



THURSDAY Evening –

For this evening only, the normal evening dress code has been relaxed. **Grand Buffet** will be in the Dining Room from 6:30-8:45.

Celebrate your talent tonight during our fun-filled “D6400’s Got Talent!” show. Whether you sing, dance, perform magic or are a closet comedian, we know you have talent! Share that talent with us as we kick off a great conference. Perform as a group with your club members for added excitement.

Contact *Wayne Titus* (Canton RC): 734-673-2810 (wbt@amdgservices.com) **now** to enter!

MORNINGS

Breakfast is served at 7:30 in the Main Dining Room. You are treated to a wide selection on the menu. Bring the **Guest Pass** you receive at check-in to all dining room meals. Since we will be moving directly into the **Plenary Sessions**, you should come in your daytime attire for breakfast. Be sure to wear your Name Badge to all functions!

PLENARY SESSIONS

The Plenary Sessions showcase the heart of “Rotary Today.” Rotary volunteers share their efforts to improve the quality of life around the world, bringing Rotary’s global awareness home to a personal level. Missing a session is missing a big part of what Rotary is about!

The **Official Program Book** will have the complete schedule.

LUNCHEONS

Friday and Saturday **Luncheon Buffets** will, as with all meals, be served in the Main Dining Room. Open seating gives everyone an opportunity to meet with old and new friends and **Celebrate** another opportunity for fellowship! *Remember to bring your hotel Guest Pass* to all meal functions.

Friday AFTERNOON

Sign up now for a 9 hole - 4 person Best Ball **Golf Tournament** (\$45.00 includes golf, cart and prizes. Limited to 36 players with advance sign up required) Contact Kim Towar: 313-882-0702, kim@towar.com

Or sign up on site for **Croquet**, a time-honored tradition on the Grand’s front lawn! (\$5.00 includes prizes).

Saturday AFTERNOON

Register on site for our private conference **Fort Mackinac Tour** (just a ten minute walk across the beautiful bluff. Optional carriage round-trip is \$9.50 per adult, \$5.75 children 5-17. Taxi cost is \$5.50).

A combined **Fort & Island Carriage Tour** from 1:00-4:30 is also available (\$29.50 per adult, \$13.75 children).

A special **Photography Workshop** will be offered from 2-4pm, by Rotarian and photographer, Bob Gallagher. The cost is \$10.00 per person. You will be sure to pick up a number of helpful insights to improve your photographs. This workshop will be equally beneficial to film & digital photographers. Bring a jacket, comfy shoes and your camera. On-site signup available.

And enjoy the many activities on the Island... rent a horse and buggy or tour the Island by horseback. It’s only a short walk, bicycle or taxi ride downtown for shopping, exploring and interesting attractions. Visit the **Butterfly House** for it’s private (just for us!) opening. This fairy tale garden where beautiful butterflies of every imaginable size and color dance to the sound of falling water and classical music is not to be missed! (\$4.40 per adult, \$2.00 children 4-17) ...and don’t forget to pick up some Mackinac Fudge!

FRIDAY Evening –

Celebrate with friends - old and new - during our Friday night “Walk-About!” Move to different venues for fellowship. Enjoy the big band sound, contemporary music, piano bar and dancing. Be sure to visit each one!

SATURDAY Evening –

Saturday evening is **black-tie** (optional).

After dinner, join our President’s Representative in the theater for a Special Awards evening celebrating super 6400’s newest winners! Following the program, entertainment will be provided. Enjoy the ambiance of Grand Hotel.

VERY IMPORTANT

• GUEST REGISTRATION •

If you are rooming with or bringing a guest, that person **MUST** be registered with **Rotary DisCon 2009**.

They will need to pay the \$50.00 registration fee. If they do not pay the **registration fee**, there will be no ferry tickets, taxi tickets or registration package / name badge. This is all included in the registration fee.

Contact Sarah Wright at smwright2@mac.com if you need to add a person to your registration.

