

Rotaractor of the Month

March 2017

Rosemary Ruiz is a third year member of the Rotaract Club of Baker College of Muskegon. She is majoring in Criminal Justice and Corrections and, since joining the club, Rosemary has participated in a large variety



of volunteer opportunities. During March, Rosemary volunteered at Kids' Food Basket, the **Boys and Girls** Club and also at our Build Your Burger event, making posters for the

fundraiser. All of

her hard work contributed to her becoming our Rotaractor of the Month for March. When Rosemary is not volunteering with the Rotaract Club, she enjoys spending time with her adorable puppy Charlie!

We are very excited to have her as a returning club member. Thank you for all your hard work, Rosemary!

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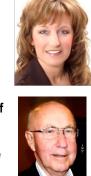
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Let's Face It Time's Runnin' Short

Careful readers of this 11-point type item more so than casual readers - will recall our recent plea to bring your ClubRunner profile up-to-date (ie, fill in all the blanks correctly) before July, and make sure your facial photo makes you happy (if not, you have some 9-10 weeks to change it).

We've received a number of new pics already, and will now share a few with you.

















Two-Hour Fun Shifts

Send pics to Bill Johanson



















These are "face only" photos that make recognizing members easier.

Hear Ye, Hear Me: To ensure that your brief news / announcements get in our newsletter, submit them in writing to one of RIM's awardwinning staffers by Thursday noon for the following week.

Bike Time Back Downtown

Non Chronicle readers, reading this, are now learning that, after two years in Fruitport Twp, Bike Time is moving back to downtown Muskegon, July 13-16. Spokesman Tim "Heavy Metal Thunder" Lipan said that the 11th annual bike rally will be held largely at the Hot Rod Harley Davidson dealer, and he looks feverishly forward to telling us more at Club.



ONLY A WEEK AWAY

Rotary Night Out

Muskegon Civic Theatre's upcoming production of "Mary Poppins" just got a little more exciting thanks to Bob Scolnik, alias Admiral Boom. Newer



Rotarians may not know about Bob's legendary Rotary Night Outs, but one's coming up in coordin-

ation with the show. Briefly, it's dinner "on your own" at the Holiday Inn just before the Saturday night (May 6) performance. Friends and "to be" friends will be there; Bob in gay

repartee (from his Vaudeville days); and typically a menu special or two. So you know, none of the above quick



announcement has Bob's approval so you must contact him for verification, praise taking on the Boom character at his age, and to reserve your spot. That's May 6, 6-ish, come in Mary-like gay apparel (old Easter Parade dress standard), fa-la-la-la, la-la-la-laaaa.

<u>NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS –</u> <u>PRESIDENT</u>

- President-Elect Cathy Brubaker-Clarke took over the gavel while President Josh was out of town.
- Muskegon Rotary's Care Committee sent a get-well card to District Governor-Elect Ed Swart for his back surgery. He was thankful for the thought.
- Something special from Cathy: check out in May's *The Rotarian* "Your Health Is at Risk." Jonathan Patz explores the link you didn't know existed between climate change and disease.
- New RIM Reporter Ammy Johnson was introduced (in fact, you are reading her words, as we speak).

<u>NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS –</u> <u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS,</u> GUESTS



Recent retiree **Susan Holkeboer**, above left, was introduced by sponsor **Orville Crain** on Thursday and inducted into membership by **President-Nominee Cathy**.

ROTARY CLU'S

With Red Star Removal finally completed for **Dakota Crow**, above left, after a record-setting two+ years in limbo, sponsor **Darlene Collet** (rhymes with Chevrolet) didn't know whether to cry or scream with joy. A hammer and chisel got the well-crusted star off Dakota's badge, and all seemed right in the Rotary World again.

Bob Scolnik – Rotary Night Out – Saturday, May 6 – 6pm dinner at the Holiday Inn; 7:30pm "Mary Poppins" show at the Frauenthal. More at the top of this page.

MCC Rotaract – Volleyball game last weekend was a success, according to Club President Braxton Gerdes, and raised money to help end polio. When it was mentioned the goal was only \$10 short, a \$10 bill came floating up from the audience.

Dave Alexander

must be quite the athlete, having played volleyball during the fundraiser, as proven on this RIM's front page photo with everyone's name listed but Dave's. So we're printing a "Sorry, Dave" retraction early



here and offering him a spot on the RIM reporting team, that is, if he can claim any active journalism skills.



Grape Escape – October 4. Julia Koch, left, and Ginny Sprague are looking for GE Silent Auction items. Please contact them with goods, services or donations..

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Matt VanderVekle (**Doug Wood**); Ken Johnson (**Orville Crain**); K Coby and 9 AmeriCorps NCCC members (**CLUB**); Annie Rupert (**Bob Rupert**); Braxton Gerdes (**John Noling**); Robert Silvernail (**Andrea Fearnley**); Jamie Carey (**Rob Huisingh**); and Jane Shapka (**Zabrina Santiago**). Holton High School students visited the Club last week.

Notice Beginning this week and continuing until Thanksgiving, we will meet Thursday noons at the Lake House Waterfront Grill. Last Week's Program Blight Elimination in Muskegon County Speakers: Muskegon County Land Bank and Oak 6 AmeriCorps NCCC Class XXIII

Kristina Coby (Pgm Stage Setter) Jessica Koslawski (Team Leader) Jake Moore (Core Member) Tim Burgess, Land Bank Director Muskegon County 173 E. Apple Ave, Suite 104, 231.724.3468 By RIM Reporter Ammy Johnson

Nine AmeriCorps NCCC members are volunteering in Muskegon County focusing on Land Bank issues.



"AmeriCorps NCCC members are assigned to one of five regional campuses," United Way Community Engagement Director and former Rotarian Kristina Coby told us.

AmeriCorps' focus is to strengthen communities and develop leadership skills on diverse teams. Members serve full-time for 10 months to address community needs and respond to disasters.



Tim Burgess (above with Team Leader Jessica Koslawski), Land



The United Way of the Lakeshore's Volunteer Center is excited to welcome the Maple 6 Team of the National Civilian Community Corps to Muskegon; they will be serving in Muskegon County from May 2 to June 30. This NCCC team of 11 from the North Central Region campus of Vinton, Iowa is spending the first month getting ready for the summer youth service program, preparing service

Bank Director of Muskegon County and former Rotarian, heads up the Land Bank Authority that was formed in 2007 to transform vacant, tax delinquent and abandoned properties for the benefit of the surrounding propertied, to improve the community, stabilize the area, give low income families the opportunity to be home owners and return the property to the tax rolls. AmeriCorps focused on Home Assessment, interior clean out, yard cleanup and boarding up houses to keep secure for future purchase. The AmeriCorps would like to grow this pilot program to 20 members to help future Land Bank projects. A goal is to create a training program, home assessment and material check list for future Core Members. Tim Burgess said there was a grant applied for to help reduce blight in our community and Land Bank

projects to conduct for youth. participating in programming with the City of Muskegon Parks and Recreation Department. The NCCC team is also working with youth at the Boys and Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore during the 2016 season, and youth from the DTE Energy Summer Youth Employment program in conjunction with Michigan Works! and the United Way. - NCCC Website



Core Member Jake Moore at his screen

funds will be used to eliminate this growing problem.

AmeriCorps also focused on invasive species, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, which is threating local Hemlock population, and Youth Day of Caring.

