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GREETINGS FROM YOUR GOVERNOR

Rotary Can Impact World Peace

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DG Dick Sammis

RI President Wilf Wilkinson convened one of several Rotary Peace Summits this last weekend in Windsor, Canada. World class speakers like Allan Rock, former Canadian Ambassador to the UN and Robert Kennedy Jr, renowned environmental lawyer and advocate gave the conference an impact unlike any Rotary event I have ever attended.

Our District was well represented by Governor Elect Renee Merchant, Governor Nominee Kathleen Tosco and over 20 Rotarians from District 6360. We heard from four different Rotary Peace scholars, and had opportunities to discuss Rotary and peace with Rotarians from over 30 countries. Over 1000 Rotarians attended the conference.

So is this 'peace thing' for real? As one speaker asked, who better to have an impact on peace in the world than an organization entrenched in some 200 countries with some 1.2 million volunteers posed to make a difference in other people's lives! Rotary is uniquely positioned to make a difference, especially with our Peace Center graduates. As Abraham Lincoln said, "When we make them our friends, we destroy our enemies". Rotary is pretty good at that.

Dick Sammis, District Governor

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PDG Gil O'Rourke suffered a stroke, but is home from the Chelsea Hospital where he received intense occupational and physical therapy. He will continue therapy three days a week at Chelsea and at home with the help of Cindy and daughter, Kelly. He still has vision problems, but it is better than it was. His biggest hurdles are his balance/stability and some comprehension disconnects. He walks with the assistance of a walker. Notes, meals, and prayers are appreciated, according to daughter, Sarah Richmond. Cindy sent a note saying that Gil misses Rotary.

PDG Len Stuttman has moved to Independence Village, Apt. 236, 2520 Marfitt Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823, cell: 517-882-8676. He enjoys visitors. His club even held a recent meeting at Independence Village, so that he could be included!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAY 16-18





PDG Lou Marciano and his wife are not able to represent RI President, Wilf Wilkinson, due to family illness, but we are delighted to welcome PDG Bob Kelley and his wife, Donna.

Donna and PDG Bob Kelley, RI Rep

PDG Bob was DG in 2002-03 from District 6880 (Selma, AL). He has been in Rotary since 1992. He has served in many Rotary leadership capacities at the club district, zone and RI levels. Bob has been married to Donna for 22 years and they have four children. After serving in the US Army, Bob has been associated with the restaurant business, and currently owns the Tally Ho Restaurant (a 200-seat fine dining establishment). He is an Ohio State graduate, active in his church and Boy Scouts, and enjoys hunting and fishing.



This year's District Conference will be held on **May 16, 17 and 18** at The **Potawatomi Inn** in Angola, Indiana. The Potawatomi Inn is a beautiful country inn with 133 rooms. It is surrounded by Lake James and the Potawatomi State Park. Our conference will include motivating Rotary humanitarian programs, both local and international. Our Conference theme is, "Sharing the Heart of Rotary." Through interesting programs such as, "The Children of the Dump," we'll show that Rotary service really comes from the heart.

All programs will be attended and geared to the Rotarian, the spouse, children and grandchildren! At no time will a Rotarian be separated from his/her family. (We do have child care activities during programs for the very youngest children at no cost.) This is an unique concept for a Rotary District Conference.

We'll meet international adult and student visitors from many different countries. Plenty of free "family" time will be provided to explore the Inn and the park. We'll have planned activities, such as our "Grand Hospitality Tour" and informative breakout sessions. Coats and ties are banished. In addition to serious programs, we will have fun.

To obtain lodging at the Potawatomi Inn, please call (877) 563-4371. Use the group code: 0516RO. Please call our District Office if you have problems: (517) 543-7929. You can also find out more at www.districtconference.com

JUNE 15-18, 2008 RI CONVENTION

Discover L.A. by attending host events designed to showcase the best this city has to offer when you attend the International Convention in June. For example, June 14 – wine tasting, classic car show, art exhibition, live dance groups; June 16 – home/host hospitality; June 17 – Hollywood Bowl Concert and fireworks; House of Friendship; bring a book for children (9 years and younger); pre- and post-convention tours to nearby attractions. Go to www.rotary.org for more information.

