

GROSSE ILE ROTARY CLUB

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR MEETING OF: 01/10/2008

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WHAT'S GOING ON.....!

TUESDAY IS THE DAY!!

Beginning Tuesday, January 15th, collation of the Grosse Ile Directory will begin. We are asking any and all available Rotarians, spouses, family members to help. This is our most important fundraiser and we need **YOU!**

For every 1 hour of work by a Rotarian or family member, the cost of the Book goes down by \$9.00!!!!
1 hour = \$9.00 cost reduction

June suggests the starting time will be 8:00 am for Tuesdays' initial training and refreshment review.

Regulars shifts will be Monday – Friday: 8:15 AM till 4:00ish. Hopefully a Saturday shift will on also, but we have to wait and see. There have been many changes over at the printers and we have to just go with the flow of things.

Hopefully the collation process will take only 2 weeks and we can get the book out prior to February 1st.

Any questions, call June Van Os at 676-8106.

Please try to be there, as the old saying goes, "many hands make small work".

As Ted said last the meeting, the assembly will take up to two weeks, depending on the number of hands and hours dedicated to the project. Bring friends and relatives, too.

Now is the time to serve the club, as this is our bi-annual time to "do it".

Place: Hightlite Printers, 800 W Jefferson Ave, Trenton

"THE SCHEDULE" AKA UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

1/17/2008	Armando Sardanopoli – Rotary Group Study Exchange
1/24/2008	Arbor Hospice
1/31/2008	InterAct
2/7/2008	TBD
2/14/2008	Valentine's Day Party

DEL RAY NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE CONDITION

The tanker that crashed on the I-75 Rouge River Bridge last Thursday landed right on the playground at the Neighborhood house. Pete Rock went down to the house to check out the damage and reports that damage is extensive to the playground and some damage to the building itself. The tanker landed directly on some playground equipment and the heat from the fire melted a lot of the equipment. Luckily no one was at the playground or in the building at the time of the crash.

If you remember, the playground was built about 2 years ago with the help of Grosse Ile Rotarians and the InterAct kids from Grosse Ile High School and members of the community.

SAVE THE DATES!!!!...



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

- 2/14/2008 – Valentine's Day Party
- 2/15 – 2/17 - PETS
- 4/25 – 4/28/2008: Rotary International Peace Summit, Windsor, Ontario

PETS

**DGE Bruce and Sue Goldsen invites all
Club Presidents 2008 - 09
to President-Elect Training Seminar**

FEBRUARY 15 - 17, 2008

Radisson Plaza Hotel and Suites
100 West Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
Phone: 269-343-3333
or 1-800-333-333

DISTRICT CONFERENCE - 2008 NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO MAY 8 - 11, 2008

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JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

During Rotary Awareness Month in January, help expand awareness of Rotary's global humanitarian efforts. As members of the world's first service club organization, Rotarians have much to be proud of as they put Service Above Self while advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

FEATURED PRESENTATION:

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Maria Betzabe Zambrano Patino

Maria is one of the 2 foreign exchange students sponsored by the GI Rotary this year. Maria is 18 years old and from Barquisimeto, Venezuela. She has already completed 1 semester of college attending Yacambu University and majors in journalism. Maria's mother is a Rotarian and is Past-President of the Barquisimeto Rotary. She has 2 older sisters, one that was a foreign exchange student 2 years ago in the Boston area. Maria has been very active with the InterAct Club in her city and has assisted with Rotoplast along with her mom and sisters for the past 4 years. It was during the last Rotoplast session that she met Roberto Sanchez.

Maria currently is staying with Jim & I for at least the next 3-4 months. Previously she has been housed by Bang & Sandy Soedarjatnoe, with Claudia Klamm, and has spent time in the Roberto & Sylvia Sanchez home also.

The Republic of Venezuela is the sixth largest country in South America, but in variation its landscape rivals that of the much larger countries like Brazil and Argentina. Venezuela lies at the northern extreme of South America, bordered by Colombia to the West, Brazil to the South, Guyana to the East, and the Caribbean Sea to the North. In all, the country is just over 900,000 square kilometers and divided into 23 states. Its borders seem to hold all of South America in miniature: there are fine stretches of the Andes, huge areas of Amazonian rain forests, fertile plains known as llanos, miles of Caribbean shoreline, and even a small desert. The nation also has a few geographical superlatives, including the world's highest waterfall, Angel Falls, and South America's biggest lake.

Christopher Columbus was the first European to visit Venezuela. He came in 1498 during his third voyage to the New World, and landed on the Peninsula de Paria. Following the coast, he explored the Rio Orinoco Delta and concluded that he had found much more than another Caribbean island. More explorers came a year later, and it was Alonso de Ojeda who gave the country its name. Arriving at Lake Maracaibo, he admired the stilted houses that the Indians had build above the lake and called the place Venezuela - "Little Venice."

Simón Bolívar, who led the liberation from Spain of much of the continent, was born in Caracas in 1783. With Bolívar taking part, Venezuela was one of the first South American colonies to revolt in 1810, winning independence in 1821.