



# Muskegon Rotary in Motion



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## Muskegon Rotary Club

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

May 7, 2015 12:10pm

Lake House Waterfront Grille

<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>



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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: "Holland Rotary Kenya Farm Project" Kathy Devries

### MEETER / GREETER

Kathy Moore

### INVOCATION

Bill Loxterman

### THIS MEETING'S MENU

Soup and Sandwich Buffet w/  
two homemade soups and  
three sandwich varieties  
including vegetarian and  
honey/Dijon chicken salad;  
garden salad bar; brownies

### STUDENT GUESTS

Montague Wildcats

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Les Johnson	May 11
Phil Friedrich	May 12
Dan Sawka	May 13

### PROGRAMS/EVENTS

05/14 Annual Mtg, Club Survey  
05/21 Law Day  
05/28 Youth Exchange - Chile  
06/12 **Party in the Park**  
09/23 **Grape Escape**

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From Studebaker in South Bend

Don't make 'em like this anymore



For over 50 years, this car waited its turn to wow distinguished educators and classic car lovers **Dave Sipka** and **John Noling** in the Holiday Inn parking lot on Thursday. It's a Studebaker Avanti, a personal luxury coupe built by the [Studebaker Corporation](http://www.studebaker.com) in South Bend, IN, between June 1962 and December 1963. The Avanti was publicly introduced on April 26, 1962. Studebaker's shocking factory closure occurred December 20, 1963.

## Two Months More



President Brianna expressed surprise at her table that her presidency is almost up: June 30. There's still so much for her to do.



In the "No good deed goes unpunished" category comes the tale of Jason Piasecki, right. The previous week, he'd gone through the trauma of guest editing RIM, Facebook, and the Club's website. Last week, this good guy traded raffle tickets with Gary Nelund, left. Guess who won.

## Last Week's Program

# Another Great Water Adventure in Honduras

by Peg Maniates

Gail Ringelberg, below, from the Grand Haven Rotary introduced the eight students who accompanied her on another successful trip to Honduras. She emphasized the importance of each group



building on the successes of the previous group's accomplishments. The process of bringing clean water to these communities did not happen

in just one day; it began years ago when another group began laying pipe to bring water from streams into the villages. Each year, more work is done and slowly clean water is coming to these homes. Additionally, she wanted to assure everyone, especially **Darlene Collet** that the duffle bag with the uniforms arrived safely.

Gail passed the microphone to Danielle Woodring of the Baker College Rotaract Club who introduced the rest of the team: Megan Malewitz, Rodney Savage, Riley Duff, Amelia VanderVelde, AJ Ringelberg, Ryan Susterich and Hannah from Grand Haven High School. These students >>>

>>> expressed the joy they felt upon undertaking the next steps in the clean water initiatives. Amelia VanderVelde spoke of the welcoming atmosphere with

in the communities they visited. She stated, "Once we got over language barriers, everything fell into place." In addition to installing new filters, the students tested the water quality produced on previously installed filters. Out of all the filters they tested, only one failed. The team did what they could to rectify the situation by replacing a hose and showing the residents how to better care for the equipment. This problem lead the students to brainstorm on how to prevent this problem in the future and to supply next group of students with equipment they will need.

Club members posed several difficult questions to the students on Honduras's political changes and their safety on this trip. The travelers responded that the Honduran Rotarians took very good care of them. One student even commented on how their hosts made student safety their top priority. Initially, some were shocked at the airport when they saw the military, and reminded themselves of the differences in culture. The group always had escorts and their hosts always made the visitors felt secure. One of the students said her happiest memory was delivering books and supplies to a local school. The children reacted with such delight as if they had never seen a book before.



Student travelers above, from left, are: Rodney Savage, Ryan Susterich, Riley Duff, Hannah Kenny, Amelia VanderVelde, Daniele Woodring, Megan Malewitz, and AJ Ringelberg.

## 'Round Rotary's RIM



**Jim Schiltz** gave the invocation, and **President Brianna Scott** led the Club in the Four Way Test.

**John Severson** reported on the Business Connection Meeting held on April 20. Lt. Governor Brian Calley discussed the importance of Proposal One, and John showed the Club a short video of the presentation. MAISD's Chris Glass, a legislative aide for this area, held a short question and answer session.