A promotional flyer for the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles. The top half features a collage of diverse people's faces. The text reads: "This Summer... We're bringing our Stars to L.A.!" Below this, it says: "Mark your calendar for 15-18 June 2008! That's when Rotary International's worldwide cast of thousands... those smiling stars who make the world a better place... come to the entertainment capital of the world, sunny Southern California." It then lists activities: "Make Rotary's constellation shine in L.A. Meet your co-stars, fresh from humanitarian performances in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Showcase your upcoming projects, and lead ideas for future projects." A list of "While in L.A., visit..." includes: Hollywood Bowl, Hollywood Walk of Stars, Rodeo Drive, Santa Monica's beaches, Universal Studios, and Disneyland. At the bottom right, there is a logo for "LA 2008 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION" and a URL: "https://riweb.rotaryintl.org".

Why Women Live Longer – from PDG Jim Alden



Oh, sure, these are safe ways to do things and OSHA approved!

CONGRATULATIONS TO TROY HENDRICKSON, MASTER OF LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, CURTIN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



The Graduate School of Business has won a national AusAID tender to manage the Australian Leadership Awards: Leadership Development Program, part of a prestigious scholarship program targeted at future leaders from the Asia-Pacific region. The Leadership Development Program is an Australian Government initiative to promote leadership in the region and address the challenges of development, globalisation and governance. This contract is a significant recognition of GSB's innovation and excellence in leadership education in a global environment.

(Troy is a former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar.)

MARCH 2008 ATTENDANCE

CLUBS	NO. OF	NO. OF	NET GAIN/	% ATTEN.	REPORTED GIVING
	MEMBERS	MEMBERS	LOSS		TO ANNUAL FUND
AS REPORTED					
BY RI					
	7/1/2007	3/31/2008	3/31/2008	3/31/2008	THROUGH 4-8-08
District 6360					\$100.00
Albion	59	58	-1	55.40%	\$1,402.90
Allegan	38	40	2	58.67%	\$3,900.00
Battle Creek	92	96	4	41.08%	\$2,425.00
Benton Harbor Sunrise	55	59	4	75.55%	\$1,959.00
Berrien Springs/Eau Clair	29	31	2	64.00%	\$1,600.00
Bronson	48	44	-4	83.34%	\$600.00
Cereal City Sunrise	19	16	-3	59.00%	\$500.00
Charlotte	83	85	2	75.36%	\$4,067.00
Climax	26	26	0	NR	\$0.00
Coldwater Township	45	46	1	80.00%	\$2,000.00
Coldwater Noon	92	91	-1	80.82%	\$0.00
Constantine	18	17	-1	100.00%	\$623.50
Delta Waverly	77	80	3	56.52%	\$2,550.00
Delton Area	29	28	-1	51.00%	\$200.00
Dowagiac	68	60	-8	35.00%	\$625.00
East Lansing	80	80	0	56.33%	\$2,825.00
Eaton Rapids	33	31	-2	NR	\$1,187.50
Grand Ledge	55	55	0	62.50%	\$200.00
Gull Lake Area	47	53	6	48.81%	\$3,358.84
Haslett-Okemos	51	49	-2	72.00%	\$2,000.00
Hastings	66	64	-2	62.35%	\$1,650.00
Hillsdale	58	50	-8	55.00%	\$5,577.00
Ionia	39	38	-1	54.00%	\$100.00
Jackson Noon	88	82	-6	59.76%	\$2,640.00
Jackson Breakfast	24	24	0	61.00%	\$3,260.68
Jonesville	26	23	-3	NR	\$0.00
Kalamazoo Sunrise	13	15	2	NR	\$2,900.00
Kalamazoo	247	256	9	55.46%	\$2,620.00
Lakeshore	53	54	1	59.04%	\$4,692.50
Lansing DeWitt Sunrise	33	30	-3	78.13%	\$1,375.00
Lansing	255	262	7	48.75%	\$3,100.30
Litchfield	17	17	0	NR	\$400.00
Marcellus	13	13	0	68.00%	\$100.00
Marshall	61	64	3	NR	\$1,061.00
Mason	31	24	-7	64.00%	\$1,900.00
Michigan Center JCE	14	14	0	61.00%	\$505.00
Middleville	38	38	0	NR	\$100.00
Niles-Buchanan	59	54	-5	75.00%	\$0.00
Oshemo	43	42	-1	NR	\$5,200.00
Otsego	18	19	1	64.00%	\$924.50
Parchment	17	16	-1	46.00%	\$0.00
Paw Paw Area	24	23	-1	68.12%	\$475.00
Paw Paw Lake	16	14	-2	NR	\$0.00
Plainwell	22	23	1	57.60%	\$500.00
Portage	84	89	5	69.00%	\$7,444.50
Portage AM	24	23	-1	75.00%	\$1,700.00
Quincy	37	36	-1	80.11%	\$1,400.00
Reading	21	22	1	78.00%	\$250.00
South Haven	53	54	1	48.68%	\$4,250.00
South Lansing-Holt	26	29	3	76.60%	\$400.00
St. Johns	46	48	2	57.81%	\$1,050.00
St. Joe/Benton Harbor	187	195	8	61.01%	\$8,864.00
Sturgis	45	50	5	NR	\$100.00
Three Rivers	104	105	1	44.60%	\$600.00
Union City	23	22	-1	52.00%	\$3,500.00
Vicksburg	36	34	-2	NR	\$0.00
White Pigeon	12	11	-1	75.00%	\$0.00
Williamston Sunrise	44	44	0	47.94%	\$1,999.00
Totals	3061	3066	5		\$102,762.22
NR = NO REPORT					
Remember!! Regular monthly reporting must be received by the 20th day of each month by our District Secretary Ed Foster. Please email to: edfoster@cablespeed.com or Fax to 517-543-3041.					
Remember 100% reporting is our goal					