• HANDICAP CARRIAGE AVAILABLE •

Carriage needs to be ordered in advance. Contact Sarah Wright: smwright2@mac.com to reserve.

SUNDAY Morning

You will tag your luggage with return ferry tags. Place your bags in the hall outside your room by 8:00 am Sunday. At 8:00 am the hotel does a sweep of the halls and ships your baggage down to the boats. Your baggage will be placed in a special staging area on the mainland.

We suggest you wear the same clothes you will be wearing for the trip home. There will be an Ecumenical **Service** in the morning followed by Breakfast and the **Closing Session**. We plan to adjourn by 11:00am.

Bon Voyage . . .

Following the Closing Session, taxis will be available to take you directly to the docks. If you would like a more leisurely departure, you can catch any ferry until 5:00 pm.

SPECIAL SUNDAY NIGHT OFFER!

Grand Hotel is pleased to extend a special rate for DisCon 2009 attendees who are book on a two or three night Rotary package. This special offer is for Sunday night, May 3, 2009 only.

The rate is \$129.00 plus 6% per room and includes Grand Hotel’s modified American Plan. If you are interested in extending your stay and taking advantage of this great offer, please contact Grand Hotel at (800) 334-7263 to reserve.



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MACKINAC ISLAND

BRUCE GOLDSÉN
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Mackinac Island ...

Mackinac Island is unique. You board modern ships on the mainland and ride across the waters that separate Lakes Michigan and Huron. Upon docking at the island, you too seem to be strangely separated... somewhere between this century and the last. A variety of important historical landmarks await your exploration as well as beautifully restored Victorian homes and colorful village shops. All transportation is provided by horse and carriage (more than 500 horses on the island), or bicycle. While more than 1 million people visit Mackinac Island each year, the Island has only 600 year-round residents. Every vista emanates a feeling of peace and tranquility.



The hotel is a magnificent structure built in the post-Civil War's Gilded Age. It's sweeping 660 foot veranda is the world's largest. Elegant style and genteel grace remains a tribute to a bygone era, surrounding guests with elegance and comfort. No two guest rooms are alike; each has been decorated to have its own special character and style.

The 1980 film "**Somewhere In Time**," starring Christopher Reeve, Jane Seymour and Christopher Plummer, was filmed on location at Grand Hotel. The movie now has a huge following and fan club that meets yearly at Grand Hotel in late October.

The magnificent swimming pool in the gardens was named for actress Esther Williams. She starred in the 1947 movie "*This Time For Keeps*" with Jimmy Durante, which was also shot at Grand Hotel. It takes 500,000 gallons of water to fill the sparkling serpentine-shaped pool.

Another number to remember concerns the Hotel's most popular dessert: the Grand Pecan Ball. More than 80,000 are consumed each season!

While service is the key to the Grand's long tradition, **tipping is NOT permitted** anywhere at Grand Hotel.

Getting There . . .

If you plan to drive, take I-75 North to the **first** Mackinaw City exit and follow the signs to the **Arnold Lines** boat docks. Simply park your car (no charge), board the boat and enjoy the trip. Arnold staff and our Sergeants-at-Arms will be at the dock to help.

TAKE THE ARNOLD FERRY

Your **luggage tags** and one-way **Ferry and Taxi Tickets** will be at the dock check-in. (return tags and tickets available at hotel prior to your return.)

Once your luggage is tagged, you will not have to handle it again. Your luggage will be delivered to your room at Grand Hotel.

• Arnold Lines Boat Schedule •

TO ISLAND	FROM ISLAND
7:30 am	8:00 am
8:30 am	9:00 am
10:30 am	11:00 am
12:30 pm	1:00 pm
2:30 pm	3:00 pm
4:30 pm	5:00 pm

**6:30 pm - last ferry,
Thurs. ONLY**

Please consider tipping the dock hands. This was not included in your conference package.

