

## "Service Above Self"

# Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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## Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) - District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916 April 6, 2017 12:00-1:15pm

Muskegon Harbor Holiday Inn

Satellite ReWine Club 5:15-6:30pm 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?



## ie Hope Project

"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**

Erin Kuhn

#### **INVOCATOR - REFLECTOR**

Alan Alpert

### THIS WEEK'S MENU

Beef Stroganoff; salad bar w/ 3 dressings, 6 toppings; bread/butter; vegetable; assorted desserts

#### **STUDENT GUESTS**

No students; Spring Break?

#### **NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS**

Dave Alexander Apr 6 Orville Crain Apr 6 Jamie Hekker Apr 8 J Griffith Apr 10 Eric Seifert Apr 11

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS / EVENTS**

04/13 Congressman Bill Huizenga 04/20 Blight Control 04/27 Peake Performance 10/04 Grape Escape

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## Muskegon Holiday Inn Thursdays 5:15 - 6:30pm Click below for 3/23 mtg notes

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Rather unusual, is it not... a picture snapped at Pere Marquette Beach in March with a tacking sailboat and it's positioned just right. RIM magic? Perhaps. But the boat's a fitting prop since our subject, Michigan State Rep and Muskegon Rotarian Holly Hughes, was recently honored as 2017 Representative of the Year by the Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association.

which counts hundreds of tourist-based organizations in the state as members. Congratulations, Holly.



## This Week On Stage

The Hope Project's Mission is to raise awareness of human trafficking and to bring restoration and healing from its effects. Its Vision is to continually improve and expand its rehabilitative programs so every trafficked child has access to appropriate aftercare services.

# WINDING UP EL SALVADOR Here are a couple more interesting notes from our workers in El Salvador:

El Salvador - Tues, 3/29/17 Received 12:45am Wed

## From Brooke Aumand, Senior, Fall Mountain, New Hampshire

I never thought I would have the opportunity to travel to El Salvador with the Rotary Interact club at my school. But this year I was lucky enough to be able to go. So far I have experienced so many things that have opened my eyes to how lucky I am and the life I live, compared to the people of Talnique.

All of these experiences have been emotional and life changing, but it is really nice to know that I am helping change the lives of people who really need it.

Today we were not able to work because of the bees, so we went into the town of Talnique and were given the chance to do some exploring. In the center there was a small playground area where the kids in Talnique can go to play. It was so awesome to see how happy they were when we were able to play with them there.

The children are absolutely wonderful in general. They make our workdays even more enjoyable and fun and keep a smile on our faces.

After Talnique, we headed to the beach and spent most of the day at a resort. It was an absolutely beautiful resort with such kind workers welcoming us all. The Pacific water was warm, the waves were huge, and the view was breathtaking. I could not have asked for a better day with many new friends.

I am sad that it is all coming to an end so quickly, but I am ready to go home and share what I have done and learned with my friends and family. I hope to be able to come back in the following years to come as a chaperone with my school.

This has been an absolutely life changing and beautiful experience that I am extremely thankful for.

#### ~Brooke



Connie's note: This is a view of the worksite when they arrived. The local men prepared the house foundations, which are terraced, and set the poles in place. Further down the hill you can see two more houses to be built with poles in.

#### From Group Leader Doug Mealey:

I do hope that by now you have a good feeling for what the students are going through and how their view of life is hanging. Tomorrow will be emotional for many, as it is our last day to work.

We have eight homes with walls up, and roofs should be on within the next two days. Floors will have to be finished by the locals, but they have three more homes than what we planned on working on. This means that when the rains come, three families will at least be under cover and can work on their floors soon.

Tonight we had a pizza party. You can't begin to imagine how quickly we went through 21 large pizzas from Pizza Hut--we don't even have the aroma to sniff. You would think they had never had pizza before.

#### ~Doug

## From Group Leader Connie Mealey on Wednesday, March 29:

Most likely everyone will be up Thursday at 3:00am to catch the bus to the airport. The Michigan 51 are due to depart San Salvador at 6:40am (their time) to Houston. Most of the others in the group not going to Michigan will be flying out of the airport at 8:00am.

As you know, today they will have their last day at Talnique. Also I would suspect the donations which were brought down will be given out. Tonight they will have a dress-up farewell dinner which is usually very meaningful. There may or >>>

>>> may not be one last email coming about today's experiences, due to tonight's event and packing to get up at 3am. If not, I hope you, dear readers, enjoyed "your" trip.

#### ~Connie



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#### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

## The RI Foundation

Engine for the "Vision to See, Faith to Believe, and Courage to Act"

Speaker: PDG Al Bonney

RIM Scribe: Lisa Hegenbart



Al Bonney, left, is our District's Rotary Foundation Committee Chair. He joined Rotary in 1996 and was club president of Traverse City Rotary in 2008-2009. His brother, father and grandfather were also active Rotarians.

He began by sharing with the Club a video on

the upcoming Rotary Foundation Centennial Gala to be held May 5 at Crystal Mountain Resort. The Rotary Foundation was founded in 1917 with a contribution of \$26. Since then, the Foundation has raised and spent more than \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects world-wide. With a focus on the eradication of polio, the Rotary Foundation reports that in 1988 the number of polio cases was 350,000 and last year only 35. It is the amazing work of all 35,000 Rotary clubs around the world that made this a reality.



Al shared a video on the history of the Rotary Foundation, which is the engine behind the works of each club.



