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WHAT'S GOING ON....

BENEFIT DINNER TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007

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Honor and comfort

Rotarians gather to support troops

By Francesca Chilargi, The News-Herald

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A self-dubbed proud military mom is bracing herself for the possibility that her youngest son could be deployed overseas. Lori Pate of La Salle backs her son, Dennis Pate, who followed his aspirations by joining the Marine Corps on April 3. He is stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Pate is president of Operation Quiet Comfort, a nonprofit organization founded by her family that backs troops and medical professionals abroad by sending care packages. "There are a lot of things that our troops can benefit from that are not military issued," Pate said. "No. 1 is the love and comfort of a loving nation. I would be lying if I couldn't tell you that I am prouder than I could ever be, but at the same time, I am scared to death."

To continue shipping care packages, or "go bags," containing quilts, personal care products, CD players, CDs and fresh-scented linens to troops at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany and other medical facilities abroad, monetary donations are essential. Providing that aid is Rotary Club District 6400, with "Honor and Comfort, A Benefit Dinner to Support Our Troops." The dinner, which is expected to draw 1,000 people, will run from 5:30 to 10p.m. Oct. 24 at Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate. Tickets cost \$35 in advance or \$40 the day of the event.

Regardless of how people perceive the Iraq war, that should not sway support of U.S. fighters, said Larry Wright, a Taylor Rotary Club member. "That's part of the message," said Wright, co-chairman of the benefit dinner "You can have your own opinion, but we can never, never lose the recognition that our troops deserve, regardless of political views of the war," Trenton City Clerk Kyle Stack, a member of Trenton's Rotary Club, also is a co-chairwoman of the benefit dinner. The night will feature live and silent auctions and prizes.

Because the Rotary clubs are heavily involved in community projects and it's not structured to directly help troops, the fund-raiser dinner is the next-best approach, organizers believe. A survivor from the World Trade Center terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and a wounded veteran returning from overseas will discuss their experiences.

While elected officials were invited to the fund-raiser, no politicians will speak at the function. "Our event will be nonpolitical and nonpartisan, and it's solely to support the troops," Wright said. All proceeds will fund several nonprofit organizations that aid various needs of soldiers and their families. Besides Operation Quiet Comfort, other groups are Michigan Military Moms, Hero Miles-Fisher House Foundation, Anysolider.com, Military Connection and America Supports You.

The goal is to gather \$100,000, which might seem lofty, but considering the countless expenses each organization has, it's not, organizers say. Rotary members also want to aid military families who might be facing financial challenges. "When they are on active duty, that means they leave their jobs," Stack said. "Instead of having that income from their employer, they have to rely on a much-reduced income from the government. In some cases, that creates a hardship for the families."

The cost to send the boxes for Operation Quiet Comfort depends on weight and volume, but it is in the thousands of dollars. Medical personnel, like the troops, are subjected to constant mental stress and hardships, Pate said. They could use "tender love and care" by also receiving shipments, she added. "As an American, I know fully well that we owe our defenders of all generations everything we can give them and then some," she said. "And, we have not always done that. "Our medical professionals are saving lives ... 98 percent of warriors live. But they are coming home, and we need to be thinking of them."

Operation Quiet Comfort also takes special projects under its wings. One was giving 158 combat Marines serving in Iraq black sweat clothes to don in chilly weather at night, grooming and underclothing kits and healthy snacks. "The project is structured so that we and they have integrity and trust of what we are sending over there," Pate said. "We know the items are meaningful and useful, and it's packaged so that they get there in good shape and they are able to use them right away."

“THE SCHEDULE” AKA UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- **10/18 Sarah Lawrence – “Grosse Ile”, the book**

From The Publisher

Grosse Ile Township today is made up of a dozen islands in the Detroit River. The largest island was given the name Grosse Ile by early French explorers who found it being used by the Native American tribes as a fishing and hunting ground. In 1776, Detroit merchants William and Alexander Macomb purchased Grosse Ile from the Potawatomi Indians and, to help establish their ownership rights, built a home and a gristmill and secured tenant farmers to till the land. Later acreage was sold off and settlement began in earnest, although it remained largely an agricultural community. The railroad came to Grosse Ile in the 1880s and attracted both visitors and new residents. Hotels sprang up to accommodate summer visitors who were drawn to Grosse Ile by its healthful climate, natural beauty, and opportunities for outdoor recreation. Today Grosse Ile is home to more than 11,000 residents who have come here to enjoy many of those same unique qualities all in close proximity to a large metropolitan area.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE - CELEBRATE ENJOY SHARE

May 8 – 11, 2008

District Conference 2008 Registrants

325

**Are Going to Have
a "BARREL" of FUN!**

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

Rotary Quiz

District 6400 Rotary Quiz Questions

Ted Lovell, Windsor-Roseland, started a quiz question column in his club's newsletter, the Rotofax. He and his successor, Sheila Blair-Mosley, have been kind enough to send most of these questions. Some new questions were recently added. Feel free to use these in your news publication.

1. How far north and south has a Rotary Banner traveled? Admiral Richard Bird, a member of the Winchester, Virginia Rotary Club carried a small Rotary Flag over the South Pole in 1922 and over the North Pole in 1926.
2. Why was the Rotary Wheel modified in 1923? A group of engineers pointed out that without a "key way" the wheel was unsound and would not work. In 1923 the error in design was corrected.
3. Where was the first Rotary Club outside of the United States? In 1910, the Rotary Club in Winnipeg, Manitoba was chartered.
4. How does the Rotary Foundation work with the Local Districts? The Rotary Foundation operates in a unique partnership with Rotary Districts in a system called SHARE. Under SHARE all districts' annual giving is totaled at the end of the contribution year. Fifty percent (50%) is credited to the District Designated Fund (DDF) and forty percent (40%) to the World Fund (WF). District projects are approved and supported through the District Designated Fund and programs such as Rotary Volunteers, Matching Funds, and Group Study Exchanges are funded through the World Fund.
5. What is Albert Schweitzer's connection to Rotary? Albert Schweitzer, the French Nobel Prize Winner and humanitarian was a Rotarian who believed that voluntary organizations like Rotary were essential to human development and dignity.
6. Was Paul Harris the first president of a Rotary Club? No. He was however the First President of Rotary International and served for two years. Rotary International was the first association of Service Clubs and Rotary International paved the way for the Kiwanis International, (1915) and Lions International (1917).
7. What is one of the primary goals of the Rotarian magazine? One of the primary goals of the Rotarian, which has been around since 1911, is to promote the annual theme and philosophy of the Rotary International President.
8. What does the philosophy of Rotary encourage Rotarians to do? The philosophy of Rotary International encourages us to be world minded Rotarians who look beyond national patriotism and commit themselves to sharing the responsibility for the advancement of understanding and goodwill.
9. What is a Paul Harris Fellowship? Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellow recognition in 1957, and is awarded when \$1000 (US) is donated to the Rotary Foundation.
10. What is the farthest distance traveled by a Rotary Banner? A Rotary banner orbited the moon with astronaut Frank Borman, a member of the Houston Space Centre Rotary Club.



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