

# NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE ILE ROTARY CLUB

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**FOR MEETING OF: 12/06/2008**

## Board Members 2008 – 2009

President	Ted Aller
President Elect	Dale Klemans
Secretary	Charlie Worden
Treasurer	Ron Peltier
Past President	Alan Hickman



## Board Members At Large 2008 – 2009

Bambang Soedarjatno  
Dave Sims  
Roberto Sanchez

## THE CALENDAR - UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- 12-11-08: Club Assembly
- 12-18-08: Supervisor-Elect Brian Loftus, Guests invited
- 12-20-08 (Saturday): Del Ray Christmas Party
- **12-25-08: Christmas Day – NO MEETING**
- **01-01-09: New Years Day – NO MEETING**

## REMINDER...

Mark your calendars for *Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>* for the

### *DEL RAY COMMUNITY HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY*

***STARTS AT NOON!!!! AT: DEL RAY COMMUNITY HOUSE***

***Santa/Gifts/Pizza/Pop/Fun/Games/Singing/Balloons/Kids/Cookies/Decorations/Fun/and Kids!***

***Volunteers welcome...Co-Chairs: Peter Rock & Doug Yardley***



## ***A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO.....***

### ***BILL KRAUSS & BILL SWASEY***

Co-Chairs of the Grosse Ile Rotary Christmas Party held this past Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The venue was at the beautiful Stone Creek Banquet Hall in Flat Rock. The delicious food was catered by Truly Gourmet. There was holiday music from "Ragtime Rascals". And of course plenty of good fellowship provided.

GOOD JOB to both Bill's. Thank you for your time and efforts.

### ***NOW TO THANK THE WIVES***

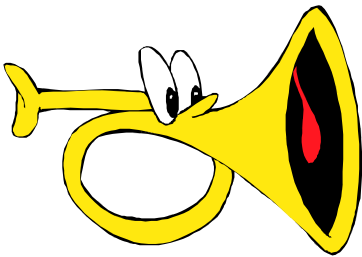
Thank you very much to Debbie Krauss and Doris (corrected) Swasey, for acting as hostess and providing decorations which were very festive and pretty. Your efforts were noticed by all. Thanks again.



## “RAGTIME RASCALS”

Left: Lowell Schaller  
Center: Ron Kenkel  
Right: J. R. Smith

Picture provided by John Strain.



## SAVE THE DATES!!!!... UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS.....

January 7 – 14, 2009	Mid-Year meetings: DG and DGE with Presidents and PEs
February 19	Training - ADG, DTTS, PN - Holiday Inn, Southgate
March 19-21	Great Lakes Multi-Pets - Kalamazoo



Join your Rotary friends to ‘Make Dreams Real’ at Grand Hotel on historic Mackinac Island. There's no place quite like it, on an island without cars, where horses and bicycles are still the favored modes of transportation. Where guests enjoy exceptional service and accommodations, and a full breakfast, lunch and five-course dinner are included daily.

**April 30 - May 3, 2009**  
**REGISTER ‘ONLINE’ AT [WWW.ROTARY6400.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARY6400.ORG)**

### DECEMBER IS ROTARY FAMILY MONTH

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As a father of four and grandfather of five, I have been fortunate to have spent many years in the company of children. When raising our own children, my wife, Young, and I worked hard to give them what all children need most: a loving, safe, and stable home. Our children were our first priority, and we made sure that they always had nutritious food, appropriate clothing, quality medical care, and a good education. We knew very well how fortunate we were to be able to do this. We were grateful that we never had to say to our children, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing to eat tonight,” or “I’m sorry, but we can’t pay your school fees.”

When I was a child, Korea was a poor country, and there were many children who went to bed hungry at night and had no school to go to in the morning. As a Rotarian, I know only too well that there are still far too many children in the world without the absolute essentials: food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education. And as a Rotarian who is also a father, I consider all of the world's children to be my responsibility.

When I see my own grandchildren – happy, healthy, and enrolled in good schools – I cannot help but think of the millions of children who do not have so many advantages. I think of the children who have too little to eat and only dirty water to drink. I think of the children who are sick with diseases that could have been prevented and those who will have nowhere safe to sleep tonight. And I think of the children, millions of them every year, who won't live to see their fifth birthday.

December is Family Month. It is a time to focus on our families, to involve them in our Rotary service, and to challenge ourselves to do even more for those in need. Because there are so many families and so many children waiting for our help, we, as Rotarians, cannot look away. We cannot and will not rest until all children, everywhere, have the chance for a long and healthy life. We will not rest until we Make Dreams Real for every child in every home where there is hunger, sickness, and want. As Rotarians, we can do no less.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee  
**President, Rotary International**

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

Board meeting called to order at 8:35 P.M., November 20, 2008 at the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club.

Present: Aller, Klemans, Worden, Peltier, Sims, Hickman, Sanchez, Soedarjatno, and special guests: Rock. Bickley, Strain, Hoffman, Lawrence, and Stephen Ahles from Trenton Rotary.

Business:

Bob Lawrence put two names in nomination as new members of Rotary. They are: Dennis O'Brian and Eric Flood. Klemans moved and Soedarjatno seconded. Motion carried.

Under fundraising, Stephen Ahles discussed the Texas Holdem Poker set up at Indian Lanes as a fundraising possibility. Hickman proposed that the project be looked into by that committee through Bill Swasey, Dave Sims, and Allen Hickman. Seconded by Sims.

A fundraiser regarding Lia Sophia Jewelry through Katie Strain was discussed. Presentation on December 11 will be given. Motion Hickman, and second by Sims, motion carried.

Motion by Peltier and seconded by Klemans to withdraw until further notice the Student Exchange Program starting with the 2009-10 school year. The reason is lack of interest. Motion passed.

Still working with the Chloe Chang situation. Need more housing for this school year. Call Jane, please!

Regarding the Del Ray Summer program, discussion on funding as in past years of \$10,000 was presented. Motion by Soedarjatno, second by Peltier to keep it the same as in the past. Motion carried. Also, \$1500.00 for gifts for the Christmas party, plus some monies for food was recommended.

Finally, Motion by Worden and second by Sims to give The Goodfellows \$1000.00 for a VERY needy family on Grosse Ile. This has been done in the past.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 P.M.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Charles H. Worden, Secretary

