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Club 216 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916

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Muskegon Harbor Holiday Inn

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THE FOUR WAY TEST THAT ROTARIANS USE IN MAKING ETHICAL DECISIONS:

Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Program: "Institute for Healing Racism" Floyd Cook, Jr

MEETER / GREETER

Josh Wallace

INVOCATION

Nancy McCarthy

THIS MEETING'S MENU

Baked Potato Bar; salad bar
with 6 toppings, 3 dressings;
assorted desserts

STUDENT GUESTS

North Muskegon Norsemen

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Eric Seifert Apr 11
Erin Kuhn Apr 13
Luke Seward Apr 13
Camille Jourden-Mark Apr 18

PROGRAMS/EVENTS

04/23 Farmer's Market Kitchen
04/30 Honduras Report
05/07 Rotary Kenya Farm Project
(Meet at Lake House)
05/14 Foster Parents
06/12 Party in the Park
09/23 Grape Escape

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New Homes for El Salvador

Something quite fascinating happened last week in El Salvador: an Interact mission with a 16-year history, which was organized originally by a Keene, NH Interact club. This ongoing work project, named the "100 House Village," was a combined Rotary and Interact experience this year featuring three Rotary and three Interact clubs from seven states, and the Noroeste Rotary Club of San Salvador (El Salvador's capital city).

A total of 37 adults and students worked as a team to complete four homes in less than a week; this included three Interactors from North Muskegon and nine from Mona Shores. The Rotary spirit was very much alive and well with this energetic group whose ultimate goal is to build 100 new homes in a mountain village named Talnique, El Salvador. Years ago, the village was totally devastated, first by earthquake and then by floods.



Building four more cement slab homes with corrugated steel roofs now brings the total built to 65. Rotary in Ontario had contributed earlier by installing a big water tank on a hill above town. Future plans include water purification or whatever the local Rotary club thinks is important.

The group worked hard every day since arriving, installing cement posts, prefab cement slabs, and mortaring inside and out. Local residents worked with us each day and the future home owners were >>>



Pics from Talnique (more on page 3)
From mud and bamboo shacks to solid new homes in a week, four homes were



constructed for thankful families. Over 10 years, the families will live in and care for these homes, after helping build them, to achieve actual ownership. Love from El Salvador, Mona Shores Interact North Muskegon Interact

>>> particularly involved with each dwelling.

It was great to see our progress since beginning work on Saturday morning. The Muskegon contingent brought great credit to itself with a solid work ethic and positive attitude. We met wonderful people from El Salvador, and the group we were with was a super team with "Service Above Self" going on in their lives big time. We'll have more pictures later. Best to our Club

– John Noling in El Salvador



Rotary Power Couple 2015-16

Big changes are ahead for Susan and Orville, ie, new and successful

joint work careers, marriage, Rotary Convention in Brazil and, last but not least, relentless year-long commitments as Club president (her), and major motivator and recruiter (him). They must be so excited; if only they could generate a little more fun/enthusiasm in public.

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RIM content includes correspondents' reports, meeting announcements, occasional satire, and member-related social media items.

The deadline for RIM announcements is Thursday noon for the following week's issue. Submit brief announcements in writing to Editor Bill Johanson or one of the RIM Correspondents above.



The Hackley Public Library has Checkers Morton playing a free concert on April 13, 6pm, as we reported last issue. We've since learned that the band's talented bass player, Dave Collee, above, is **Kris Collie's** dad – reason enough for good Rotary attendance!

This issue's El Salvador cover story tells part of our mission's tale; "**letters home**" fill in some of the other blanks.

For those, click below:

<http://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/0000001911/en-ca/files/homepage/letters-from-el-salvador-2015/Letters-from-El-Salvador-2015.pdf>

"STORM" – Movie and Live Music at the Overbrook Theatre Muskegon Community College April 18 @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Join us on Saturday, April 18, 2105 at the Overbrook Theatre (Muskegon Community College) for the compelling film and live music experience of "Storm," a film by Ric Mixter and Dan Hall. Never before have the compelling stories of shipwrecks in gales



been told as in the captivating film and live music production of "Storm." Musician Dan Hall and historian Ric Mixter team up to present an incredible journey of story

and song of shipwrecks on the Great Lakes from 1905 to the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald. This is a live concert and feature film performance that features underwater footage and interviews from storm survivors involved in several Great Lakes gales.

Tickets available by calling Muskegon Community College 231-777-0324, or will be available "at the door."

\$20.00 General Admission

\$15.00 Student/Museum Member

<http://silversidesmuseum.org/calendar/storm-movie-and-live-music-at-the-overbrook>

It's another great USS Silversides presentation. Check this out:

www.facebook.com/StormConcert

'Round Rotary's RIM



We have been approved to have our May 7th luncheon meeting at the Lake House, and our May 14th meeting at a still undisclosed location. Please notify your calendars of these changes from the norm.

Is your ClubRunner personal profile complete and up-to-date? For many good record-keeping reasons, please check it out.

