



Annual Foundation Memorial Ceremony: Memorial Day

The Memorial Ceremony has become an Island tradition, now in its 14th year! It will take place, **Sunday, May 25th at 10:30 am at the Ferry Landing**, hosted by the Russell Island Foundation. Please join us for coffee, juice and donuts as new names are added to the plaque and we remember those who have been named in the past. You are welcome to share a memory, photo or memento of your loved one at this poignant ceremony. If there is anyone you would like to honor through a Memorial Contribution, please contact Kathy Engelhart at 248-644-0959. Kathy is also looking for anyone who would like to participate in the ceremony by playing taps or singing the National Anthem or any other appropriate song, if you are willing to help out, please let her know.

RIF Mini-Auction Fundraiser

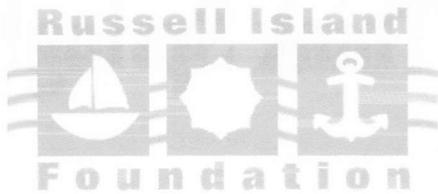
Finally it's spring again! Time for that first ride across the river, that first glimpse of Russell Island, the ferry dock, the memorial plaques, the proud Michigan State Spartans flag waving in the breeze. Isn't that a perfect picture? We'll if it's not and the flag is to blame, YOU can do something about it. Come to the Russell Island Foundation biennial mini auction on **Saturday June 7th beginning at 4:00 pm at the Hall's** famous Belmont Stakes party! The opportunity to choose the Island's flag will be up for bid amongst a selection of other items. While this auction is smaller we are still looking for one or two more fun donations. If you have sports tickets, a restaurant connection, or another unique item to donate, please contact Jerry Schroeder or Emily Engelhart at (248) 930-2123 or emily.engelhart@gmail.com. In lieu of donating an item, RIF would be happy to accept cash donations to help defer the cost of incidentals and necessities used in the Auction. Checks can be made payable to Russell Island Foundation and sent to Kathy Engelhart 1011 Satterlee Rd Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the party and thank you for your continued support of the Russell Island Foundation.



Sign up for the Kroger Community Rewards Card and help generate funds

The Russell Island Foundation invites and encourages all Islanders along with *their family and friends* to sign up for the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. It is one of the easiest ways to help generate funds for the Russell Island Foundation and it doesn't cost you a thing! Every time you shop at **any** Kroger store a percentage of what you have spent will be automatically sent to the Russell Island Foundation on a quarterly basis. That's it! What could be easier? But, you individually need to register online in order to participate and you will also need to have a Kroger Plus Card which can be easily obtained at the Service Desk of any Kroger store if you don't already have one. Kroger gas and gift card purchases are also included toward the rewards.

The process of registering for the Community Rewards Card only takes a couple of minutes and most everyone will be able to do it themselves by logging on to www.kroger.com and clicking on the "Welcome sign in/register" button. If you don't have an Account, click "Sign up today!" and follow the directions on the Kroger website. Fill in your contact information and your Kroger plus Card information making sure that they are correct. Look for the Community Rewards Information and then Find Your Organization enter **Russell Island Foundation** in the box and click "Search". Simply select the radio button next to Russell Island Foundation and click "Save Changes". *REMEMBER anyone who has been registered needs to re-register by May 1st to be included in the 2014 Community Rewards Program.*



Think Spring!

MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back!

Dear Islanders and Friends,

Is it Spring? Yet? If you have noticed this Spring Newsletter is coming to you a little later than usual you are correct! It's hard to get into that Spring mode when you are still waiting for it to arrive! A couple of weeks ago, braving the cold, I decided to check the water temperature and immediately got a brain freeze! I quickly forgot it and decided to head inside where the temperature was much more agreeable. It's been so cold that I think those little "bugs" in our septic tanks are even shivering.

Since the calendar definitely confirms that it is Spring even though Mother Nature is laughing.....there are a few reminders that we want everyone to be aware of. First, the Memorial Ceremony will be on Sunday, May 25th at 10:30 am held at the Russell Island Ferry Landing. Please plan on attending when we once again honor and remember past Islanders and Friends of Russell Island by adding new names to the plaque and reciting the names already in place. Coffee, donuts and juice will be served after this brief but touching ceremony.

Another "rite" of Island Spring is the Belmont Stakes Horse Race Party at the Hall's Cottage this year held on Saturday, June, 7th. Once again Rob and Margaret are graciously allowing the Foundation to hold our RIF Auction Fundraiser during their Horse Race Party. Emily Englehart and Jerry Schroeder are co-chairing this event, and are hoping that everyone will participate with either a donation or a purchase! Please mark the date now and look for more information to come.

On a serious note, at the Russell Island Foundation membership meeting last September our membership directed the RIF Board Members to pursue and collect funds for the initial purchase by RIPOA of the Krejenke property in Algonac. Needless to say I think most of us had our Fall focus on closing our cottages, celebrating the Holidays and shoveling snow. Understandably, we were not thinking about this commitment. But now as we start making arrangements for opening up and planning for the season ahead on Russell Island, we do need to think about that commitment. So, as your president, it becomes my task to THANK those that have already participated in our Krejenke Project as well as remind everyone that there is still more work to be done in order to achieve our \$70,000 goal.

I realize that the past few years have been a "reach" for many and along with all the "other causes" we support at home and in our personal lives, we likely feel a financial strain. However, The Russell Island Foundation was established by a few smart and far reaching individuals who saw a need to help manage monetary projects that RIPOA requested with the ability to get something in return for their financial efforts. Instituting a 501c3 allows a deduction on our income tax for donations made to the Foundation. This ability eases the burden of donating directly to the Property Owners Association.

Let's use this instrument to provide additional parking for our family and guests, remembering that "Things worth having are difficult to attain"! Thanks to Everyone.

Joe Moosekian, President
Russell Island Foundation



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RIF Membership Dues

Remember, annual dues of \$100.00 are tax deductible and qualify you to be a member of the Foundation and enable you to vote on all issues at the annual meeting held on Labor Day weekend. If you haven't done so yet, now is the time to join or update your membership for the year. Please mail a \$100 dues contribution *check made payable* to the **Russell Island Foundation** and return it to:

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Russell Island Foundation

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