

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?

## (12/7) "Atlanta Convention Report" Conventioneers

This is it: the absolute edge of no return: to turn back now and make home or sail irrevocably on and either find land or plunge over the world's roaring rim" - William Faulkner

#### MEETER / GREETER

**Bob Chapla** 



**INVOCATOR - REFLECTOR** 

Al Kochka

#### THIS WEEK'S MENU

French Onion Chicken; salad bar w/ 6 toppings, 3 dressings; mashed potatoes; broccoli; desserts

## STUDENT GUESTS

#### Montague Wildcats NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Mary Anne Gorman	Dec 8
Kathy Moore	Dec 9
Meredith Smillie	Dec 9
Jay Wallace, Jr	Dec 9
Josh Wallace	Dec 12
Melissa Moore	Dec 13
FUTURE PROGRAMS / EVENTS	

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12/14 MHS Champion Football Team Meet at Lake House Waterfront Grille
12/21 Christmas Program
12/28 HOLIDAY BREAK (no meeting)

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Orchard View Rotary Interact Club members will be "in the house" December 7 to update us and receive their first-ever Rotary Presidential Citation for club achievement last year. They recently voted to expand their board's effectiveness by electing four new at-large members. Above is the great new team that will lead their club this year to even more successes.

Saturday, Past President Brianna Scott was honored at the 2017 Beat Awards as Muskegon's Most Sophisticated Lady! "I am so grateful for the acknowledgement and thank all who voted for me, my husband Stan Bishop for his support, and D'Erika Nichols-Lewis for the nomination!



ON PAGE 2, READ ABOUT... ROTARY'S OFFICIAL DUES POLICY QUARTERLY DUES LEAVE OF ABSENCE RESIGNATION FROM THE CLUB



Football Player of the Year, carried the ball 32 times leading MHS to the Division 3 state football championship. Have an *MLive* peek: <u>https://youtu.be/L5HrQ8bAVsU</u> MHS Football will be our program Dec 14.

Orchard View Interact Club Board members, from left, are Jayden Day, Vice President; Riley Tuttle, President; Hyatt; Kloey TenBrink; AJ Herrera; Arica Rusco; Hannah Pavlich, Treasurer; Allison Toney, Secretary. Congratulations to OV on improving their governance and earning this well-deserved recognition from Rl.

Booyahs! to the

## POLICY EXPLANATION

I have had several questions recently about our policy regarding dues, leave of absence, and resignation from Rotary. I have prepared a brief statement, below, to be sent to members and to include in the RIM.

"The Muskegon Rotary Club has an official Dues Policy, adopted by the Board of Trustees, and it describes our quarterly dues, the procedure regarding a leave of absence, and the process of resigning from Rotary if that is needed. The policy also contains a form that is to be used for paying dues by credit card. The Dues Policy is included on our Club website –

www.muskegonrotary.org or http://muskegonrotary.org/wpcontent/uploads/2014/06/Rotary-Dues-Collection-Policy.pdf and is available from the Club Secretary.

"It is important to notify the membership chairman and the club secretary when a resignation is necessary. The club secretary maintains the RI active member list and that is used for dues billing and for our club member dues to the District and Rotary International."

Club Secretary Nancy Crandall

## Season Pass Pins

The Salvation Army of Muskegon County is introducing an easy, guilt-free way to bypass red kettles and still boost Christmas



The Season Pass Pin, left, is a great alternative to digging for change every time

donations.

you pass by a Salvation Army Red Kettle – offering a convenient, no-hassle way to support The Army's Holiday Campaign. Season Pass Pins come in three denominations: \$20.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00, and are available from **Robin Henshaw Hard**, above. This is a wonderful and convenient way to show support for our Muskegon Community.

## Thankful for You



Rotaract of Baker College of Muskegon thanks you for your continued support. We genuinely appreciate everything you do!

## Help us raise \$10,000

Give thanks this holiday season by donating to the link below to help Rotaract of Baker College of Muskegon raise \$10,000 for Muskegon Rescue Mission

#### Donate Now

If you donate through GoFundMe, it will ask you for credit card information. If you don't want to use GoFundMe, we accept cash or check (made payable to Baker College Rotaract Club).

