



# Muskegon Rotary in Motion



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## Muskegon Rotary Club

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

February 26, 2012 12:10pm

Watermark 920 Center

<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>

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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: "McLaughlin Grows Urban Farm" Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga

### MEETER / GREETER

Jenna Blamer

### INVOCATION

Alan Alpert

### THIS MEETING'S MENU

Slow Roasted Pork Osso Buco; roasted butternut squash & fresh fennel; Yukon gold potato puree; baby spinach salad (wheat-berries • black barley • apricots • cranberries • spiced pecans • and huckleberry vinaigrette); Parmesan rolls; chocolate mousse trifles

### STUDENT GUESTS

Mona Shores Sailors

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Steve Olsen Mar 1

Kevin Ricco Mar 2

### PROGRAMS/EVENTS

02/26 McLaughlin Grows Farm  
(Meet at Watermark 920)

03/05 Tuskegee Airmen

03/12 Youth Exchange-Chile

03/19 International Aid

03/26 Rotary Leader Mary Berge

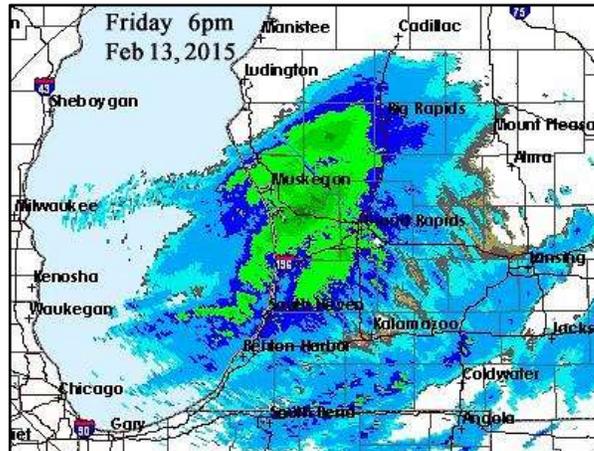
04/02 Hilt's Landing Update

04/09 Marsh Field

04/16 Institute for Healing Racism

04/23 MI Farmer's Market Kitchen

Center of the Storm



Courtesy: Chronicle/MLive

Weather geeks are likely still ogling the National Weather Service's stunning Muskegon-centered chart: a most active weather cell hovering overhead on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. We got frozenly wacked for several days – great news for the Winter Sports Complex, and outdoor enthusiasts.

### This Week On Stage



Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga is the executive director of

Community enCompass. It has an urban garden program known as McLaughlin Grows, off Apple Avenue behind Goodwill and the county's south campus. Our program will be a presentation on that project and urban gardening in general.



For those interested in viewing our District 6290's February newsletter [Click here](#)

2015 WW II Lecture Series (Monday Evenings, 6:00 & 8:00 pm)	
February 16	The Color of War: How one battle broke Japan and another changed America Adrianne & Andrew, Isaac Campbell (Members only book signing event available prior to the presentation)
February 23	A Director that Changed History: The Battle for Moscow Dr. David French, Lecturer, History Program, University of New South Wales, Canberra, Australia (Members only signed book plates available prior to the presentation)
March 2	A Soldier in the US Military: Activities War Pioneers Gary & War Farmers, Soldiers and Prisoners, Eisenhower and MacArthur Lt. Col. Ron Inouye (Ret.) U.S. Army, Antarctica Issues 82112 (Members only book signing event available prior to the presentation)
March 9	The War Below: The Story of three submarines that battled Japan. USS Growler (SS-215), USS Drum (SS-218), and USS Tang (SS-563) Arthur Isaac Stein (Members only book signing event available prior to the presentation)
March 16	Five of the Finest: American Women and Environment in WW II Dr. Kaye Dixon-Voss, Associate Professor of History, High Point University, North Carolina
March 23	Mylogon's Early African-American Residents: The Mayor of Free Families Harry & Abbie Davis
March 30	WW II goes to the Stage: An evening with Glenn Miller Tom Frensch & the Tenth in Last Orchestra The Music of WW II
April 6	And the Stars Began to Shine: The Allied Bomber Campaign over Nazi Germany Dr. Fred Johnson, Associate Professor of History, Hope College

<file:///C:/Users/Bill/Downloads/2015WWIIlectureSeriesFinalDraft.pdf> - Poster Enlarged



**Rotarians and Friends:**  
The Second Annual Interact Conference for District 6290 will be held at North Muskegon. All are invited.