There's still time to obtain tickets for the Paw Area Rotary Club's Charity auction on May 10., The event includes a barbeque dinner and adult beverages may be purchased.

Festivities start with social hour at 6 p.m. During this time attendees will have the chance to get a close look at the items where are going on the auction block in the live auction, those that are included in the silent auction and those that are in the individual chance auction. In the latter, you purchase an "arm length" of tickets and place the tickets in the baskets in front of the item you're interested in.

For those who would like to entertain and have special treatment, corporate sponsorships are available for \$500. These include dinner for eight and four bottles of wine and special recognition throughout the evening. General tickets are \$10. A 50-50 Raffle is also available.

The auction is being held this year at the Paw Paw Lion's Club at the intersection of M-40 and I-94. To order tickets, e-mail NUTMEGPET@AOL.COM. For additional information, call 269-657-5256.



Call for Applications

The Rotary Foundation announces a call for applications for the **2009-11 Rotary World Peace Fellowships (RWPF)** and **January and June 2009 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS) Program** sessions. The deadline for completed applications to be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for these sessions is **1 July 2008**. Go to www.rotary.org for more information.



Jim Ives and Kathleen Tosco at the Membership Summit March 29th.

Boy Scouts and Rotary--Real Teamwork!

Rotary and Boy Scouts of America have a long history of working together. Paul Harris received the Silver Antelope from the Boy Scout National Council for his outstanding service to mankind. We can look around our own Rotary clubs to find many Boy Scout professionals and volunteers. We recruit from the ranks of each organization to find superior Rotarians and Scouters. Rotary offers an award for Scouting Rotarians. The Cliff Dochterman Award offered through the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians is a wonderful way to give recognition to busy Rotarians who also serve Boy Scouts. The medallion, pin and knot are wonderful awards at a Rotary event or Blue & Gold banquet, or both.

www.ifsr-net.org for information and an application.

