

NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE ILE ROTARY CLUB

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FOR MEETING OF: 02/05/2009

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Past President	Alan Hickman



Board Members At Large 2008 – 2009

Bambang Soedarjatno
Dave Sims
Roberto Sanchez

NO MEETING ON 2/12!

NEXT WEEK.....



VALETINE'S DAY PARTY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
GROSSE ILE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

6:30 PM

Bring your sweetie!

Alan Hickman, Chair.

♥ You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love.

~ Henry Drummond

♥ Treasure the love you receive above all.

It will survive long after your good health has vanished.

~ Og Mandino

PRAYER'S REQUESTED.....

The report is a bit sketchy, and we have inquires in but it appears that Jud Alford has ruptured his Achilles heel (OUCH!). So please remember him this week and as soon as I hear something, I will let you know.

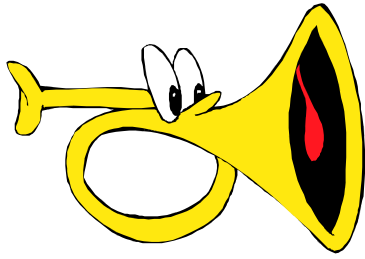
Loren Hoffman has had hernia surgery this past week (OUCH!). He says it is much more painful than he expected, so please keep him in your thoughts too.

THE CALENDAR - UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

FEBRUARY IS...

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

- **2/12/09: NO MEETING – Valentine's Day Party, location TBD**
- 2/19/09: Club Assembly – BOARD MEETING
- 2/26/09: Eric Flood – GIHS Explores World Understanding



SAVE THE DATES!!!!...

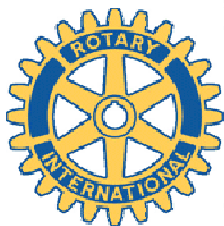
UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS.....

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

GROSSE ILE DIRECTORY

IT IS COMING!!!!!! THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!!!!!

Coming soon to Grosse Ile Rotary, a DIRECTORY KICK OFF MEETING! STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO.



Rotary International District 6400

*District Conference
April 30 - May 3, 2009*



The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island

What is Freecycling?

Freecycling is recycling stuff to new homes for FREE. I'll be you have lots of stuff that you can't bear to throw out because it is USEFUL, but not to YOU. So you keep it in your garage, your basement, etc. This site will be a place where you can list those things that you don't want to own any more, but don't want to throw away. You may also ask for stuff that you might need.

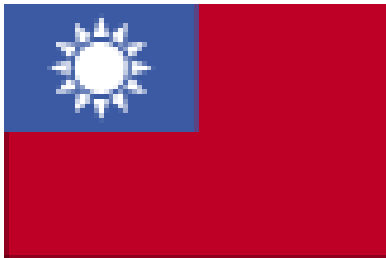
Here's the rules:

1. Stuff must be FREE
2. Entries will only be accepted from members of Rotary Clubs of District 6400
3. You may specify if your stuff may go to anyone who will use it, or if you want to only give it to a non-profit organization. Email Liz at elismith@umich.edu if you have something to offer! Include photo, terms, location of item.

THE PROGRAM.....

CHLOE CHANG FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT TAIWAN

Chloe Chang is our FX student this year from Taiwan. She is 16 years old (her bday was 12/22) and is currently being hosted by Tim & Becky Stempien. Chloe's given name is Yin-Nang, but that does not translate into English so she chose Chloe. Chloe is an only child and lives with her parents in the capital of Taiwan, Taipei, a city of over 10 million people. Chloe loves music, plays the piano very well, and plays the oboe. She has joined the GIHS Symphony Band and has performed in 2 of their concerts so far this year. Her ambition after she attends college is to become a piano teacher.



Background: In 1895, military defeat forced China to cede Taiwan to Japan. Taiwan reverted to Chinese control after World War II. Following the Communist victory on the mainland in 1949, 2 million Nationalists fled to Taiwan and established a government using the 1946 constitution drawn up for all of China. Over the next five decades, the ruling authorities gradually democratized and incorporated the local population within the governing structure. In 2000, Taiwan underwent its first peaceful transfer of power from the Nationalist to the Democratic Progressive Party. Throughout this period, the island prospered and became one of East Asia's economic "Tigers." The dominant political issues continue to be the relationship between Taiwan and China - specifically the question of eventual unification - as well as domestic political and economic reform

Population: 22,920,946 (July 2008 est.)

Capital: Taipei

Economy - overview: Taiwan has a dynamic capitalist economy with gradually decreasing guidance of investment and foreign trade by the authorities. In keeping with this trend, some large, state-owned banks and industrial firms have been privatized. Exports have provided the primary impetus for industrialization. The island runs a large trade surplus, and its foreign reserves are among the world's largest. Recently opened cross-strait travel, transportation, and tourism links are likely to increase Taiwan's economic interdependence on China, which has overtaken the US to become Taiwan's largest export market and its second-largest source of imports after Japan. China is also the island's number one destination for foreign direct investment. Growth fell below 2% in 2008 because of the global slowdown.