

GROSSE ILE ROTARY CLUB

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEETING OF: 4/10/2008

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WHAT'S GOING ON.....



ROTARIANS, STUDENTS - (YOUTH EXCHANGE, RYLA, INTERACT, ROTARACT) GUESTS, COMMUNITY LEADERS are ALL INVITED! Peace is Possible

Join Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson this April 25th to 27th at the fourth and culminating Rotary International Peace Forum. This North American event in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, is the final in a series that has taken place this year in Bulgaria, Turkey and Africa.

Don't miss this opportunity to attend this Presidential Peace Forum and participate in showcasing Rotary and our contribution to building world peace through understanding!



Rotary World Peace Summit – North America Robert F. Kennedy Jr. addresses The Environment and Peace

Windsor, Ontario, Canada Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will join Rotarians and peacemakers from around the world along with a high-powered panel of participants at the Rotary World Peace Summit.

THE CALENDAR - UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- 4/17/2008 – Bambang – Medical Mission in Philippians
- 4/24/2008 – Ron Zielinski – Post Office
- 5/1/2008 – Dave W., Oakwood Hospital
- 5/8/2008 – RYLA
- 5/15/2008 – Board Meeting 5:00 PM, Club Assembly, GSE Finland
- 5/22/2008 – DG Jennifer Jones, Vista Marie Assembly Night
- 5/29/2008 – Citizen of the Year Banquet, Grosse Ile Country Club

DISTRICT WEB PAGE If you have not yet checked out the district web page then you must do so!!! It is chock full of information, downloads, links to sorts of information. Web page is www.rotary6400.org

It is truly worth the click to check this out. District Digest is there, make-up sessions are listed, District 6400 clubs info is listed, all newsletters are listed, and everything that is going on is there. Just check it out once to get loads of information.

GUATAMLA LITERACY PROGRAM:

The next Guatemala book delivery dates are 1/30/09 – 2/08/2009. If anyone is interested in going along with **Bob Lawrence**, contact him. It would be great to get a group from GI Rotary to go. This is a great opportunity to see how Rotary works and the impact it has on other countries in the world. Hurry, because there are a limited amount of spaces available, the sooner you sign up the better.

INTERACT

GI InterAct group will be collecting paper & cleaning supplies for the Del Ray Community House. The collection spots will be at Grosse Ile High School now through April 30th.

If you can donate any paper & cleaning supplies (soap, cleansers, plastic bags, paper bags, paper towels, disinfectants, ect.) than please drop it off at the high school.

Volunteers for delivery are also needed on April 30th (Wednesday). Please contact **Pete Rock** if you can help with deliver.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BANQUET

Once again, we have reached the time of year when the people of Grosse Ile have the opportunity to nominate a friend or someone they look up to for the honor of being named the Citizen of the Year by the Grosse Ile Rotary Club. Please submit nominations to Dale Klemans.

The COY Banquet will be held, Thursday, May 31st at the Grosse Ile Country Club. All & any guests are invited!

GROSSE ILE GOLF OUTING

Mark your calendars, the date is **TUESDAY, 6/10/2008** at Raisin River Golf Course, Monroe. More information to come as it happens.



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

DALE KLEMANS

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



UPCOMING G.I. ROTARY & DISTRICT EVENTS.....

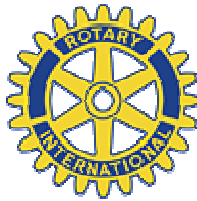
- 4/25 – 4/28/2008: Rotary International World Peace Summit, Windsor, Ontario
- 4/26 – 5/23/2008 – Inbound GSE Team from Finland
- 5/8 – 5/11/2008- District Conference, Niagara Falls, Ontario
- 5/15/2008 – GSE Team from Finland hosted by Taylor Rotary
- 5/29/2008 – Citizen of the Year Banquet, Grosse Ile Country Club
- 6/10/2008 (Tues.) – Grosse Ile Rotary Golf Outing, Raisin River Golf Course, Monroe



DISTRICT CONFERENCE NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO

DISTRICT CONFERENCE - CELEBRATE ENJOY SHARE

Reflect on Rotary; Enjoy a look at the possibilities and the Dreams of the future. Join us in celebrating this incredible year of how Rotary Shares.



FEATURED PROGRAM

LORI ADAMS COUTURIER "FRESH PAINT"

When Jeff and I first got married, we knew we'd have children. I originally wanted no more than 4, he wanted at least 6. Finally, we agree...11! In a period of 5 years, we adopted 9 children from orphanages in Russia. Daniel was 5 and Mitch was 3 when we adopted the first time in July of 1998. Yaroslav (Kevin) and Misha (Craig) were only 5 months old when we brought them home. Then, a year later, a 12 year old girl named Ula (Julia) and her brother Zhenya (James), age 11. Of course, during that 2nd trip, we met 3 more at the orphanage, Ira (Irene), Zhenya (Jeanette), and Kolya (Nickolas). Then, 6 months later when Jeff returned to Russia to get James, he met a little girl who reeled him in...her name was Elena (Emmalee), age 5. So, 6 months after James came home, we went back to adopt Irene and Emmalee. Surprise! Irene had a brother Dennis in yet another orphanage....he was 9. We felt a tremendous pull to help Zhenya and Kolya find a family. There was something about these kids that tugged at us constantly. The pull was so great, we decided to adopt them ourselves. Jeanette came home in June of 2002 at the age of 14. Nickolas, 15, and Dennis, 11, were adopted together in September of 2002.

We are currently down to 7 kids who live at home. Sadly, Julia, James, Nick, and most recently, Irene, chose to leave our household for their own personal reasons. Letting go of my expectations, and my perception of our relationship has been a difficult and painful struggle. I continue to pray for them and I'm thankful that I stepped into their lives when I did, even though things didn't turn out the way I had dreamed. Even in the most heartbreaking of times, I'm learning how to let go of "oh no" and embrace "oh well". God is in charge...

Because it was His plan for us, God put us on this path. Our kids have a better life today because we all took that risk and leap of faith. Our family story has inspired others to adopt as well. As of last year, twenty eight other children have found families as a direct result of us just talking about it. It has become our ministry.

Please visit www.loriadams.net for more information

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