



THE COGITATOR

News of the GROTON ROTARY CLUB - District 7170

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It's official! The Groton Rotary Club has a presence on the Internet. If you have Internet access, please check out our web site at <http://www.lightlink.com/joeurda/rotary.htm>. Some of the links are not active, but they will be soon. You will find the club calendar handy and I will try to keep it up to date. Be sure to check out the District 7170 site as well as the RI page. There is a lot of information there.

The Guest Page section is interesting. We've heard from a couple of Exchange Students who have not been in contact with us for years. Maritriz Garcia was here from the Philippines probably 10 or more years ago and Doug Kelly went to the Philippines in 1984-85. Doug has been very successful and a person that Groton can be very proud of. I have included an email message that I received from him:

To Joe Urda,

It's good to hear from you.

Yes, I was just in Groton July 29 to August 1st. As Computer Coordinator, you must know and interact with Mike Molino. I got a chance to see him and he told me about the 4 NT servers and T1 line—I was very impressed!

PERSONAL INFO

I am married to Andrea and have a 1.5-year-old named Zachary. Zak was born pre-mature at 3 lbs. and both he and mom had a rough start, but Zak is doing wonderfully now—though he is quite tiny, but very healthy and happy.

My wife and son are in Georgetown, Kentucky and I visit every weekend I can. Andrea grew up there. Andrea also rec'd a MS and MBA from Yale in 1995 but is a stay-at-home mom now.

I just started at AMS in Fairfax, Virginia in February 7th, 2000. I am temporarily living with a Filipino friend who served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years named Manny Padlan in Maryland. I concentrated in Finance for my MBA degree at Yale and graduated in December 1999.

Below are my updated e-mail, work/background, address & telephone information.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

My "forever" e-mail alias address is douglas.kelly@aya.yale.edu.

Andrea's e-mail address is currently AndreaAdamsKelly@aol.com

WORK INFORMATION

I am currently working as a consultant for American Management Systems, Inc. (AMS) in Fairfax, VA for their Technology Solutions Group (TSG) in the Systems Engineering & Integration Group (SE&I) of the Management Systems & Technology (MS&T) business area.

My group has projects in both the public and private sectors and works across the vertical markets of Finance, Insurance, Healthcare, Local & State Gov't, and Civilian Federal Agencies. I am currently going through their "Emerging Leaders" program and was/am involved in two projects. My first project was for all NJ State government agencies and was a small (\$100K) server consolidation feasibility study turned to product (network operating system and groupware software) evaluation methodology deliverable. My current project is a very large (\$40M) federal retirement system implementation effort—known as the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP - both the Federal Employee Retirement System [FERS] and Civil Service Retirement System [CSRS]). The new system will allow for daily valuation and new investment choices for federal employees. I am working with the implementation manager to ensure all issues get resolved so that the system goes live—into production—on the target date of April 1st, 2001.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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ADDRESS INFORMATION

Please use my work address (or the Kentucky address for Andrea and Zachary) for any correspondence. My work address is the most reliable for me (especially for receiving packages, express mail, etc.)

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If you're ever in the Georgetown, KY or Washington, DC area ... let us know! Doug
Check out Doug's home page at <http://mayet.som.yale.edu/~djk27/>

The club is on a roll. With a little push from Frank Heine we are letting the public know that we are in Groton. There are signs for the Adopt a Highway Program with our name on them. Then the new Rotary signs announcing our meeting time and place located at the three major entrances to the village. And as of July 27 there is a Rotary sign at Mineral Springs. Thanks Frank and thanks to those who held the ladder or gave advice for the Mineral Springs sign. How many does it take to hold a ladder?

Three names approved by the Board of Directors and read to the club 2 times. The following have been proposed and approved and will be invited to join Rotary.

Connie Filzen - Middle School Principal at Groton

Ramona Forney - Business teacher at Groton Central School

Mary Walker - District Clerk and Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of GCS.

Membership is the key to the survival of the club. You were all given membership proposal cards. Please read them and properly propose a new member for Rotary.

We have had some excellent programs over the past few months.

The program of August 3rd, introduced by Sandra Kring was Kristine Crumb. Kristine, a 1991 graduate of Groton went on to Cederville College in Ohio and for the past 4 years has been teaching English at the International School in Ching Dau, China, a city of 6 million. She teaches to a mixture of students from Japan, Korea, NZ, USA, Singapore and Taiwan. There are no Chinese students, because the school is a religiously backed school and you cannot speak of religion and politics in China. Email is available to her so she can keep in contact with her family. They have to be careful of the content though as it is censored, as is her regular mail. Kristine has signed on for 2 more years and will be returning shortly to China. We wish her the best and look forward to another program in the future.

Program presenter for August 10th will be George Totman and his guest will be Richard Erb, Tompkins County Executive.

If you have your program lined up please let me know so that I can include it in the COGITATOR and in the calendar.

Future Program Presenters:

August 10 - George Totman
August 17 - Terry Dougherty
August 24 - District Governor Visitation
August 31 - Fred Shaffer
September 7 - Chuck Kring
September 14 - Frank Heine
September 21 - Sandy Kring
September 28 - Les Graves
October 5 - Gary Wood
October 12 - Will Forney
October 19 - Bob Minor
October 26 - Joe Arcail

You are responsible for your program date. If you cannot get a program, switch with someone or get in contact with George Totman.

REMEMBER THAT WE ARE MANNING THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOOD BOOTH AT THE GROTON FESTIVAL DAYS, AUGUST 19 AS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE. SOME HAVE VOLUNTEERED ALREADY. BE PREPARED TO SIGN UP.

ALSO, THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, ANNA MARIE LUCINS WILL BE HERE ON AUGUST 24TH. THE BOARD IS ASKED TO ARRIVE BY 5:00.

[Joe Urda](#), Editor