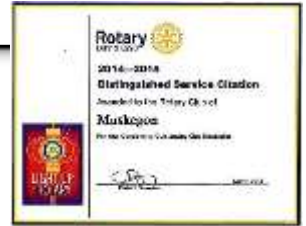
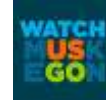




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Club 216 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916

December 17, 2015 12:10pm

Muskegon Harbor 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?



Program: "Holiday Party, Yummy Menu, Seasonal Entertainment"

MEETERS / GREETERS

Bob Chapla

INVOCATION

Jack Briggs

THIS MEETING'S MENU

Almond Crusted Chicken w/boursin sauce; herb roasted zucchini and squash; twice baked potato; and NY cheesecake w/ strawberries

STUDENT GUESTS

Whitehall Vikings

NEXT WEEKS' BIRTHDAYS

Tamera Collier	Dec 17
Sam Joseph	Dec 19
David Hogan	Dec 20
Troy Wasserman	Dec 20
Stevi Riel	Dec 21
Pam Harris	Dec 24
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Wishing Us All a Most Blessed Holiday Season

This Thursday, we gather for the final meeting of the calendar year. By tradition, spouses, significant others or a special friend are invited to join us as guests of the Club. The luncheon's business component will be briefer than usual so that we have more time to enjoy each other and a delicious Holiday Inn plated meal.

And although it's been said many times, many ways, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year to the special people of Muskegon Rotary along with their treasured family members and friends. May we all stay safe and truly blessed in 2016.

What the heck!

Shoot a digital photo of someone far away, then zero in on a small part of the picture and you get something like this: ← lots o' fuzzy pixels. Newsletter pros almost never publish such a shot, and certainly not on the front page *unless* they intend is to break journalistic tradition for fun or because some exotic force

believes that a bubble-faced photo might generate interest. Well, *our* bubble-faced photo is here to showcase **a new structure** in our community that Rotary has paw prints all over, one revealed from the sky, page 2.



**'Round
Rotary's
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This Week on Stage

We're looking forward to seeing old friends and making some new ones while we bask in a lovely holiday setting at the Holiday Inn. And our seasonal entertainment will certainly enhance the holiday spirit.

THE STRUCTURE - CONT'D FROM P.1



"Getting cooler every day!" **Holly Hughes** posted in Facebook. "That's the way Jim Rudicil likes it!!!! LOL... Here's one of the *Grape Escape* funded projects (above). Check out the Muskegon Luge at Muskegon State Park! It's another thing our hometown has that's truly unique. I've tried it out; you should, too. Lots of FUN in Muskegon always. And Muskegon Rotary is helping in so many ways. **Watch Muskegon!** Watch US GO!"

"Thank you, Muskegon Rotary!!" Jim Rudicil added. "Funds raised from our 2014 *Grape Escape* (partnership) paid for the materials needed to build this new deck at the Muskegon Winter Sports Complex Luge Track! The deck you see is the supporting structure for a yurt warming shelter at the luge." Rudicil is director of the Sports Complex; he supplied the deck photo.

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Here's Jim Rudicil accepting a \$10,000 check from Rotary's 2014 *Grape Escape* in October, last year.

Our Newest Members



Martin Asplund Michael Schultz
Big Rotary Hellos to Them

Invite Your Spouse or Special Guest this Thursday (Dec 17)

"Red Stars from Badges - Be Gone!"
 So said Tamera Collier and Roman Marciniak recently and – poof – the stars disappeared.



No Regular Meetings on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve

Pretty New Granddaughter

"What a thrill to be the new grandparents of Greta Audrey Kloss, born on Dec 5 to Stephanie and David



Kloss! We wish her only good health and an energetic life filled with happiness. We know she will be loved and nurtured by two wonderful parents. Welcome to the planet, Greta Audrey Kloss!!"
 - **Jim and Jackie Fisher**

Memo: RIM welcomes readers' comments and criticisms; we may share the former with other readers; the latter, too (yeah right!)



Above, "this was a great night for me, three years ago, at the Muskegon County Bar Association's Annual Barrister's Ball. I received a toast and gift for past service to the association, but I owe thanks to the association and the profession. It's humbling to work in the same field with giants -- including some right here and right now."
 - **Mike Walsh** (12-7-11)

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Last Week's Program

And the Caissons Go Rolling Back Home by Tamera Collier

US Army veteran, community activist and fellow Rotarian **Bob Scolnik** (below) became involved with the restoration —→ of the Veterans Memorial Park's two WWI



"field gun" cannons while serving on the Muskegon County Commission's Veteran's Advisory Committee, which oversees the park.

The park was built as a memorial to WWI veterans and the host to two WWI cannons. After much encouragement from VA advocate Lupe Alviar, Bob took the lead on the cannons' restoration. Dan Norris from Restor-It-All agreed to a cosmetic restoration. A fundraising campaign was launched. There were 208 donors and about \$21,000 was raised.