**Pam Babbitt** quickly guessed last week's mystery Rotarian: **Sylvia Precious**. She would title her biography "The Great Adventure," and enlightened members on her time in Somalia with her five children.

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## Encore Notice

Club meetings will bounce around during this month. May 7 brings us to the Lake House, our summer-fall hangout. Then it's Muskegon Country Club on May 14 for some fancy surroundings. Holiday Inn gets us again May 21 & 28, after which the Lake House becomes home thru November.

**5/07 Lake House**

**5/14 Mgn Country Club**

**5/21 Holiday Inn**

**5/28 Holiday Inn**

**6/04 Lake House**





The Club hosted a special visiting Rotarian



from Odessa, Denmark: Erik Mogensen, an entertainment business owner and a Rotarian since 2004. He is in the US on a vacation and came to Muskegon because he was looking for a hotel with a great view, and he found it at the Shoreline Inn.

**President Brianna** and

Erik exchanged club flags.

Other Club guests were announced by **Justin Clark**: Honduras Program's Gay Maria Ray, **Shannan Conrad**, Hannah Kenny, Gail Ringelberg, Amelia VanderVelde, Riley Duff, AJ Ringelberg, Bari Johnson, Rodney Savage, Danielle Woodring, and Megan Malewitz; MAISG's Chris Glass (**John Severson**); Read Muskegon's Sarah Klassen (**Melissa Moore**); Muskegon Family Care's Laura Wagner (**Gwen Williams**); Covenant Community Church Pastor Mark Bush (**Dan Hartmann**); L3 Communication's Brian Strobel (**Bob Scolnik**); Ellucian's Ben Pinsky (**Mike Alstrom**); MCC Rotaractor Morgan Schwing; Life Leadership conferees Diana McMahon (**Randy Lindquist**), Nate Jones (**Rob Bridges**), and Antonio Flores (**Bob Szymoniak**).

## Committee Reports

Morgan Schwing, right, president of the Muskegon Community College Rotaract Club, reported on activities on behalf of the clubs chosen charity,"



Children's literacy in Guatemala." They will be holding a car wash this Saturday behind the Walgreens at Quarterline and Apple. All profits from this activity will go to purchase books for the students in Guatemala.

A New Member Orientation will be held at 8am, this Wednesday, May 6, at the Shoreline Inn. Please encourage any prospective Rotarians to attend.

Again this Wednesday, May 6, from 6 to 9pm, there will be a "party at the MARC" to select beer for "Parties in the Park." Rotary's party is Friday, June 12.

**President Brianna** (on right next to



**Tamara Collier**, talking with local residents) gave a shout out to Wednesday evening's "Cops and Community" roundtable, presented by the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Brianna was pleased with the turnout and the positive influence the meeting had on the community. She also was delighted with the event's media coverage.



**Secretary Pam Babbitt**, left, announced a new "10 Brave Rotarians" contest – its topic will be announced this week.

The new contestants are: **Rob Murphy**,

**Jon Felske or Gene Fethke, Mort Kantor, Mark Meyers, Randy Lindquist, Annoesjka Steinman, Darlene Collet, Orville Crain, Garry Olson, and Doug Wood.**

## Last Week's Raffle Winners

**\$5.00 Gary Nelund**

**\$10.00 Mike Alstrom**

**\$20.00 Erik Mogensen – Visitor**



Last week's meeting was so well attended we had to open up room dividers for access into an adjoining banquet room.

## DON'T FORGET: WE MEET THIS WEEK AT THE LAKE HOUSE WATERFRONT GRILLE

**Kris Collee** pointed out a great article in the current *Rotarian* magazine (link below). Its general theme:

"In a land of abundance, how can a child go hungry? We examined some of the numbers to deconstruct the issue." Kids' Food Basket, Kris's organization, is a local affiliate of the Share Our Strength/No Kid Hungry partnership.



<http://therotarianmagazine.com/the-rotarian-conversation-jeff-bridges-billy-shore/>

## Deep Water Port Talk

Muskegon County has the only deep water port on the west side of Michigan. Earlier this week, we had Mark Eisenbarth (right), Muskegon County Administrator, **Erin**



**Kuhn**, Executive Director for **West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC)**, myself and Les Brand (left) CEO of **Supply Chain Solutions** presented to the State House Commerce and Trade Committee per my invitation to let them know that Muskegon's Port is open for business!!! We can be the gateway for many products and for agriculture West and East – **Holly Hughes**