

NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE ILE ROTARY CLUB

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FOR MEETING OF: 08/27/2009

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President	Dale Klemans
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Past President	Ted Aller



Board Members At Large 2009 – 2010

Dave Sims
Roberto Sanchez
Allen Hickman

UP-COMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

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:

9/23/09 Governor's Golf Outing, Lakes of Taylor Golf Club, Taylor, MI

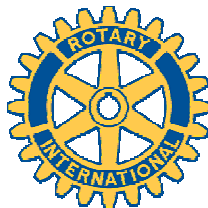
For many more District Events, sign on to: www.rotary6400.org

The Four-Way Test

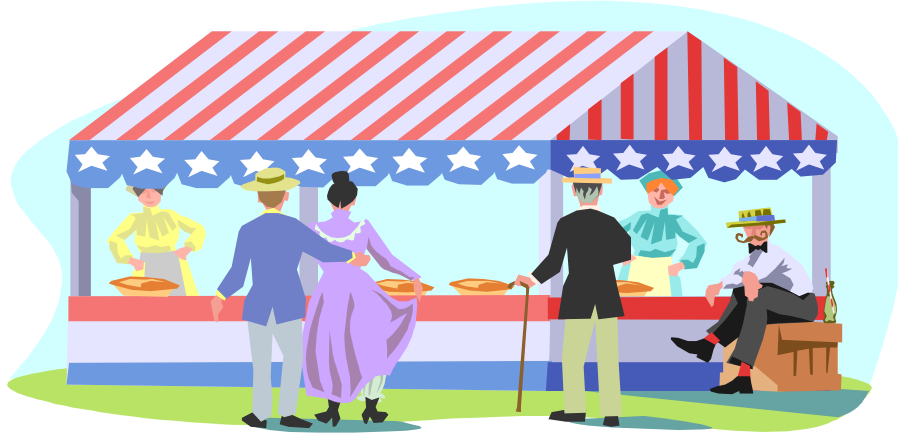
The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do

- ✧ Is it the TRUTH?
- ✧ Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- ✧ Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- ✧ Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



ANNOUNCEMENT.....



ROTARY ISLAND SHOWCASE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

Come stroll among the booths along Macomb Street showcasing our Island's Non-Profit Groups!

Groups From:

Kiwanis
GI School Alumni Assoc
Boy Scout Troop 1261
GI Rowing Club
GI School Board
GIHS Class of 2013

Friends of Westcroft Gardens
GI Presbyterian Church
GI Education Foundation
GI Elementary World Language
GI Nature & Land Conservancy
GIHS Drum Line

& Grosse Ile Rotary Club
and many more

PLUS

Car Show at Perdino's

Co-chaired by: Deb Green & Alan Hickman

Now, what can U do to HELP?

- Hand deliver posters to Macomb St business
- Need volunteers the day of event
- Need car show "captain"
- Bake sale



Malaria has plagued the human race for as long as history itself and still kills around 2 million people each year. But medically, the disease is still cloaked in mystery.



Terrie Taylor is a woman who loves her work. As head of the Blantyre Malaria Project, she coordinates an international team of scientists that gathers each year at the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre, Malawi. Few people can point to Malawi on a map, but the small African republic sits sandwiched between Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia at the southern end of the great African Rift Valley. Malawi's 12 million citizens are some of the poorest in the world, most eking out a subsistence lifestyle on modest maize, sugar or tobacco farms, and infectious diseases like malaria have held life expectancy in the country down to a paltry 43 years.

Malaria claims more than a million lives each year in Africa alone, ninety percent of them children. For an illness with such enormous human impact there are still some surprisingly large holes in knowledge about malaria. No one, for instance, can explain exactly how malaria kills children, or the extraordinary reversible coma malaria causes when it infects the human brain.

"Malaria is unusual in that it has been neglected by the scientific community," says Dr Fred MacInnes, a retired Canadian pathologist who is one of several overseas medical specialists who travel each malaria season to Queens Hospital. "It was the number one killer in the world until HIV came along, but there has never been much political will. It's not sexy, the people who have it are poor and unemployed. I've often thought that if the US Vice President's wife came down with malaria we might get a lot more funding!"



Professor Terrie Taylor examines a toddler in the Malaria Project ward at Queens

Political irrelevance may have held malaria research back, but it has provided a unique intellectual challenge for Terrie Taylor who has been returning to Malawi from her base in the United States for the past 22 years. Filling in the scientific gaps is part of the thrill. "The fundamental question here is how malaria kills children," she says.

"This sort of work was done hundreds of years ago for most diseases. Who gets to do that stuff these days? It's a clinician's dream! It's far more interesting than atherosclerosis, or gout, or alcoholic liver disease."

When not at Queens Hospital, Dr Taylor lectures at Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine where she is professor of internal medicine. Her association with Malawi began back in 1984 when she met a young infectious diseases expert, Dr Malcolm Molyneux, at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine in Britain. The two shared an interest in African medicine and approached the Malawian Ministry of Health with a study proposal. They started work at Queens in the 1987 wet season, working with local staff in the pediatric department, and quickly realized how big the gaps in malaria knowledge were.