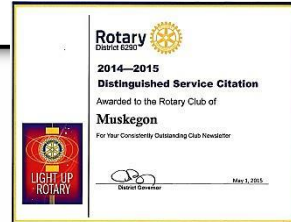




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Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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Muskegon Rotary Club
Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
August 31, 2017 12:00–1:30pm
Lake House Waterfront Grill
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?



(8/31) Life Leadership Conference" John Noling et al!

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 Post

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Apple/Sage stuffed Pork Loin –
with sherry/sage gravy; garden
salad bar; herb roasted redskin
potatoes; green beans; and
cookies/brownies.

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Jon Gale Sep 3
T J Morris Sep 4
John Snider Sep 6



FUTURE PROGRAMS / EVENTS

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
10/12 Mexican Heritage Here
10/19 Atlanta Attendees Update

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Muskegon Rotary

GRAPE ESCAPE

hors d'oeuvres • libations • philanthropy

Wednesday, October 4, 6-9 PM
Frauenthal Center, 425 W Western

PROJECTED INCOME 2017

TICKETS \$15,000/300 www.frauenthal.org Contact: Kathy Betts	as of August 10 \$0.00 (on sale Aug 1)
SPONSORSHIPS \$23,500/47 Contact: Nancy Crandall and Eric Gielow	\$16,000/32
SILENT AUCTION \$10,000/100 items Contact: Ginny Sprague	25 items
TOTAL \$48,500	

Auction Asks Your Help

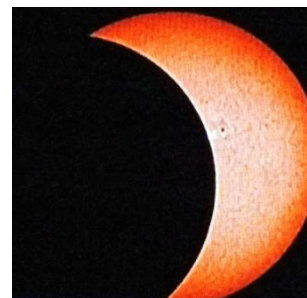
Rotary's 2017 Grape Escape's Silent Auction Committee is seeking additional Rotarian donations. **Please consider contributions to this, our biggest fundraiser annually.** We are looking for anything that strikes your fancy that will, in turn, appeal to Grape Escape attendees. For examples of what's needed, click:

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000001911/en-ca/files/homepage/ge-silent-auction-items-needed/IMG.jpg>

THIS WAS ECLIPSE WEEK



Thanks to borrowed photos here, RIM offers a peek at this amazing event that won't recur for over a half-dozen years.



MORE ECLIPSE ON PAGE 2



SEEN IN MUSKEGON →

As Monday PM's eclipse was happening overhead, Kris Johanson had constructed a cardboard pinhole viewing box to protect husband Bill's eyes from solar UV radiation. The resultant image is



in the little black square, above.



SOME PLACES TOTALLY DARK



Being published as we speak Our 2017-18 Club Directory



Rotary's spankin' new directory is soon in our hands. It's as accurate and complete as members and their ClubRunner profiles have allowed it to be. Many thanks to the team putting it together.

More "Profiles" on page 3

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ROTARY REWINE

Muskegon Holiday Inn

Thursdays 5:15 – 6:30pm

Meeting Notes: 8-17-17.

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Above, proud grandpa **Lee Coggin** with his first grandchild. Her name is Scout Ann (from the book "To Kill a Mockingbird").

Recent resignations

Tom Keenan - Sold house and is traveling for several months, intends to return

Jennifer Bailey - Working mostly in Farmington, can't attend

New Member Get Together

Wednesday, September 13,
5:30 – 7:30pm

Susan & Orville Crain's home
349 Terrace Point Circle, Muskegon

Come...be social...meet committee chairs, other new members;

really, any interested Rotarian

Drinks and snacks provided

RSVP to Heidi Sytsema

at hsytsema@cffmc.org

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

ANNUNCIATION GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH

PILAF DINNER

Authentic Greek Cuisine
Professional Greek Dance Team

11 AM to 5 pm
Continuous Serving

Drive-thru Take-Outs
Available

Greek Lemon Chicken

Greek Pastry Sale
Pre-Sale Tickets \$10.00
At the Door \$12.00

185 E. PONTALUNA ROAD
Muskegon, MI 49444



For details, see George Maniates...
Working Hard with our Hands
(Like Some) Water Under
Troubled Bridges ➡

By John Noling and
Susan Cloutier Crain

Muskegon Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors joined with Muskegon Northside Lions Club members Thursday night to complete the painting part of the Veterans Memorial Park bridge restoration on Thursday night. They also got a great history lesson on our club's involvement over the years and the history of the park's original creation. Muskegon Rotary contributed \$1700 in a community grant that is paying for paint for both park bridges and we are further committed to help the Lions with the second bridge when it comes to sandblasting, priming, and painting. New oak wood decking is on the way for this bridge before totally complete. Then it will be re-installed and the second bridge will be pulled for restoration. Special thanks to **Darlene Collet, Jerry Wiersma, Susan and Orville Crain, Haley Knight, Braxton Gerdes, Blake Jonassen, John Noling, and Annette Smedley** for getting more paint on the bridge than you got on yourselves. Stay tuned for more opportunities to serve in the coming weeks!