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# ROTARY REWINE

#### Muskegon Holiday Inn Thursdays 5:15 – 6:30pm Meeting Minutes 11-16-17:

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## Help Rescue Mission w/ your cans and bottles



Above, from left, **John Noling, Jane Mountain**, and students Tess Gerczak and Amanda Rupert with collection bag #1 of returnables.

## **BakerProud**<sup>®</sup>

Our Rotaract club is also helping support the Muskegon Rescue Mission with a can and bottle drive. One way you can help is by donating your empty returnables. Bring them to a Rotary luncheon or you may call - John Noling 231-670-3740 or Linda Meyers 231-740-2460– for pick-up.

When: Campaign is now through January 11, 2018 Thanks!! From the Rescue Mission

## **Snowbird Flight Plans**

Heard recently from **Tom Powers** who reports that next year's Powers' Plans begin with much of early 2018 (January-May) in South Carolina, *if* he and Cathy feel healthy enough. Cathy recently underwent serious back surgery, and Tom is scheduled for heart surgery on December 8. Our thoughts and prayers go with them until their planned return in May.

## Last Week's Program



## By David Manley









RED BOOT

COALITION



#### RED BOOTS. STRONG COFFEE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Step Five: I approach those I meet with positive intent and likewise assume they come to me with positive intent. I am open.

Step Six: I am more peaceful and centered when I take time every day to be in stillness. I am grounded.

Step Seven: I humbly put aside my own agenda and listen with my whole heart before responding. I am present.

Step Eight: I approach my life and those in it with wonder and curiosity. I am curious.

Step Nine: Expressing gratitude is essential to my well-being and the well-being of my community. I am grateful.

## **Rotary Wisdom Series** Additional ideas for

#### The Twenty-Three Way Test SIMPLE FORMULA FOR LIVING

Live beneath your means. Return everything you borrow. Stop blaming other people. Admit it when you make mistake Give clothes not worn to charity Do something nice and try not to get caught. Listen more: talk less. Every day take a 30 min. walk. Strive for excellence, not perfection. Be on time. Don't make excuses. Don't argue. Get organized. Be kind to unkind people. Let someone cut ahead of you in line. Take time to be alone. Cultivate good manners. Be humble. Realize and accept that life isn't fair. Know when to keep your mouth shut. Go an entire day without criticizing anyone. Learn from the past. Plan for the future. Live in the present. Don't sweat the small stuff. It's all small stuff.

## ...living a proper life

## MollyBarker@theredboot way.org

Step Ten: When I practice these steps on a regular basis I gain and experience compassion for myself and others. I am compassionate.

Step Eleven: Living my life as outlined in these eleven steps positively impacts my life and the lives of those around me. I feel a new and joyful responsibility to serve my community. I am engaged

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### **Visiting Rotarians and Guests**

Tess Gerczak and Amanda Rupert (John Noling, Baker Rotaract); Kris and Jim Tyler (Dave Alexander); Jesse Sprout (Connie Sparrow); Frank Marczak (Diana Osborn); and Michelle Kvck (Randy Lindquist).



of idea marketing (More Molly on page 4) Due to popular request, here is Molly's 11 Steps:

## **Red Boot Way 11 Steps**

Step One: I am essential to myself, my family, and my community. I matter.

Step Two: I possess the power to positively influence all those with whom I come into contact. I am empowered.

Step Three: I am wonderfully and imperfectly human, with my own story and experiences. I am transparent.

Step Four: I can choose what and whom I allow to influence my mind, body, and personal environment. I am intentional.

## "Molly" Continuing... Running Girls to Red Boots

As founder of the largest non-profit girls running club in the universe, Molly Barker started her presentation by sharing a story of when she was 14 in the 1970s. She grew up in a "well to do" neighbor-hood in the south. Her mother had recently started running recreationally, which was



uncommon for women in those days, and a strange sight for neighbors. The funny thing was, even though her

Mike Youngdahl and Molly

mother looked sort of ridiculous dressed up running with her make-up and fancy hairdo, after some time Molly noticed her mother showing significant changes and improvements in attitude and behavior. This created a strong curiosity which eventually led to Molly joining her mother on some of those runs, forming a deeper bond with her mother and increasing her personal image of freedom.

