

NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE ILE ROTARY CLUB

Box 125, Grosse Ile, MI 48138

Club website: www.gircweb.org

District website: www.rotary6400.org

FOR MEETING OF: 08/13/2009

Board Members 2009 – 2010

President	Dale Klemans
President Elect	Charlie Worden
Secretary	Bambang Soedarjatno
Treasurer	Ron Peltier
Past President	Ted Aller



Board Members At Large 2009 – 2010

Dave Sims
Roberto Sanchez
Allen Hickman

UP-COMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

8/20/09	Board Meeting 5:30 PM
8/20/09	Membership Meeting
8/27/09	Dr. Terri Taylor – Malaria
9/03/09	Dr. Bill Taylor - Addictions
9/10/09	John Robbins - Financial Planning
9/12/09 (SAT)	Island Showcase 11 AM – 4 PM
9/17/09	NO MEETING
9/19/09	Clambake 6:30 PM
9/24/09	Board Meeting 5:30 PM
9/24/09	Hungarian Group Exchange Committee

UPCOMING DISTRICT 6400 EVENTS:

8/27/09	Hugh Archer Golf Outing, Dearborn Hills Golf Course
8/28/09	Tiger's Baseball Game, Comerica Park
9/23/09	Governor's Golf Outing, Lakes of Taylor Golf Club, Taylor, MI

For many more District Events, sign on to: www.rotary6400.org

FROM CHLOE, FX STUDENT.....

Just in case you have not heard, Taiwan has been hit very hard by a typhoon the dropped as much as 64 inches of rain in some parts of the country, mostly in the southern part of Taiwan. I was contacted by Chloe who just returned home on August 17th to let me know that she was well. As you can see from her message she is a 16 year old that is much more concerned about the amount of homework that she has to do.....thank God that is what she is concerned about.

Hi, Jane

Everything is fine in Taipei, but not in south of the Taiwan. They are all mad about the government.

My family and I are very good except that I still cannot believe I have tons of the summer homework.

Say hi to Jim for me.

See you. Chloe

MEETING PROGRAM.....

GOVERNOR'S "OFFICAL" VISIT



I am a small town Rotarian with a farming background in my blood. I am honored to serve this year as District Governor for 2009-10 in this great district that has produces many Rotary leaders and that has had a rich history of Rotarians and Rotary clubs that have provided "Service Above Self" to their fellowman.

The 2009-10 Rotary International President John Kenny from Grangemouth, Scotland, has summed it up best when he suggest the "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands". He has chosen these simple words as our theme for this Rotary year. He suggests this by saying, "In Rotary, everything we are, and everything we aspire to become, lies in the hands of Rotarians in their clubs. If our clubs are congenial and our meetings well run, if our service is carefully planned and competently carried out, if our members are qualified, honest, and respected in their vocations and communities, then all of Rotary will thrive. Water, health and hunger, and literacy will be our emphasis in the year ahead. All Rotarians everywhere are asked to continue to learn from our successes. In every community there is work to be done. As Rotarians we will not stand idly by. As Rotarians, we will accept our responsibility. We can and we must. For we know that Rotary is only as great as its clubs – and our clubs are only as great as the members in them. "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands".

This year I am asking that clubs continue the "Basic Needs Projects" that were implemented during 2008-09. Our communities are hurting from a strained economy and many individuals and their families need our help and compassion. However we cannot forget our global community as well. Rotarians in District 6400 are being asked this year to look towards Africa especially as we implement "ROTA" ("Reach out to Africa") in our district. Nigeria is especially important to consider since it is one of the last holdouts with Polio.

This year our GSE team will visit D9100 in Northwest Africa, primarily Ghana and Burkina Faso. The team will be composed of experts in "Water and Sanitation". This will give us insight into what types of projects our clubs can become involved in by doing matching grant projects as individual clubs or groups of clubs. This will be especially important during the three year period of the Future Vision Pilot, since this will be one of the districts we can partner with in projects during that time period.

Foundation and Membership will continue to be the 2 main focus areas for clubs to work on. Our goal is to have at least 1 new member net growth in each of our clubs. Each Rotarian is being asked to make a personal donation to our Rotary Foundation. No amount is too large or too small. However your Presidents will be looking for 100% participation in every club.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to once more thank the Harrow Rotary Club for their annual event "Meet the Governor Night". For 56 years Rotarians in District 6400 have been meeting in Harrow near the end of June to thank our outgoing Governor and welcome in the new. Chuck Webster, the father of the event is now supported by his daughter Ginger Pollard and Jill Marontate and their committee who work to host this event every year.

Thanks again and well done!

Thank you to, all the Rotarians of District 6400 who service both their local and international communities. We will work together since "*The Future of Rotary is in Our Hands*".

ROTARY DIRECTORY!

Greetings All,

Please contact June Van Os for the status of the ads that you are responsible for.

These are trying times for everyone, but taking an ad in this directory is still the best deal for a business wanting to attract customers in Grosse Ile. You will be doing a service to your customers that haven't signed up, by calling and reminding them.

Your Rotary club is dependent on your performance. One of your customers may have forgotten to send their money in. Please give it your best shot and give them a call.

Thank you,

Dale

AND FURTHER FROM JOHN STRAIN.....

OUR Last Call...TO THE ADVERTISORS.....

Facts:

- We print 5,500 copies of the directory
- We deliver approx. 4,500 copies to each household on Grosse Ile, at no cost to the home
- We sell the rest of the books to the Grosse Ile Real Estate folks for their gift to new residents to Grosse Ile, as their introduction to the Island and the Downriver community
- We list all residents, many of whom remain "unlisted", giving coverage and usage to the Island residents
- The Club membership assembles the book to reduce our cost and maximize the "profit"
- The "Book" has been called "The Bible" for years and is next to the kitchen telephone around the Island.
- We only list businesses that actually advertize in the Book
- Businesses that do not advertize in the Book are NOT LISTED, period

Conclusion:

- Now it is your call....You're either in or out
- Please let me know, as I will not "bug" you again but have not heard of your decision and just wanted to give you this "last chance" to join us in our most important fund raising project for the Grosse Ile Rotary Club

This is our "Last Call"

Thank you for your time in reading this message.

SAVE THIS DATE!

Saturday, Sept 19th is GIRC's CLAM BAKE



MORE INFO TO FOLLOW! KEEP WATCHING!