DGE Renée
Make Dreams Real

RYLA molds leaders

By JOHN EBY / Dowagiac Daily News
Friday, April 18, 2008 11:02 AM EDT

A year after leaving Union High School as Class of 2007 salutatorian, Maranda "Mandy" Smith, 19, is ready to graduate again - this time from Southwestern Michigan College... "I will end up transferring as many credits as possible," she said. "I've looked at transferring to Ferris State University..." Mandy said her Rotary mentor, Cass District Library Director Jennifer Ray, "is the most wonderful mentor I could imagine. We've been meeting regularly for the last few months. She's the perfect match."... Thanks again to all of you so much. This program, I see more and more all the time - especially as I'm getting to the point where I'm getting ready to transfer and I'm starting to look into job interviews and building my resume, not only does this program look good on my resume, but so many of the things I've learned in seminars and on the field trip, I know I can use those things wherever I go and whatever I do. Thanks so much for sponsoring me," Mandy said...

Since 2004 Dowagiac Rotary Club has sponsored four college mentoring students. The club's commitment totals approximately \$2,400 per student over the term of the four-year program.

To read the complete article, go to

www.dowagiacnews.com/articles/2008/4/19/news/dnnews2.txt

Rotarians making a difference!

Dick and Friend: Good news!!!

The operation of Joel has been successful. Thanks to you.

Last week exam says that one kidney of Joel is perfect and the other is regenerating very fast. Wonderful!!!

In the picture are: His sister and grandmother, my daughter Sandra, Samuel, Hilario, Juan Ramon, Ramon (club members),

Alex (I), Joel, his mother and father, Manolito (my son) and Rigoberto (club member).

We visit him yesterday in the morning, he is in the school again doing his normal live.

Dr. Alexandra Martinez of the Rotary Club of Santiago, Gurabito



Lansing – Haven House \$50,000 matching grant

Good News for Haven House, One of Our 2007 Rotary Foundation Grant Recipients

Angela Mayeaux, the Executive Director of Haven House, has informed the Lansing Rotary Foundation that Haven House got approval from MSHDA for a grant of \$102,570. This includes a 10% administrative fee for Haven House, so for the renovations they will receive a little over \$93,000. As you will recall, last year our Foundation granted \$50,000 to Haven House, as a matching grant to help Haven House in their quest for the MSHDA grant.

ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS!!!!

Re: Club and District Administration Software (RI-CAS and RI-DAS)

Dear Governor,

I'm writing to announce that we are discontinuing a club and district RI resource. **As of 1 July 2008, we will no longer provide club and district administrative software.**

When RI purchased the software in August 2003 and re-branded it as RI-CAS and RI-DAS, the intention was to provide clubs and districts with an effective tool to assist with the weekly administrative burdens faced by clubs and districts that would also eventually integrate with Rotary's own on-line business application, the Member Access Portal (MAP).

As your general secretary, I continually work to ensure that your membership dues are used in the most effective manner. After five years, we have found that RI-CAS and RI-DAS is only being used by a very small percentage of clubs and districts worldwide. Lately, it has become evident that supporting and developing RI-CAS/DAS is diverting key resources away from other critical organization projects. It is just not in our organization's best interests to continue to provide access to, distribute, or support this software.

Clubs and districts may still use the software after 1 July 2008. However, at the start of the new Rotary year, support and new versions will not be available. An even smaller number of clubs and districts use an online version of the software. On 1 July 2008, we will no longer support the online version of RI-CAS and RI-DAS and access to the online service will not be available after 1 September 2008.

Thank you for your understanding of this necessary change to your resources.

Sincerely,

Ed Futa
General Secretary

- **May 16-18, 2008, Friday – Sunday, District Conference, Potawatami Inn, Angola, IN**
- **June 15-18, 2008, RI Convention, Los angeles, CA**
- **June 25, 2008, Wednesday, DG Installation, Cascades Manor, Jackson**
- **July 15, 2008, Tuesday, Club Officer & Committee Chair Training, KVCC**
- **Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, 5th Annual International Clean Water Conference, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI**

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH.

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