Date: March 28, 2015  
Time: Registration: 8:30am  
Starting: 9:00am  
Finishing: 3:00 pm  
Place: North Muskegon High School  
Cost: \$5.00 – to cover lunch

Interested Rotarians, please email Emily Lindback at [emilylindback@gmail.com](mailto:emilylindback@gmail.com) so we can plan for you.

Thanks!  
Emily Lindback, President  
North Muskegon Interact



Above, Kay and Gary Ostrom were recently spotted painting the town red in celebration of their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## RIM Promo Tip

So say you're running, or working in, a business, community or governmental organization and you want to distribute an

important announcement to as many local readers as possible this week, on a very tight media budget. (Sound familiar?) What's your best option?



Well... many PR professionals first consider the often reliable (and free) news release or public service announcement (PSA) with its "what, where, when, who, and why" built-in formula – brief, easy to write, easy to read. Such submissions work well for RIM, whose deadline is Thursday noon for the following week's issue. Questions? Contact one of our helpful "RIM Correspondents" (listed next column). →

## Last Week's Program Our Youth Exchange Student from Mexico by Frank Marczak



From left, student Esteban Lastra Yabaz from Chile, student Ana Luisa Ortega Hernandez from Mexico, and President Brianna.

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The program, for a long time one of the Club's annual favorites, was to listen to a Rotary Youth Exchange student share her country of origin and lead us through a series of photos and stories about her home. Ana Luisa Ortega hails from Huajuapán, a city in the Southwest corner of Mexico. She told us about her excitement being nominated and accepted as an exchange student and then the trepidation that almost overcame her as she realized that she was moving to another country, and city, and a home where she would be a long term guest. Would they like me? Would I feel comfortable in the new school? These >>>

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Thursday noon for the following week's issue. Submit brief announcements in writing (ie, notes, brochures, flyers, PSAs, news releases) to Editor **Bill Johanson** or one of the RIM Correspondents above.

## Rotary Park Progress

"We had a very busy January, meeting with both Hooker DeYoung and Alcoa Foundation to discuss the project and it's timeline for completion. As the County prepares to submit its recreational grant applications to the Department of Natural Resources, Rotary Park has been divided into two phases. Each phase is listed below with its respective timeline. Phase 2 is contingent upon award of grant funding through the DNR..." -Connie Maxim-Sparrow

For the complete February park report, click on the following link:

<http://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00001911/en-ca/files/homepage/rotary-park-progress-report-february-2015/Rotary-Park-Progress-Report-February-2015.pdf>

## Satellite Image Goes Viral



Oh, it's winter in Michigan all right, as this WOOD TV8 satellite image from

Sunday clearly shows. By Tuesday, our "mitten" had received 30,000 Internet hits, and we learned we're not out of the frozen woods yet. Click: <http://ow.ly/Jcqxj>



## Deni Hunter & Group Therapy

Saturday, February 21 at 8:30pm

[Riverfront Hotel Grand Rapids](#)

270 Ann Street NW

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Rock, Pop, Blues and Soul

## Different Venue This Week

For one week only, we'll meet at the Watermark 920, with lunch provided by Hearthstone Catering.



# 'Round Rotary's RIM

## Al Flogge Returns

A very special Paul Harris Fellowship was awarded at last week's meeting. **Jim Fisher** gave a brief history of the development of the Paul Harris award and described its origin back to the 1940's era. He introduced Bill Iddings who introduced a man who not only was a member of Rotary many years ago but also the Club president. Noting that this esteemed guest and former Rotarian was originally from Ohio, attended Kent State University, served in the US Army alongside another familiar face, Elvis Presley, (and has pictures to prove it) and was the 2005 winner of the Richard Charles Ford award, **A.J. "Al" Flogge** was re-introduced to current Club members. Bill described Al as a man of great character, a principled man and one devoted to his religious faith. Al was dedicated to the performing arts, especially live theatre. He was instrumental in bringing Cherry County Playhouse to Muskegon and had performed in many civic theatre productions; some of them with Bill.

Al cited three actions he is taking to show his respect and admiration for colleges and museums. He will be donating his collection of autographs and stories about famous actors to his alma mater, Kent State University, which he holds dear to his heart. His literature collection worth many dollars and consisting of original works by noted authors of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century will go to Aquinas College. Lastly, his archive of religious documents will be given to the Abbey of Gethsemane in Louisville, KY. What a man he is, per Bill's account, and most deserving of the Paul Harris Fellowship. Congratulations, Al Flogge.