For All of Us

UPDATING PROFILES

PLEASE access ClubRunner and update (or fill out) your member profile! This information is used for our annual Membership Directory, to inform the Club when you have a birthday so we can sing to you, and to provide RI necessary contact information for you.

It's easy, just...Go to our Club website:
www.muskegonrotary.org.

Log in with your name and password (directions are there if you don't have a password or if you forgot).

ClubRunner site will come up.

The first column on the left is *My Club Runner*. Click on *Edit My Profile* and enter your information.

The site contains all sorts of good information for you including where you can check on your dues account.

If you need help, please contact any of these folks: **Nancy Crandall, Cathy Brubaker-Clarke, Josh Wallace, and Jason Piasecki.**



Fellowship for Brianna

GINNY SPRAGUE incorporated a little

"Guess-the-Rotarian" into her presentation of a Paul Harris Fellowship to Brianna Scott. Graduating from MSU and Wayne State University Law School, Brianna has worked in the



Muskegon Co Prosecutor's office and handled several kinds of law cases. In 2005, she started her own law practice, has won numerous professional awards, and is active in many Rotary committees and activities, becoming Club President in 2014-2015. She recently married childhood friend Stan Grissom, and is most proud of being a parent to her son Joshua.

Last Week's Program

Three Minute Talks

by RIM Reporter Kathy Moore

Ed Note: It was an interesting and educational program.



Several Rotarians were given the floor for a maximum of three minutes and, really, had lots to say on topics of their choice. We're including only quick summaries of information presented; contact presenters with your questions, comments, etc.

Early on, we decided to open up with *Grape Escape* chairs Marty Gerencer, left, and Diane Van Epps, but ended up deferring the honor to another, certainly not the photo bomber in the otherwise innocent pic above.

Visiting Rotarians and Friends

Antwan Mack (**Jon Wilson**); Delan Hirdes (**Gary Post**); Mayor Steve Gawron (**Frank Peterson**); and Tanya Cooley (**Lisa Grossenbacher**).

NEW ADVENTURES FOR BAKER



An outstanding Rotaract (college-age), club, Baker College members are beginning their good works all over again. Come have a video look at what these students are all about:

<https://www.facebook.com/RotaractBakerCollege/videos/1617603728314715/>

Alrighty then...

NOW TO THE 3-MINUTERS THE PROGRAM

Dave Alexander, executive director of Downtown Muskegon Now, kicked off the program with several updates about recent and upcoming downtown developments, redevelopments and revitalization projects including the convention center, new Farmer's Market partnerships, specialty retail shops and new businesses in the area. See Dave for more details or visit www.downtownmuskegon.org for more information.

Dale Nesbary, president of Muskegon Community College, updated the audience on several of the college projects including the opening of the Science Center on the main campus, the soft opening of the Downtown Center which includes 3D manufacture printing capacity, improvements to the Lakeshore Fitness Center, work in progress on a new 52,000 sq ft Health Center, and an almost complete renovation of the Art & Music Center. **Nesbary** also announced that Muskegon Community College was designated as the #1 community college in Michigan and #5 among all colleges and universities in Michigan.

Don Crandall, chairman of the Muskegon Community College Board of Trustees, invited everyone to come, celebrate and participate in tours at the soft opening of

MCC Downtown Center. **Crandall** thanked **Dale Nesbary** for 9+ years of leadership stability which contributed to the success of the projects and designation mentioned early.

Heidi Sytsema, director of Development for the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, reported that they are accepting grant applications from interested 501c(3) organizations, churches, schools, agencies and governmental units serving the greater Muskegon County area. Letters of interest are encouraged, with full grant applications due by midnight, September 14, 2017. Visit www.cffmc.org/grants for more information. **Heidi** also announced that the Foundation will host its 2nd Annual Season Lunch Party with musical acts, etc....expect more details in the near future. **Sytsema** then noted that the stock market is up and it's a great time to do some giving (in general). Before closing, putting on her Community enCompass Board member hat, Heidi extended invitations to the 6th Annual Taste & See progressive dinner and tour through our downtown neighborhoods event on Monday, September 25th from 5 – 8 PM.

