

# GROSSE ILE ROTARY CLUB

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**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**FOR MEETING OF: 9/27/2007**

## Board Members 2007 – 2008

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## Board Members At Large 2007 – 2008

Bob Lawrence  
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Roberto Sanchez

## WHAT'S GOING ON....

### **BENEFIT DINNER TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007

CRYSTAL GARDENS BANQUET CENTER

TICKETS \$35/pp (\$40 AT DOOR)

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT WOUNDED SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES

**See more info with flyer that is attached to this email**

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Tickets on sale now, call 734-285-2210

### **GUESTS INTRODUCED**

- Potential Member Dave Bodway, owner of Bodway Computers, Grosse Ile, guest of Bob Barnes
- Bill Taylor, Vermillion, OH Rotary, transferring to Grosse Ile
- Family of Guest speaker: Kim Markley, Jim Markley, & Carrie Markley
- Jim Sexton, Trenton Rotary Club
- Trey Greene, Detroit Rotary Club, along with spouse Colleen, with Airlie Strasser, Grosse Ile resident

### **“THE SCHEDULE” AKA UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

- 10/4 Rani Massel – Arabic movement in Dearborn
- 10/11 Club Assembly
- 10/18 Sarah Lawrence – “Grosse Ile”, the book



**DISTRICT CONFERENCE - CELEBRATE ENJOY SHARE**

May 8 – 11, 2008

## FEATURED PROGRAM

### ALEXA MARKLEY OUTBOUND FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT



Alexa was just a senior in high school working at TV's Deli on Fort St in Trenton when she decided to embark on the most fabulous trip of her young life. After talking with Past President Sean Frese about applying for an outbound foreign exchange student, she was whisked off to Southern Australia for one year. She had no "real" plans for college, although she knew that she had to go to college, but yet she wanted more time to decide what to do with the rest of her life. That is how this all began.

Alexa came to our Rotary meeting to thank all the Grosse Ile Rotary for giving her the opportunity to spend 1 year in Australia, something she would never have even thought of doing, yet alone getting it accomplished. And because of the GI Rotary, she had the best year of her life.

Alexa stayed with 3 families during her year, and each offered her a different perspective of what Australian life is like. She met the most wonderful people while being there and she helped change a few people's attitudes about Americans in general.

Her plans now include attending college and working at TV's deli, and of course returning to Australia hopefully next year.

#### **A LETTER FROM PAST FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT, ING...**

(Pardon the spelling and grammar errors)

HI...

Just wanted to ask how everything is going? Is the new exchange students enjoying Grosse Ile? I really miss you guys alot.

Right now I have a fall vacation and its really good cause school have started and its alooooot of work. I am also back to gymnastics and practice every day. I became a coach now for children, I am teaching them cheerleading and gymnastics. Its alot of fun.

Every day I think about how much you did for me, and I really miss my life in USA.  
I will come back and visit one day.

Love Ingvild Brekkhus.

## **SAVE THE DATES!!!!...**



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

- 10/24/2007: Benefit Dinner to Support Our Wounded Troops & Families
- 10/27/2007: Foundation & Membership Seminars, Schoolcraft College
- 11/08 -11/10/2007: RYLA, Schoolcraft Community College, VistaTech Center
- 4/25 – 4/28/2008: Rotary International Peace Summit, Windsor, Ontario

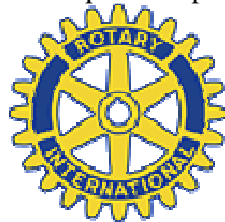
## Membership Development

### Ideas for Recruiting and Retaining Younger Members

1. Induct several young members at once, instead of recruiting them one at a time. If your club has no younger members, inducting several at the same time gives these new members an immediate peer group in the club.
2. Conduct service projects that are likely to appeal to younger members. The Australian Bureau of Statistics found that volunteers in two age groups, 25-35 and 55-65, do the same amount of service work. But the younger volunteers were more likely to focus on areas such as education, sports, and family matters.
3. Recruit Rotaractors, GSE team members, and other Rotary program alumni. Their participation in RI and Foundation programs shows that they already know about Rotary's ideals and are interested in pursuing its mission.
4. Consider lowering the total cost of membership in your club. Some younger members have trouble meeting the financial obligations of club membership. To combat this problem, some clubs have lowered their fees or have a meal only once or twice a month instead of every week.
5. Consider waiving certain fees or expenses for the first year or two. Younger members who aren't yet fully invested in Rotary may be more apprehensive about committing to all of the financial obligations of club membership. Once they become involved in your club and dedicated to Rotary's mission, they may be more willing and able to pay the full amount.
6. Make sure meetings are efficient and productive. Younger members, who often have competing priorities, are more interested in attending meetings that are conducted efficiently. Also, make sure your club has an appropriate balance of meetings and hands-on projects and activities.
7. Recruit "up-and-comers." Managers who are on their way to becoming important business and professional leaders are often interested in the networking and professional development benefits of Rotary. Getting them invested in Rotary while young can help ensure their dedication to Rotary when they reach top-level management, executive status, or ownership positions.
8. Be open to the new ideas of younger members. Maintaining the status quo in your club may bore and discourage them. Younger members will be more likely to stay in your club if their opinions are valued and appreciated — and if they aren't treated like junior members.

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#### THE FOUR WAY TEST

1<sup>st</sup> ...Is it the **TRUTH**?

2<sup>nd</sup> ...Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

3<sup>rd</sup> ...Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

4<sup>th</sup> ...Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?