



Think Spring!

MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back!

Dear Islanders and Friends,

It's started again that pesky cardinal keeps chirping and then running into our bedroom window at the first sign of the sun each morning. I told Karen that I would love to get up early one morning, draw open the drapes, and scare the heck out of that bird! Maybe then it won't keep waking me up at daylight! Enough said, it's Spring, and the good news is I'm not saying Ho! Ho! Ho!

On a calmer note, we are again starting to think boats, freighters, and water levels. I have been to Russell Island and all seems to be well and ready for Islanders to start the Spring activities that make our Island such a beautiful place.

The RI Foundation is eager to again help with Island projects and activities. As in the past years we look forward to honoring our family and friends no longer with us at the Memorial Service at the Island Ferry Landing at 10:30 AM on Sunday May 24. Don't forget that donuts, coffee, and juice will be served after the service. We also can look forward to the largest Foundation fundraiser of the season. Once again the Hall's have cordially allowed the Foundation to use their cottage grounds for our Auction during their 'open invitation' to the Belmont Stakes Horse Race Party. If you enjoyed the Auction last year, be prepared for a fun time since Emily Engelhart and Jerry Schroeder have again volunteered to Co-Chair this profitable enterprise with their originality and flair. They are currently accepting donations to make this fundraiser another magnificent event. Who knows once again a blow up toy might appear and it may be just what you have been looking for! Can't wait!

I am amazed at the ideas and activities that our membership come up with to help fund projects for our Island. Pat Degriek called this winter with the idea of a calendar including landscapes and photos of the Island. See Pat and check them out I bought one! Great Island moments to enjoy all year long for only \$30. There is also a rumor that there may be a Fish Fry at the Beach. Wonder who came up with that idea? Ask any of the folks at the Yacht Club who tasted the fish! Yum! Does "Annual" mean every year? If that's true I guess we will be having a "Fun" Walk/Run again this year. Look for details. Don't forget Diane Stock still has some "Island Delights" cookbooks. Let's all support these activities which will allow the Russell Island Foundation to help RIPOA maintain and keep our Island beautiful.

The Foundation remains committed to helping the Island with the over flow parking project. As we all know there is a need for guest parking. Although a distance from our goal, we are still dedicated to achieve this venture for our Island community. Consider a tax free donation to this worthwhile endeavor.

Your continued support of the Kroger Community Rewards and Amazon Smile Rewards programs are always appreciated. Both of these programs generate funds for the Foundation just by you shopping the way you normally do. The Foundation receives in excess of \$2000 annually through these initiatives, well worth the time commitment it takes to enroll! Don't forget to do it now!

Joe Moosekian
Russell Island Foundation President

Annual Foundation Memorial Ceremony: Memorial Day

The Memorial Ceremony has become an Island tradition, now in its 15th year! It will take place, **Sunday, May 24th 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.

Silent Auction RIF Fundraiser

Mark Saturday, June 6, 2015 on your calendars now because you will not want to miss The Russell Island Foundation Auction. We invite all Islanders and Friends of Russell Island to our fundraiser which has become a popular and anticipated event! Through the kindness and generosity of Rob & Margaret Hall and Family, it will be held during the Belmont Horse Race Party at the Hall Cottage beginning at 4:00 pm.

We have already received some extremely interesting (and hopefully \$\$\$ generating) items! If you have something of **value or appeal** to donate, be sure to let Emily Engelhart or Jerry Schroeder know about it. 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 Mark Warner at 315 E. Lawrence Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073 please be sure to identify them as donations for the Auction.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support for this important fundraising event!

Receive the Russell Island Foundation Newsletter by email

Please send your email address to Russellislandfoundation@gmail.com
This will help save dollars that can be spent on other important projects.

Membership Dues

Annual dues of \$100.00 are tax-deductible and qualify you to be a voting member at the annual meeting of the Russell Island Foundation held on Labor Day Weekend. You do not have to be a cottage owner to be a member. Please consider membership.

Please send annual dues made payable to: The Russell Island Foundation

Mail to: Kathy Engelhart
1011 Satterlee Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

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Kroger Rewards Program

We hope that all Russell Islanders and Friends of Russell Island will re-enroll for the May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016 year.

[Renewal at the Kroger website is required for continued benefit to Russell Island Foundation.]

Thank you to all who participated in this program last year, through your efforts Russell Island Foundation received \$2198.60. We **only** have 55 households enrolled. Both of those figures are down from last year. Islanders, this can't get any easier! Just think of how much more we could receive if we could get our friends and relatives to join our efforts...OR ALL THE ISLANDERS! It is easy money, for doing what we all do anyway....shop at Kroger! Please take the time to re-enroll by going through the following steps:

1. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and click on "Michigan."
2. Click on the "re-enroll" link.
3. Type in your e-mail address and password (if you forgot the password you set up please go through the "forgot your password link") and then sign in.
4. Click on "My Account," scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on "Community Rewards" link.
5. Click on "Edit Community Rewards Program Information" link.
6. Find our organization by typing in "Russell Island Foundation" Click on the "Search" button.
7. Select the "Russell Island Foundation" radio button.
8. Click on "Save Changes" button.

You should now be registered for the Kroger Community Rewards with Russell Island Foundation! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Karen Moosekian at karenmoosekian@gmail.com

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