things that we all can remember. The point is to actually **READ** the magazine, not throw it in the trash, put it off to the side, stick it in a pile, but to **READ** it. Maybe this way we can all learn more about Rotary and the projects and become more involved.

So good for the dynamic duo.....and oh yeah... They promise presents for those of us, any of us that can be the lucky one to the answer right! Just to give you an idea of the caliber of the presents, last week Roberto gave away a fifth of Tequila. According to Roberto this was very good tequila. So get busy and **READ** the magazine for next week's pop quiz.

PRAYER'S REQUESTED.....

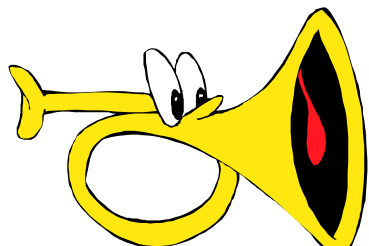
On of your newest members, Dennis O'Brien's wife is recovering from surgery. All is ok; a benign tumor was removed from behind her ear. This has greatly affected her balance and eyesight, but all that will be corrected as she recovers. Dennis says that she is doing very well at this time considering.

Then on top of all that, Dennis's younger brother suffered a stroke last week. As of this newsletter, he was still in the hospital. The extent of the stroke is not yet known just now, but preliminary reports indicate that he should be ok. After he is released, he will be coming to recuperate with Dennis.

Please keep Dennis and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

THE CALENDAR - UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- 1/29/09: 2/05/09: Chloe Chang: Foreign exchange student
- **2/12/09: NO MEETING – Valentine’s Day Party, location TBD**
- 2/19/09: Club Assembly – BOARD MEETING
- 2/26/09: TBD



SAVE THE DATES!!!!...

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS.....

February 19	Training - ADG, DTTS, PN - Holiday Inn, Southgate
February 19	Meet the DGE (District Governor Elect) Neil McBeth, at Southgate Rotary weekly meeting - 12 noon, Heritage Holiday Inn, Northline Rd
March 19-21	Great Lakes Multi-Pets - Kalamazoo
April 17	Polio Eradication Dinner & Auction – Crystal Gardens
April 18	District Assembly & PETS I – Southgate Holiday Inn
May 10 – June 10	GSE to Hungary

THE PROGRAM.....

**Kristine Dowhan, President
GI InterAct Club**



About InterAct

Interact is Rotary International’s service club for young people ages 14 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. Club membership varies greatly. Clubs can be single gender or mixed, large or small. They can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of:

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and geographical areas, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Almost 200,000 young people are involved in Interact.

Each Interact club is encouraged to perform at least two service projects a year: one that benefits the school or community and one that furthers international understanding. Below you’ll find examples of several community and international Interact projects undertaken around the world.

PORTLAND YOUTH EXCHANGE TRAGEDY

The Rotary Club of Clackamas, Oregon, and RI District 5100 (parts of Oregon and Washington) have established memorial funds after two Rotary Youth Exchange students were killed and five others wounded in a shooting outside an underage nightclub on 24 January in Portland.

The two victims, Ashley Lauren Wilks, 16, of Happy Valley, Oregon, and Martha Paz De Noboa, 17, of Arequipa, Peru, were at the club to celebrate a birthday with nine fellow exchange students when the incident took place. The five injured students have all been released from the hospital.

Investigators of the Portland Police Bureau described the shooting as "a random act of violence," and said that the victims did not appear to be targeted and did nothing to provoke the 24-year old gunman, who later died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

"We are deeply saddened by this tragedy, and our focus now is on supporting the surviving victims and their families, and the family and friends of the students who have died," District 5110 Governor Dennis J. Wickham said in a release. "Immediately after being notified of the tragic incident, Rotary's procedures and personnel in place for such an emergency were activated."

District 5100 has established a fund to help defray some of the medical and travel costs incurred by the victims, their families, and the host families. Any funds remaining after paying these expenses will continue as the Martha (Tika) Paz De Noboa Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Clackamas Rotary club has set up a memorial scholarship fund at Clackamas High School, where Wilks was a student. The club's foundation will define the criteria for applications with Wilks' interests and motivation in mind. Wilks, a straight-A student, was hoping to spend her senior year in France or Spain.

Scott Bieber, youth protection officer for District 5100, says the safety and well-being of students is always a top priority, but adds that the program also strives to give participants the authentic experience of being a U.S. high school student. "Sadly, you can't plan or prevent for something like this," says Bieber. "We're all shocked and saddened. But we are focused on giving the victims and their families the support and trauma relief they need."

Hundreds of Rotarians worldwide have contacted district officials to express their condolences and offer their support. In addition to monetary help, the district's Youth Exchange officers set up a volunteer support committee to assist students and their families.

Contributions for the District 5100 fund can be sent to the following address:

Portland Rotary Charitable Trust for Youth Exchange
Attn: January 24 Fund
619 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 123
Portland, OR 97205

Contributions to the Ashley Wilks scholarship fund can be sent to the following address:

The Clackamas Rotary Foundation
c/o Thomas Joseph
PO Box 601
Clackamas, OR 97015