The Rotary Foundation is a not-forprofit corporation funded solely by voluntary contributions from members and friends of Rotary who support its mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. The ratings of Charity Navigator provide clear, objective, and reliable

assessments of both the financial health and accountability & transparency of charities. Charity Navigator has awarded the Rotary Foundation with a 4 star rating (which is its highest award you can receive) for each of the last nine years.

Annual Fund is the primary funding source for Foundation activities, and every Rotarian is encouraged to make a personal gift of at least \$100 to the fund every year. "Every Rotarian Every Year." Contributions received by the Foundation are divided up between the World Fund and the District Designated Fund. There are many ways for clubs to utilize matching funds to make a good project, a great project!

Why, then, should I donate to The Rotary Foundation? Your donation, often matched by the District if not also the Foundation, makes a big difference to those who need our help most. More than 90 percent of donations go directly to supporting our service projects locally and around the world. For more, click:

http://ridistrict6290.org/SitePage/the-rotary-foundation

First things last: At the beginning of his presentation, below, PDG Bonney awarded Paul Harris Fellowships to **Nancy Crandall** (her duplicate) and Kevin **Donovan**. Better known as the Club's Finemeister, Donovan does have a saving grace or two (he's not just a pretty Irish face), to wit:



MAISD School Board, President

Nancy K & Sherman R Poppen Programs Inc Board of Directors, President

Hume Home of Muskegon
Board of Directors, President
Michigan Irish Music Festival
Board, VPresident / Site Director
Muskegon Irish American
Society Board, President

Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame

Muskegon Public Schools, Board Member 2000 - 2011

# NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRESIDENT ET AL.

We had a Red Star removal ceremony for,



above from left, **Chad Lawie**, sponsor **Cathy Brubaker-Clarke**, sponsor **Pam Harris** and **Kyle Harris**. Fun people, these.

**Susan Crain** joined the Green Apple Club.

Thirty-two Brave NCAA Rotarians have been whittled down to four: **Diane Van Epps** (South Carolina); **Don Crandall** (Gonzaga); **Josh Silvis** (Oregon); and **John Severson** (North Carolina). The winner this weekend will receive a Paul Harris Fellowship and another will be drawn from those who lost earlier in March Madness.

The Muskegon Community College Rotaract Club invited members to participate in the upcoming volleyball fundraiser. See Rotaract President Braxton Gerdes. The event is April 29, 12-3:30 at Lakeshore Fitness Center. Get your 12person teams together. Donations, no fees.



Above, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette visited our Club last week and spent a few moments just saying "hi" and pouring coffee.

**Dave Alexander** of the Program Committee shared that the schedule of speakers changed a bit and that Congressman Bill Huizenga will be with

the Club at our April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

District Conference "We Are the Change" will be held at Crystal Mountain Resort, May 4-6. The Rotary Foundation Centennial

Gala will be May 5 at 7pm with magician Ben Whiting. A silent and live auction will be included.

Brianna Scott shared about the Community Mixer in collaboration with Muskegon Heights on May 25 at Mona Lake Park. Last year there were over 600 people in attendance and they believe that even more will join the fun and excitement for this year's event.



Apologies to new member **Dave Manley** for misspelling his name last issue. Consequently, anyone interested in filling our vacant proofreader position may apply asap.

## Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Envoys Ed and Theresa Hoskins

(Dan Sawka): Rachel Stewart and Jodi Kittle (Cindy Larsen); Braxton Gerdes (Phil Friedrick); Joe Nyblade (Zabrina Santiago); Susan Holkeboer (Orville Crain): Jeanette Hoyer (**Diana** Osborn); Jonathan Stepanski (Jason Piasecki); AG Bill Schuette, Carter Buny, and Hon. Raymond Koztrzewa (Joe Bush); and Gloria White-

Gardner (Bob Scolnik).

Muskegon Catholic Central Crusaders were our student guests.

#### **RIM Reader Service**

# Summary: Police tips for those getting pulled over

Members of the Muskegon criminal justice system took part in a March 20th Muskegon Community College panel that discussed what to do when being pulled over by a police officer. Muskegon County Assistant Public Defender Charles Ayres, Muskegon Director of Public Safety **Jeffrey Lewis**, and Muskegon Heights Sergeant Marvin Petty were panel members led by MCC professor Nicholas Budimir on how to handle traffic stops.

#### (Austin Denean | MLive.com)

#### Be prepared

For a driver, being <u>un</u>prepared means not being able to locate his/her proof of insurance or registration upon the officer's request. Because many drivers are nervous during a traffic stop, this leads to tension and frustration being created that could be avoided. Plan ahead.

#### Be calm

Both police officials gave examples of stops that went from a simple parking ticket to a felony charge due to the citizen's inability to remain calm, escalating the situation and creating more problems than initially existed.

#### Be courteous

While there are cases where officers can be out of line or speak unpleasantly, the panelists pointed to plenty of instances where a bad situation could be avoided by speaking in a respectful way.

#### Comply now, complain later

Lewis said it is important to comply with what the officer requests, like producing a driver's license or stepping out of the vehicle, and then address complaints once the situation has calmed down.

#### **Know your rights**

It is important to know what rights exist for the person being pulled over... people are not required to answer incriminating questions; in such an instance, it is important to tell the police officers that they would like to speak with an attorney before questioning moves forward.

RIM Addendum: The above summarizes a recent article by MLive writer Austin Denean in The Muskegon Chronicle. In addition to the tips presented, from personal experience we'd also like to recommend: 1) don't deny any wrong doing to the officer ("...only seven miles over the speed limit...") especially when the officer's equipment could prove otherwise; and relatedly, 2) don't ever, EVER lie to the officer.