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Muskegon Rotary Club

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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: "Life Circles PACE. and Alzheimer's Association"

MEETERS / GREETERS

Dan Hartmann

INVOCATION - REFLECTION

Jack Briggs

THIS MEETING'S MENU

Chicken Broccoli Alfredo; salad bar with 6 toppings 3 dressings; vegetable; garlic bread; assorted desserts

STUDENT GUESTS

Orchard View Cardinals

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Cathy Brubaker-Clarke	Mar 19
Tim Lipan	Mar 20
Steve Edwards	Mar 21
Kristina Coby	Mar 23
Shawn Jenkins	Mar 23

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

03/24 Silent Observer
 03/31 Club Assembly
 04/07 Rotary Presentation
 04/14 MMA American Indian Exhibit
 04/30 **100 YEAR CELEBRATION**

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Above, making the rounds in Atlanta last Saturday, Nancy McCarthy and hubby Ed Hunt had dinner with our dear friend and former Rotarian Don Mathews, left. Don, 92, is still going strong, Nancy reports.

Another Throwback Thursday



Nearly 66 years ago, on Oct. 27, 1960, Richard Nixon addressed the crowd at the dedication of the L.C. Walker Arena less than two weeks before Election Day in which he lost to John F. Kennedy.

Mike Routh – February Baker Rotaractor of the Month

Mike Routh is a first year member of the Rotaract Club of Baker College of Muskegon.

He is majoring in Accounting and has participated in multiple volunteering opportunities throughout the month of February.



Since joining the club, Mike has attended Kids' Food Basket, a Rotary lunch, the Lumberjack's game our club went to, and has spent time helping out at our table fundraisers at the college. In his free time, Mike enjoys playing chess. Thanks for all your hard work, Mike!



Congratulations to **Judy Kell**, Jackie Hilt and **Debra Griffin** who each received the Women of Accomplishment Award, Saturday morning, at the Greater Muskegon Women's Club breakfast. Thank you, ladies, for making a difference in our hometown! - Holly Hughes

Read 'em & Weep

Saturday night, Team Bob, which consisted of two teams, competed in this year's Read Muskegon Scrabble Tournament held at the Watermark 920 in downtown Muskegon. Read Muskegon's mission is to positively impact the lives of adults through improved literacy. Their vision is that all of our residents have access to high quality instruction that enables them to reach their full potential and positively contribute to their community. It's a grassroots organization with a very small budget that must be met through fundraising. No fancy offices, hardly any staff and LOTS of volunteers. The Scolnik team didn't win (thus, "& weep" above), but Read Muskegon did.



In the photo, from left: 1st row – Merle Scolnik, Pat Camp, Bob Scolnik and Nancy Engle. Back row – Lea Markowski and friend Matt, Marve Robere, Christine Robere, Marv Engle and Nancy Bierenga.

District 6290 Conference

Join us Muskegon's Shoreline Inn and Conference Center April 22 -24 for a memorable celebration of Rotary! Our District Conference will provide:

- Outstanding opportunities to meet and network with new and longtime Rotarians from our 60 clubs
 - Fabulous hospitality events, including the always popular in-home Rotarian-hosted dinners (Saturday evening)
 - Special Rotary Foundation events including a Grant Management Seminar and a Celebration Dinner on Friday evening
 - Excellent keynote presentations featuring dynamic, inspirational speakers
 - Enlightening, interactive discussions in the areas of Service Projects, Leadership, Youth and Public Image programs
 - Hands-on service opportunity to support Kid's Food Table
 - Kid-friendly activities: special entertainment by an artist/ventriloquist/musician
- Early registration deadline is March 22nd. Visit the 2016 District 6290 Conference page. Go directly to online registration

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Above, Baker Rotaractors while volunteering for Kids' Food Basket! They had a great time at Watermark Live, listening to Olivia Mainville & The Aquatic Troupe while raising money for Kids' Food Basket and coloring lunch bags.

Below, more Baker Rotaractors at the Read Muskegon Scrabble Tournament. They ended up the Best Costume winners!! Congratulations and thanks for supporting the Read Muskegon cause.



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Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Covenant Community Church Pastor Mark Bush (**Dan Hartmann**); Attorney Brenda Sprader (**Merica Dobry**); Comerica VP Mike Serra (**Diane Van Epps**); spouse Beth Post (**Gary Post**); mom Joyce Harris (**Pam Harris**); Waddell & Reed Financial Advisor and prospective member Rose Madl (**Bill Loxterman**); and Michigan's Adventure VP Operations Janet Meyers (**Camille Jourden-Mark**).