Moving the cannons to the Restor-It-All was a real challenge. Steve Jackson and Gary Merkey from Jackson-Merkey moved the cannons over the Rotary pedestrian bridge. Steve Erickson, of Erickson Crane and Heavy Lift, moved the cannons from the park location to Restore-it-All. >>>



>>> More about the cannons: these large artillery pieces are a Model 1906 4.7 inch Field Gun, capable of firing a 60-pound projectile 4.7 inches in diameter at a speed of 1,700 feet per second out to a range of about 7 miles. This gun was used at the begin-



ning of WWI. The gun weighed 9800 pounds requiring an eight horse team to pull it. The guns are relatively rare as only about 200 were produced. Most of the cannons were donated by the US Army to American Legion Posts and possibly to our Veterans Memorial park.

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Secretary Pam Babbitt presents her great grand-daughter, Brooklyn, only a couple of days old.

NEWS / ANNOUNCE- MENTS – PRESIDENT

President – Elect Josh Wallace reminded everyone who played the Every Rotarian Every Year Monopoly Game to please get your \$100

dollars to **Pam Babbitt** within the fortnight.

CLUB AWARDS FELLOWSHIP

Chris Burnaw, below right, was introduced by **Linda Juarez** as our newest Paul Harris Fellow, her award earned after numerous acts of community and Club service.

Chris was born into service as her father was once a Rotary district governor in Georgia. She has been part of the Greater Muskegon Area in many ways serving on the Greater Muskegon Service League, Mona Shores Board of Education, the United Way Lakeshore, the Seaway Run, One in 21 Initiative, as a talented and veteran RIM correspondent, and many other organizations.

Linda, below left, mentioned that Chris never says "NO" and it shows by her commitment and dedication to so many projects. Show your support of Chris by congratulating her and supporting her to someday say "maybe."



NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – COMMITTEE MEMBERS, GUESTS

The **Baker College Rotaract Club**, right, would like to thank everyone who helped make the fall fundraiser such a success by purchasing popcorn and goodies. The Club was able to raise more than \$1,000! **Lee Coggin** will deliver the purchases to everyone at a future Rotary meeting.

Tom Powers and **Linda Juarez** encourage you to go see them if you are interested in a "Peace Pole" made by the Pathfinders Program participants from Muskegon Heights. Pathfinders is a violence prevention program for children and teens of Muskegon Heights.

North Muskegon High School and Middle School Interact is serving the local community this holiday season by collecting a variety of winter clothing items and donating them to The Mission for Area People and Every Woman's Place. We have collected approximately 300 winter coats and about 450 other assorted winter clothing items that will benefit people in our local community. We are also working with local social workers to help provide Christmas gifts for local families that might otherwise go without gifts this holiday season.

We are also in the planning stages of our first "Senior Prom" which will >>>



>>> take place later this winter. Our students will be providing music, decorations, food, fellowship, and entertainment for many of the residents of Seminole Shores. The residents are very excited and our students are thrilled to have a chance to serve these fantastic people.

Our students are continuing to work on our global service project that will help provide critically needed items to help support Soddo Christian Hospital in Ethiopia. We are supporting the efforts of Dr. Mark and Allison Karnes who have lived and served in Muskegon for over 25 years. They have been living and serving the health needs of people there for years and we are truly thrilled to partnership with them in this process.

Respectfully,
John Slocum North Muskegon Public Schools, U.S. and World History/Interact/
Close Up/First Priority

PS – North Muskegon Interact "adopted" 3 boys from North Muskegon. We are supplying their family with presents because they are unable this holiday. All the members contribute to buying and wrapping the gifts.

- Emily Lindback

Project Christmas is completed – **MCC Rotaract** packed and delivered 25 boxes with toys and educational materials for children in Africa.

We also met last Friday for Pizza at Top Shelf. We decided with Final Exams and the holiday break that we would meet again after.

Thank you,
Mike Alstrom

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Read Muskegon's Sarah Klassen (**Melissa Moore**); Principal Financial Group's Andrew Hughes (**Dawn Johnson**); Chris Burnaw's husband Bill and parents Dan & Carol Fitzpatrick (**Linda Juarez**); Retirees Tom Lindrup and Dick Lindrup (**Bill Erickson**); Boy Scouts of America's Brian Springett (**Rem Sprague**); and Lupe Alviar, Dan Norris and Dennis Cobbler (**Bob Scolnik**). Student guests, Fruitport Trojans, were introduced by Superintendent **Bob Szymoniak**.

Last Minute Satellite Report

Many thanks to **Bob Scolnik** for doing a second presentation at the Satellite meeting Thursday. With some help from the Holiday Inn staff by way of a borrowed extension cord, the Satellite group learned about the restoration of the cannons at Veteran's Memorial Park. As a bonus, because the Satellite meeting doesn't have as many attendees as the noon meeting, Bob was able to answer each and every question. How's that for an excellent reason to attend the 5pm meeting?

- Stacey Cornell

[Ugly Christmas Sweater Party w/Deni Hunter & Group Therapy](#)