Marty Gerencer, Principal Owner of Morse Marketing Connections LLC, provided an update about the Muskegon Food Hub which launched this spring. **Gerencer** extended thanks to the City of Muskegon for their partnership role through the use of the Muskegon Farmer's Market to connect area schools, restaurants and agencies with locally grown food.

Holly Hughes, State Representative of the 91st District, below, commented that "there is so much going on in our hometown that it



is just mind-boggling." Hughes reported that Muskegon's accomplishments are noticed and recognized across the state, citing the example of Governor Rick Snyder honoring

local leader Larry Hines (nominated by **Hughes**) with the 2017 Lifetime

Humanitarian Award. **Holly** provided updates on several innovative projects that are under way which will bring more potential, economic impact and community benefits to the Muskegon County area.

Nancy McCarthy, chairperson of the Muskegon County Senior Activities Committee, provided an update on the senior millage and related activities. "There was a bit of a slow start", she stated, "but we are making progress." Senior Resources was approved and contracted for grants administration services by the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners. The committee recently recommended approval of the first round of grant awards in the amount of \$300,000. "We are working on getting the RFPs out there for interested parties," **McCarthy** reported. These will be for mini-grants designed to reach seniors in all areas through multiple agencies and a diverse range of activities.

Jeff Lewis, director of Public Safety (police chief) for the City of Muskegon, tackled a sensitive subject of community unrest perpetuated by the string of hate messages left on statues, doors and signs in the M Muskegon area. Chief Lewis stated that "this is a top priority" and he is working with Prosecutor **D.J. Hilson** and the F.B.I. to find and prosecute the violators to the fullest extent possible.

Susan Crain commented that the Community Foundation for Muskegon County hosted three community engagement events called Muskegon Inclusion Community to "continue dialogue about what we can do to be supportive of everyone".

Tim Lipan announced that there is an abundance of Muskegon area activities to partake in, highlighting the Irish Music Festival taking place at Heritage Landing next week. He also mentioned the Lakeshore Jazz Festival, Muskegon Polish Festival, high school football season, and much, much, more.

City of Muskegon Mayor Steve Gawron reported that he and the City of Muskegon joined the national Anti-Defamation League and signed on to a nationwide effort to fight



No Home Here signs and related efforts."

Jonathan Wilson, economic development coordinator for the County and City of Muskegon, provided an update about new and potential activity at the County's wastewater property site which included discussions with a couple of dairy companies and a solar development company.

I John Snider, right, mentioned the late, "irascible" (but also "wonderful guy") **Leigh Stevens**, head of Muskegon Boiler Works. They were friends and long-time Rotarians. During talk these days about the two bridges being refurbished, John wanted it known that these one-time wooden structures were replaced by the metal structures in use now. They were built by Stevens and company over a couple-years period. Muskegon Rotary and others pitched in, too, with funds to cover "transportation" of the bridges from Leigh's foundry, and other costs.

Bill Johanson was last on the docket, announcing that the 2017-18 Club Membership Directory should be ready for distribution at next week's meeting. He issued a friendly plead to all Rotarians, to constantly keep ClubRunner profiles current and complete, including photos.

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NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRESIDENT

President Cathy Brubaker-Clarke shared

hate and extremism in the community. Gawron, left, stated that "we have rallied as a people to fund Hate Has

a "Thank you" note received from **Cindy Larson** expressing appreciation for being recognized and honored as a Paul Harris Fellow. Cathy's "Rotarian Minute" included the cover story highlight of the latest *Rotarian* magazine about Toronto. She reminded us that the 2018 Rotary International Convention will be held in Toronto and encouraged members to register/attend as "it will not be this close again for a long time."

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – COMMITTEES

Jay "Photo Bomber" Wallace, Sr. asked members to sign-up and volunteer for *Grape Escape*, Rotary's big fundraiser event that'll be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2107 at the Frauenthal Center.

Heidi Sytsema announced that she and husband **Marty Sytsema** are the new co-chairs of the New Member Get Together Committee, and the next gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 5:30 PM, at the **Crain's** home.

John Noling reported that 10 local high school students attended the Life Leadership Conference this summer and are looking forward to presenting and discussing their experiences during the program next week. **John Noling** also



asked the membership to help keep the committee member bulletin board, above, up-to-date by reviewing it regularly and notifying him or **David Manley** of changes or corrections needed. John gave a shout out to **Jerry Wiersma** for securing a sandblaster during the bridge restoration project at Veteran's Memorial Park.

And finally...

Orville Crain's received a bottle of wine from Trader Joe's as his name was pulled from the *10 Brave Rotarians* loser's list. He joins wife **Susan Crain**, **Jeanette Hoyer**, and **David Manley**, proving once again that "no good deed ever goes unpunished."