In the following years during adolescent experiences known to all teenagers, running became a confidence-booster even as it competed with culturalism

and various high school pressures. Unfortunately, running wasn't enough to counter all the struggles of social adversities and relationships that ultimately lead Molly down a 20-year path of good times, bad times and scary addictions. Then came July 7, 1993, when she remembered her mother's earlier running experience and what she felt back then when she would run with her. From that day forward, running became a life-changing routine that helped her transcend all labels and stereotypes. She was able to better define her own identity – a tremendous turning point.

Three years later, "Girls on the Run" was born to Molly and later the world. Fast forward 17 years, after helping countless girls find joy and confidence similar to hers, Molly decided it was time to "retire" from the organization she loved and founded, even though she had no idea what she was going to do. But not long after, in 2013, she was approached by an official from Washington, DC to recruit her to serve on a political board created to improve relations among political figures. Besides being stunned by the inquiry, she couldn't think of a good reason not to join up, so she moved to Washington for two years to serve with this group. At one point when asked, "What do you think is the problem?", her response came from the heart. "We all are."

After finishing her term in 2016, she found herself in another dark night of soul experience. It

became clear that the polarization of our country was at an all-time high and she felt she just needed some perspective, so she rented a Mustang convertible and hit the road. She wanted to find out for herself what was wrong with America and she wanted to hear the stories firsthand from other perspectives. To her surprise, she found common threads in the struggle between joy and justice along with the importance of making room for "looking for the good" in others and the world-at-large.

On this journey at 57 years of age, Molly had her first conversations with others about racism, white privilege, and the disbelief of America now. Her experiences became imprinted in her brain and henceforth came The Red Boot Coalition, a way of life that practices intentional communication to bring joy and compassion to the hearts of individual Americans.

If you would like to contact Molly Barker and learn more about her newest venture and big idea to help reduce the gaps of miscommunication and separation, please visit <u>www.theredbootway.org</u> or <u>mollybarker@theredbootway.org</u> and plug into her social media platforms.

# Welcome to **The Red Boot Way!**

Our mission is to create compassionate communities by teaching a practice of intentional communication where selfawareness, connections, and trust grow.

## Old Newsies see lots of Muskegon's best

#### **By Bill Loxterman**

I am blessed and fortunate to live in Greater Muskegon, where folks are generous in their



support of good causes. The Muskegon Old Newsie volunteers sell a special edition of the Muskegon Chronicle on the first Saturday in December and have done so for 81 years. Sales Day contributions go to

the Goodfellows organization to help ensure that no child here is forgotten at Christmas. I know people whose families benefitted from this initiative and who are grateful for the help they received in their time of need.

Above is the Lox, in full Old Newsy Sales Day regalia. The colorful, safety-wise apron was once worn by the legendary Rollie Achterhoff, whose commitment and dedication to the Old Newsies, along with his sons Tim and Dan, spanned decades. Merry Christmas!

#### News/Announcements -

President-Elect Kathy Moore took the lead while filling in for President Cathy Brubaker-Clarke last week.

**Dave Alexander** introduced our visiting Muskegon Catholic Central students (Jacob Martinez and Stella Tyler) and counselor Brittany DeWitt.

Red Star Removals - Jim Fisher was pleased to remove a red star from Muskegon Heights Mayor Kimberly Sims. Eugene Fethke removed Myrna Olsen's. Brianna Scott removed Justin Jennings's, and Darlene Colette on behalf of Kevin Donovan removed Claire Benson's. Congrats to these members for getting involved and making a difference.





Above clockwise, Kimberly Sims, Myrna Olsen, Claire Benson, Brianna Scott, and Justin Jennings.



**Pam Babbitt**, assisted by **Andrew Cutler**, above, sadly had to eliminate **Ed Hendrickson** from the friendly 10 Brave Rotarians drawing. All participants were reminded to pay their \$100 asap.