NOTE: Manna Food Project and PACE donated items can be left in a designated area at the dock.

YOU HAVE ARRIVED!

It is approximately one hour from the Mackinac City boat dock to Grand Hotel.

When you arrive on the island, there will be horse drawn "taxis" waiting to take you to Grand Hotel.

Your luggage will be delivered directly to your room. If you are a golfer, your clubs will be sent directly to the pro shop, (when you depart Sunday, the pro shop will arrange to have your clubs shipped back to the mainland.)

Hotel check-in is **3:00 pm**. Conference registration packets will be at the hotel registration desk when you check in. Sign up for events at the Special Activities table.

Grand Hotel has extended serving time Thursday evening. The buffet will be open from 6:30 to 8:45 pm.

Sergeants-at-arms will be available for assistance at all times.

WHAT TO WEAR, WHAT TO WEAR...

Casual resort wear is appropriate throughout the day at Grand Hotel.

In accordance with tradition, guests must be appropriately attired after 6:00 pm. At Grand Hotel all **evening meals** are *grand affairs* and a dress code is strictly followed. Jackets and ties for the men and dresses or dressy pant suits for women are required for **Dinner**.

However, on **Thursday evening**, Grand Hotel is relaxing their usual dress code and serving a **Grand Buffet** from 6:30-8:45 pm.

Friday evening: Dinner attire

Saturday evening: Black-tie (optional)

Sunday: Casual

FUTURE ROTARIAN CAMP

This exciting adventure for ages 5-10 kicks off at our Family Reception Thursday evening, 5:00-7:00 pm. (Camp starts 8:30 am Friday)

The \$50.00 registration fee includes camp activities starting at 8:30 am Friday-through all plenary sessions and evening events.

The fun includes movies, games, crafts (a special project will benefit a school and orphanage in India), magic show, Butterfly House and much more!

Bring pj's for evening parties and warm clothes/tennis shoes for outdoor fun.

For more information, contact Brandi Towar-Keating, (313) 641-2583, FutureRotarian@bluebook.ws

MEDIA CAMP

Ages 11-17 are invited to document the conference! A \$50.00 fee includes the camp and evening parties. Learn to use video and digital cameras, compile and edit movies, produce a slideshow and more. **Please bring video and digital cameras if possible** and warm clothes for outdoor activities.

For more information, contact Brandi Towar-Keating, (313) 641-2583, MediaCamp@bluebook.ws

YOUTH EXCHANGE SILENT AUCTION

Celebrate our super 6400 Exchange Students and bid on special items from their home countries—from 9:00 am Friday through Saturday noon.

Welcome...

"I'm a First Timer"

The first time at anything is always a bit unnerving. District Conferences are no different. We are glad you are joining us for the first time. As a first timer there is a "First Time" Breakfast Program on Friday morning for you and your guests. It will start at 7:30 am in a special area in the Dining Room. Come dressed for the day since you will be going directly to the Opening Session at 9:00.

"I'm a Guest"

At Rotary conferences, all guests are encouraged to participate in every event. If this is your first Rotary conference, plan to attend the plenary sessions. The life-changing international scope of Rotary is featured and may change *your* life!



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Paul Harris Fellowships

This year we are presenting Paul Harris Fellowships throughout the weekend. If you are a Paul Harris recipient, you will be notified when you are to receive your PHF recognition. Please leave your medallion or multi-stone pin at Rotary Registration on Thursday in preparation for the recognition ceremony. Reserved seating for recipients will be provided.

Bequest Society Crystals

Bequest Society Members will be presented their crystals during the conference. Reserved seating for recipients will be provided. Please bring your crystals and leave them at Rotary Registration on Thursday.

Presentations are for new members since July 1, 2008

• PHF MATCHING OFFER •

During the conference you will have the opportunity to **match** your \$500.00 us with **District Credits** to become a PHF or add a stone to your pin. Contact PDG Ed Schulz: cpa1taxes@aol.com