**President Brianna** started the weekly Club meeting with the pledge of allegiance followed by the prayer from last-minute **Phil Friedrich**. She was pleasantly stunned by **Jonathan Seyferth's** volunteering to lead the Club in the Four Way Test; without reference to a hand held copy. Go Jonathan!

Two new members were inducted today: **Annoesjka Steinman** and **Dakota Crow**. Annoesjka takes over the reins of the Lakeshore Museum Center in July, and Dakota is the recently-appointed director of the new Boys and Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore. Both of these new



**Dakota**



**Annoesjka**

members bring evidence of commitment and hard work to their respective positions, and each will make a great new member for the Club.

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>>> are natural feelings that many of us have had just going off to college or the military or summer camp. Right?? Well, she convinced us that she has certainly acclimated to our area and has gained a dislike for the snow that many of us have learned to love for a few months but then become tired of as the winter months drag on.

The name of her city means "a place of great people" and she told us about traditions like an annual celebration

where the bricks forming the streets of the city are painted. Photos of that event were presented and what a cool idea, but with snow would not work. The city she lives in is part of an eight region area called Guelagnetza and this writer hopes he has it spelled correctly. Ana showed us photos of dance teams that perform during this celebration and claimed she tried to become one of the dancers but it was simply not her thing. She told us about their food: authentic Mexican food and informed us that Taco Bell is "not the real thing" to the amusement of the crowd. Ana told us about the area's crafts whether they are in jewelry making, clothing design or shoes...the photos gave credence to her words. Crafts are alive and well in her city.

She saved the best for last; showing us pictures of her family, a father who is a doctor and a member of the Rotary Club in her city. Her mother is also a Rotarian and her brother is a doctor as well.



Ana introduced by Megan Byard

Ana, below, answered questions from the audience with candid skill and heart. As she is a visitor to this country, what did she expect, and what would she tell us



about how she perceives us, and what would we expect if we were to visit her country? She answered as follows: She has been impressed by the acceptance and friendliness of the students and citizens she has met. Our city and her hosts have been very accepting and supportive. She has been surrounded by good people and it has made an impression on

her. If we should go to her country and city, we would also find a culture that accepts and welcomes visitors to their life style. As much as Ana is impressed by the people she has met here, she believes the same would be true of a visitor's impression of her country.

Ana Louisa Ortega: Thank you for gracing our Club, city and country with your grace and style and words that mean a lot to each of us.

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### Visiting Rotarians & Guests

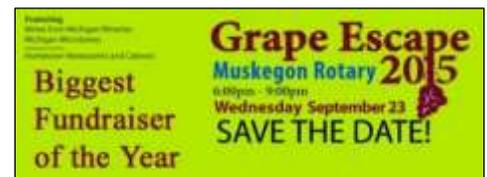
Baker College Rotaractors Danielle Woodring, Alanna Graham, Katie Ely, and Holly Maxwell (**John Noling**); prospective member Stacey Robinson Cornell (**Pam Babbitt**); Rotary Youth Exchange Students Esteban Lastra and Ana Ortega (**Megan Byard**); Faith and Felipe Groesbeck (**Megan Byard**); & Rotary Youth Exchange Host Sister Olivia Witham (**Megan Byard**).

**Megan Byard** reminded members that annual scholarship applications from high school students are due by May 13. All schools have been notified of the application process.

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Four members of the Baker College Rotaract Club invited Club members to attend one of their meetings. Alena Graham, Holly Maxwell, Kathy Ely and Danielle Woodring informed the members that the Baker team is partnering with the United Way to support the Read Muskegon literacy effort. What a cool thing to do by a group of young and upcoming Rotary members.



**Ellen Berends** informed Club members that *Grape Escape* planning is taking place and the event will be held on September 23, a Wednesday. As of this date, no applications from non-profit organizations have been submitted and the deadline is in three weeks.

## Shameless Plug

from Surfer Larry (see bottom ad)



The Lakos and Pulos families, founders of the well-known West Michigan restaurants Lakos Steakhouse and Tony's Club, have served their family recipe Sam's Famous

Bar Cheese spread since 1951. Loyal customer demand for takeout orders of this cheese spread lead to retail packaging that's now available in many delicatessens, grocery stores, retail outlets and food service suppliers throughout the Mid-West, including Meijer's.