Calling Past Presidents



Six of the Club's past presidents in the modern era posed last week for a pic to be placed in our Centennial souvenir booklet next month. To those PPs not yet shot, please come to Club this week so you can be appropriately recognized. Meanwhile, we thank the Club's continuing leaders shown above, from left, **Bill Loxterman, Nancy Crandall, Roger Andersen, Gary Nelund, Gary Ostrom and Don Crandall.**

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Last Week's Program

Step Up: 18-to-24 yr olds

by Frank Marczak

Presented by Dr Richard Kamps, right, a surgeon and longtime resident of Muskegon who shared some unsettling facts worked with Child Haven to support children who were wards of the state or county, and lived with foster parents. Dr Kamps commended the many foster parents who work hard to provide a normal home life for some kids who, through no fault of their own, have fallen on hard times. The term he used was they are "lost in life." It amounts to the question of what happens to kids after they leave a foster home program. At age 18 they are no longer wards of the state and must strike out on their own. They typically have few resources, no driver's license, and are destined for a life of struggle.

The statistics describing these members of our community are alarming: 60% have no address,



25% lack a high school diploma, 25% will become homeless, 50% will have no reported earnings after age 18, will be unemployed after age 20 or will be involved in substance abuse within three years. A tragic story within our own community boundaries.

Working with other agencies, LOVE Inc, Community Health



and high school counselors, a home on Peck Street has recently been purchased and renovated to hold up to four women. There is a selection process and once accepted, the woman must find a job, help with upkeep of the house, stay out of trouble and, generally, volunteer in the community and learn what it means to be a good citizen.

The ages accepted are from 18 – 24, and the need is huge. Step Up is now a 501c3 organization and entitled to conduct fundraising activities and accept donations for the program. Dr Kamps stated the problem is much bigger than they first anticipated and assistance is welcome.

Contact information is as follows:

www.stepupmuskegon.org
Facebook.com/stepupmuskegon
Step Up PO Box 1626,
Muskegon, MI 49443-1626

This Week On Stage

LifeCircles/PACE, a medical treatment facility for elderly citizens, is located within the Tanglewood Park campus at 560 Seminole Road.

Tanglewood's, recent \$5 million renovation and expansion includes 12,000 square feet of parking lot, a new and improved day center with increased lawn space, a full-service kitchen and redesigned office space. The speakers will be Lisa Luckey – Life Circles/PACE and Elizabeth Donnelly-Johnson – Alzheimer's Association.

Committee Reports

ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRESIDENT

President Susan greeted a spring crowd (Reminder: Spring forward with your clocks this weekend) with her usual friendly, warm and enthusiastic style. After the Pledge of Allegiance, **Darlene Collet** shared her research into the words of "prayer" and "Amen". Reminding us that the invocation is to express thanks for our coming together or to seek further wisdom through, she gave us the Webster definition of prayer and use of the word Amen. The term prayer is simply an expression of earnest hope and the term Amen is used to express hearty approval. Darlene then led us through a statement reflecting mankind and living peacefully together and all concluded with a hearty Amen.

Susan reminded us of *Grape Escape* and where the proceeds go to support community efforts. She then introduced Mark Bush,



above left, pastor of Covenant Community Church, our *Grape Escape 2005* organization partner, which has taken on the challenge of being a community resource to help people in dire

straits. Pastor Bush, using **Dan Hartmann** as his able assistant introduced us to the “hygiene bag.” The bags, obtained from Target stores, are strong and large enough

to hold a number of necessary hygiene products, such as toilet tissue, bar soap, toothpaste, deodorant and other necessary personal hygiene items, and given to needy individuals. Pastor Bush and Dan see this as a form of justice and have many helpers to distribute the bags. Recently, 2000 bags were distributed and Rotarians can be proud that their efforts to raise monies go to another worthy cause in the community.

Committee reports came from two enthusiastic Rotarians,

Merica Dobry and Chad Lowie, below, who are hyping and selling Rotary t-shirts and hats to be worn proudly at Rotary events such as the upcoming 100th celebration of the birthday of the Muskegon Rotary Club. The also would be appropriate for the *Party in the Park* or other community events where you can shine as a proud Rotarian in your Rotary garment. Sales will continue in the weeks following at Club meetings.



A feisty-come-lately **Jane** → **Clingman-Scott**, right, reminded everyone of the April 30 gala celebration at the Muskegon Country

Club. We’re 100 years old, and we *will* celebrate! The deadline for registration and attendance is past due but have no fear. Your check and application will be accepted but do it QUICK and help out our planners. The theme is “Let’s Celebrate” and there will be international food stations and a cash bar. And it sounds like the era of the year 1915 will be the focus. Finalize your plans now or you will miss out on a good time.

Announcement: **Susan** and **Orville Crain** have moved into

their new home and a “two-day party” or two opportunities to visit their new home on the shore of Muskegon Lake will take place March 29 and 30. A \$10 donation will be collected unless you were part of the raffle



guessing the move-in date. It was suggested that some may want to stay over for both

nights, but don’t bring your jammies. Overnighters will have to sleep on the docks near the Shoreline Hotel.



Don Crandall announced a new Paul Harris fellow to the club. **Carla Hill**, above right, who claimed she was not in the card game or monopoly game that the good doctor referred to, proudly accepted her Paul Harris plaque and pin. She told us that she recently found that her father had been a member of Rotary, and she dedicated the award to her father.