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Rotary Park Update - Mar '15

March proved quite productive. The Phase 1 bid package for Rotary Park construction should be announced in the coming two weeks. Once the official bid is determined, Hooker DeYoung anticipates construction starting the first of June, on track with our timeline, and construction should be completed by early fall. The "Coming Soon" signs are being installed, as we speak, helping spread the message that Rotary Park is moving forward. Thanks again, everyone, for your continued patience as we work diligently to reach our goal
– Connie Maxim-Sparrow

Takin' It on the Chiny, Chin, Chin



So here's a Muskegon Rotary first; that is, as far as anyone can remember. Program co-speaker Tim Lipan, concerned that his double chin might double again if he's photographed from a low angle, stopped the program and directed the highly-embarrassed photographer to shoot him from higher up; that shot is what you see above. Was that the end of it? Oh noooo! In fact, Tim later coerced innocent Prez Brianna to actually pose during her candid time while he worked on double-chin-reduction poses. Oy veh!



The El Salvadorian Photo Magic of John Noling



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Last week’s “mystery Rotarian,” guessed by **Mort Kantor** was **Bob Irwin**. He seems to have turned out fine despite being raised by hardened criminals who disregarded child labor laws.

Kelly Richards, right on left, was inducted last week by his sponsor **Steve Dix** and **President Brianna**. He has worked happily for years for the Muskegon Area District Library, but also was available to trade fishing stories with folks.

Congratulations to our own **DJ Hilson**! **President Brianna** let us know he was appointed by Governor Snyder to be on the Criminal Justice Policy Commission. Give him a round of applause, or buy the house a round, the next time you see him.

Committee Reports

There are still some exciting committee openings if you want to help out with *Grape Escape*. Email **Deni Hunter** - deni@ilikemg.com - to learn more and/or sign up.

President Breanna announced a free Straight Talk program organized by our Diversity and Inclusion Committee. If you would



like answers right from people involved in the Muskegon Police Department,

Muskegon Hts PD, State Police, Sheriff’s office or other law related agencies, please join in the discussion at Christ Temple Apostolic Church at 6pm on April 29.

Is it the truth?

Last Week's Program

Baseball & Citizenship

by **Stacy Cornell**

Chris Carter, representing the City of Muskegon, announced the annual Outstanding Citizenship Award winners at last Thursday's meeting. —————>

Andy O'Riley, despite being quite shy for a notable radio personality, shared his story of how he came to Muskegon and how grateful he is to be able to give back to the city he feels has given him so much.

Charlotte Johnson inspired us all by illustrating the fulfillment that comes from giving, not from receiving. We are fortunate to have her in Muskegon as well.

For more on this year's awards, Check via link the MLive story: http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2015/04/meet_the_recipients_of_muskego.html

The New Marsh Field

w/ Len Piasecki and **Tim Lipan**

For those of you who don't already know, Muskegon's own baseball team, the Muskegon Clippers, plays at Marsh Field. It's a wonderful place to spend some time with family and friends enjoying America's favorite pastime.



Len Piasecki has a love affair with wooden bats over metal.



Charlotte Johnson, Andy O'Riley

At the end of their inaugural season, the Clippers, owned by Pete Gawkowski and managed by Walt Gawkowski, hold a record of 23 - 7 as well as the honor of playing at the busiest ball field in West Michigan. Located at the corner of Laketon and Peck, Marsh Field has been completely renovated and is now *the* place to spend your free time with 200 games scheduled this season, played by youth, amateur and collegiate players. Fully equipped to please all ages, the new Marsh Field has a party deck, between-inning activities for the kids, and concessions including beer and 750 available seats. Built in 1916, Marsh Field is the oldest active ballpark in the entire state. The legendary Satchel Page played here several times.

Want to know more? I do, too! Check it out at... www.muskegonclippers.com (there's a schedule available there), www.playmarshfield.com, #marshfield on Twitter, Marsh Field on Facebook or by calling (231) 799-4889. It's worth the price of admission just to hear announcer/sidekick **Tim Lipan** tease the players and get "you've got to be kidding me" looks from them. # # #

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

1st General Credit Union CEO and transferring Rotarian **Connie Taylor**; enCompass Director Charlotte Johnson, Celebration Cinema's Tom Bitson, Radio Personality Andy O'Riley, Chris Carter, and Cozette Thomas (City of Muskegon/Ann Cummins); 70X7 Life Recovery Employee Development Specialist Bob Jackson (**Cathy Monton**); MADL Director and inducted member **Kelly Richards (Steve Dix)**; and Disability Network exec and Rotary spouse Phillip Collier (**Tamera Collier**).

Josh Wallace passed out a bunch of goodies that just has to be mentioned. In our recent "10 Brave Rotarians: NCAA Tournament," the overall winner, riding the Duke Blue Devils' coattails is **Larry Larsen**. Second and third place winners (of a Paul Harris Fellowship) are **Cindy Timmerman** and **Jim Fisher**. An additional "10 Brave" Paul Harris Fellowship went to **Doug Wood**. Congratulations, all!



Newish Rotarian **Annoesjka Steinman**, left with **Kathy Moore**, had her badge's red star removed after being a member for only two months. Her accomplishments included founding a committee to describe other committees, a feat met with appreciative laughter.