

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? (8/24) "Three Minute Member Presentations"

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

Diana Osborn

INVOCATOR - REFLECTOR

Gary Nelund

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Barbecue Chicken Buffet; garden salad bar; herb roasted redskin potatoes; roasted vegetable; and brownies.

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Judy Hayner	Aug 24
Ammy Seymour	Aug 25
Jon Felske	Aug 26
Gene Fethke	Aug 28
Tasha Oakes	Aug 30

FUTURE PROGRAMS / EVENTS

08/31 Life Leadership Report
09/07 MAISD/ Education
09/14 Food for Health
09/21 District Governor Ed Swart
09/28 Steelcase Wellness Program
10/04 Grape Escape

10/05 Muskegon Co Youth Millage

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In the "Prime" of Life by Bob Scolnik

About a week ago, one of the two bridges in Muskegon County's Veterans Memorial Park was removed so that the restoration work in the lagoons could get under way. Erickson Crane brought in a huge 550-ton crane that lifted the bridge like it was a feather. The bridge was placed on a flatbed trailer and moved to a lot off Whitehall Road where Muskegon Rotary and the Northside Lions clubs began the much-needed bridge restoration.

Wood decking and wood side railings were removed and, after experimenting with wire brushes and grinders, a large sand blaster, a diesel powered air compressor and 2500 pounds of sand were assembled and the volunteers began sandblasting the bridge.

The Northside Lions have done a huge amount of work in the park for years. They



worked with Port City Paint and purchased the recommended, high quality primer and

paint to protect the bridge once the repainting is complete. Muskegon Rotary provided a grant for the project to help cover the cost of materials. New decking and wood railings will finish the project. In a few weeks, the second bridge will receive the same TLC!



Rotarian John Noling blasts sections of rust, getting the metal prepared for primer.

The planned August 17th work bee with the Lions, rained out, is being rescheduled for this next Thursday, August 24, at 5pm.

"Also, anyone who can help paint with them Monday and Tuesday, 9am-12 noon, is welcome," **John Noling** added. "You'll have lots of fun (trust me), as you demonstrate what makes a dedicated Rotarian.

"Sandblasting and priming are done. The finish coat and new planks will be installed in the next two weeks. Then the other bridge will be pulled.

"Rotary contributed \$1,700 for materials already. We can help some more with sweat equity, working alongside the Lions."

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Muskegon Holiday Inn Thursdays 5:15 – 6:30pm



Meeting Notes 8-10-17 From left, clockwise: Braxton Gerdes, Kevin Ricco, Susan Crain, Kaytie Ely, Orville Crain, Asaline Scott, John Noling, Grace Goszkowicz, Papa N'Jai, Esther Ricco, and Ken Johnson. https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/000000 01911/en-ca/files/homepage/rewine-meetingnotes-8-10-17/ReWine-Meeting-Minutes-8-10-2017.pdf

Working the Bridge Crew by John Noling

Weather permitting, we'll be bridge busy this Monday and Tuesday, 9am to 12 noon; Thursday (tentative) 5 to 8pm.

Wear painting attire. Bring old paint brush and rags. Be prepared to meet a real Lion or three.

All Rotarians welcome. Where? Erickson's big equipment lot just west of Rite Aid in North Muskegon. Left at light, second driveway on the right. If lost, call 670-3740.

Silently A-u-c-t-i-o-n means Action

Rotary's 2017 Grape Escape's Silent Auction Committee would appreciate additional Rotarian donations.

Please consider contributions to this, our biggest fundraiser annually. We are looking for anything that strikes your fancy that will, in turn, appeal to the many *Grape Escape* attendees. Our diverse membership should help us provide a tempting array of items for the Silent Auction on October 4.

'It was 20 years ago today,



Sgt Pepper taught the band to play..."

Too bad Pepper didn't book the wedding of Angie and **Gary "Socks" Nelund**. Gary, then, would've fit right in with the band's shenanigans, as he obviously would today.

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Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Nate Broersma (Gary Nelund); Tom Sanooka (David Manley); Emma & Grace Piasecki (Jason Piasecki); Kim Wilson (John Rupert); and Kristy Sweet (John Sytsema). Ed Kaminski was a visiting Montague-Whitehall Rotarian.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rotary bylaws for our Club state that meetings will end at 1:30pm or sooner. Additional networking time now will be given prior to starting the meeting and program.

Two new members, below, were inducted last week: USS Silversides Submarine Museum Executive Director **Wes O'Donnell**, sponsored by **Annoesjka Soler;** and Bethany Christian Services Branch Manager **Meredith Smillie**,



sponsored by Dave Alexander.



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

Ginny Sprague provided an update on *Grape Escape* with a request for Silent Auction Donations. Members can solicit a donation or consider a cash donation that items can be purchased for the Silent Auction. Additionally, donations of Top Shelf Liquor, Beer and Wine are needed for the Backyard Fun Package Raffle.

J Griffith is the new chair of the Public Relations Committee. They are asking, beginning in September on the second meeting of each month, that members bring in their *Rotarian* magazines for the Club to provide our Rotaract and Interact clubs.

Joanie Smith and Dakota Crow shared that our Rotary Exchange Student, Bennie, will be arriving August 29. Some members are going to the airport to meet her if anyone would like to join to give a warm welcome. Dakota and his family will be hosting a Greeting Party at their home on September 2 at 4pm to get to know Bennie

Jeanette Hoyer's name was drawn this week for the Ten Brave Rotarians. She won a treat from Trader Joe's.

Last Week's Program Many Faces of Cuba

Speakers: Nancy and Don Crandall

by RIM Reporter Lisa Hegenbart

As the largest Caribbean island, with over 80 million people, Cuba has seen many changes throughout its history. Although seen sometimes as standing still in time, due to living under US sanctions for over 50 years, Cuba has been tremendously influenced by Russia,



Spain, Africa, France and Jamaica in their architecture,

accommodations, music and much more within their culture.

Cuba boasts of high national performance rankings in education and health care, such as a 99% literacy rate and a life expectancy

rate of 78 years. Additionally, the country



touts no homelessness as 85% of all Cubans own their own homes. Nancy shared that one of her favorite observations was the live and spontaneous music heard at >>





Don and Nancy Crandall, above, came to Club to talk about their "Many Faces of Cuba" cultural visit to Cuba last November. They discussed the history of the country, its current status, and, sights and sounds of the country, all with photos.

>> several stops throughout their travels.

Many Cuban improvements are quite noticeable. In recent years, great Human Rights strides have



been achieved. Cuban infrastructure is improving, and buildings are being updated

updated throughout the country even as the beauty of their historic

architecture remains appreciated. The country's economy is improving and tourism is growing rapidly. Yet, it can't be denied that "most everything in Cuba is old."

With a long history since the late 1400's, there is much to learn from the diverse culture of Cuba. Although having faced revolutions, two Wars of Independence, and embargos to corruption, they are finding ways to improve their country and the lives of those who call Cuba home.

For an interesting read about Cuba, look for the book entitled, "Back Channel to Cuba: The Hidden History of Negotiations between Washington

and Havana." # # #

We are establishing a new committee called the New Member Welcome/Gathering Committee. Heidi and Mary Sytsema are co-chairing and will coordinate bi-monthly gatherings at various Rotarians' homes. When they provide a schedule/ location of gatherings, it'll be found in our most AMAZING RIM newsletter.

Annoesjka Solar Chair of Committees

Fish Boil 35th anniversary! Improving fishing, environment, and educating young people in Muskegon County. A fantastic meal and community tradition. J Noling

