

# Muskegon Rotary Re-Wine Notes

February 23, 2017

Attendance: Mary Anne Gorman, Corey Watson, Papa N'Jai, John Noling, Kaytie Ely (Rotaract liaison)

Meeting started at 5:20 pm at the Muskegon Holiday Inn with recitation of the Four Way Test

- \* John summarized the highlights of the noon meeting:
- \* Christine Robere and Jodi Nichols presented on the United Way ALICE (Asset Limited and Income Constrained, Employed) initiative using some interactive exercises illustrating economic vulnerabilities of lower wage workers when confronted with emergency expenses e.g. medical, car and home repairs, etc. Nichols Paper has offered a \$25K challenge grant during the month of March to raise dollars specifically to support the ALICE initiative.
- \* Baker College's ROTARACT club again announced their fundraiser to be held at The Station on March 12th from 11 to 4 pm. Kaytie and Corey are promoting the event tonight on the radio.
- \* John also shared that he had thanked members at the noon meeting for their support of the Chili Cookoff and noted that \$5458 was raised at the event. Also that Pam Babbitt is donating an additional \$2k that will go to the El Salvador trip supplies.
- \* John gave a shout-out to the ReWine group as key to support of the student trips to El Salvador and Honduras.

New Business:

- \* John asked that we consider an end of the year party or gathering to celebrate the work of the Rotaract and Interact student clubs. We discussed options for scheduling and venue. The group felt that we should ask the Diversity and Inclusion committee if we could issue a special invite to Rotaract and Interact clubs to attend and be recognized at their May event. It would be another way of fostering social relationships between Rotarians and these young leaders as well as giving them the opportunity to participate in and support our D and I work. Corey will follow up with Brianna.
- \* Plans are coming together for Rotaract and Interact students to attend the RI Peace Conference next month in Ann Arbor. John is working on that with the club liaisons.
- \* Informal discussion and interest expressed about future potential for trip to Sierra Leone due to Papa N'Jai's connection with his home country.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Submitted by: M. A. Gorman