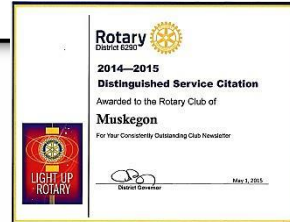


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**Muskegon Rotary Club**  
Club 16 (2809) - District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916  
**February 8, 2018 12:00-1:30pm**  
**Muskegon Harbor Holiday Inn**  
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## THE FOUR WAY TEST THAT ROTARIANS USE IN 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?



**(2/8) "Club Business; President / Committee / Member Reports"**

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

Ginny Sprague

### INVOCATOR - REFLECTOR

Mary Anne Gorman

### THIS WEEK'S MENU

Cheeseburgers/Burgers; fries;  
salad bar - 6 toppings, 3  
dressings; assorted desserts

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

John Sytsema Feb 10  
Christine Robere Feb 13  
Lisa Grossenbacher Feb 14

### STUDENT GUESTS

Muskegon Big Reds

### FUTURE PROGRAMS/EVENTS

02/08 Chili Cook Off  
02/10 Walk for Warmth  
02/15 Skeetown Crossfit-Shoreline Inn  
02/21 Leadership Academy #2  
02/22 Nims School Project-MCClub  
03/01 Youth Empowerment Program  
03/07 New Member Get Together  
03/08 Courtyard Concert  
03/10 Mercy Health's "The Ride"  
03/14 After Hours-Walker Arena  
03/15 Medical Uses of Marijuana  
03/22 Baker College Rotaract Club  
03/29 Coalition for a Drug-Free Muskegon  
04/12 Mental Health - Lt Gov Brian Calley  
04/19 Hong Kong & China  
04/19 New Member Get Together  
04/26 CUP - Health Emp Counseling



### HONDURAS. EL SALVADOR.

## Rotary's Friendly Frontier

These are the 2018 voyages of Teams Rotary. Their one-week mission: to explore another country, to seek out new opportunities and a new civilization, to boldly go where few local men or women have gone before.

Students and Rotary Chaperones from Muskegon area participating in Honduras and El Salvador service trips for 2018.

### Honduras Feb 16-24

#### Mona Shores

Hannah Tyler  
Mallory Meston  
Caera Duff (WMU)  
Noelle Seward (Okemos)

#### Orchard View

Hannah Pavlich  
**North Muskegon**  
Lindsey Piper

#### Muskegon Catholic

Leah McKenna  
**Grand Haven High**  
Fiona Nic

#### Chaperones:

John Noling, Muskegon;  
Luke Seward, Okemos; Gail Ringelberg,  
Bari Johnson, GayMaria Ray, Grand Haven; Nancy Thorton, Traverse City

(plus 57 students and chaperones from other Rotary Clubs and Districts)



### El Salvador April 1-10

#### Mona Shores

Ava Bentley  
Sydney Feters  
Emily Mann  
Erica Pletcher  
Autumn Skantz  
Elizabeth Zuidema

#### Orchard View

Brady Bowen  
Thomas Shawl  
Riley Tuttle

#### North Muskegon

Anneka Lindsay  
Isabella Lindsay  
Garrett Poulin

**Chaperones:** Haley Knight,  
Esther Ricco, John Noling





## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

### Benedetta "Benny" Cherchi, Italian Exchange Student, comes to North Muskegon

By RIM Reporter Diane Van Epps

As soon as **Jackie Fisher** introduced her, everyone just knew they'd be liking last week's program. Something about Benny's smile was the tip-off.

Our current Youth Exchange student, right, opened with a geography lesson complete with pictorial of fine cuisine, pizza, fashion and fast cars. What more could we ask for?! Benny is Italian, from the Island of Sardinia, located in the



>>> understands it. It is now seldom used, and chances of it fading away seem imminent.

Benny asked what we thought of when thinking about Italy; food and pizza topped the list... she showed us a visual of pasta, pizza and *The Godfather*, below. "Did I read your minds?" she asked. She misses her home food very much, but has a new American favorite – peanut butter! "I never had it before," she chuckled, "they don't have it in Sardinia." Italy is also known for fashion, and local styles in her American school were one of Benny's items mentioned as a surprise. "Fashion is very different in Italy," she told us. "We enjoy all types of seafood on the island, especially at Christmas. It never snows on the island, although it does in Northern Italy on Monte Bianco (White Mountain). Many people are obsessed with Sports, and we are 2<sup>nd</sup> in the world in soccer. Brazil's first.

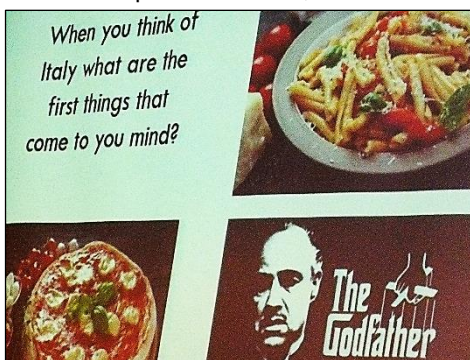
After middle school, we must start to decide what we'd like to study during our five years of high school. In high school, students stay with the same class all five years. Teachers change classrooms; students do not. Types of high schools include Classic, Scientific, and Hotel

Management. You have more university choices if you attend a Classic or Scientific HS whereas with Hotel Management, your path is more defined. School is easier in the US, she said.

Cagliari is the biggest city in Sardinia and where Benny and her mother, father, sister (15), and brother (12) live. Cagliari is famous for its port and five miles of beach. One thing she loves about Muskegon is our proximity to water. They enjoy Carnival in winter where women wear typical costumes, but men are dressed as what they call "scarecrows" to scare off the evil spirits. Most young children are afraid of these scarecrows that resemble zombies. She very much appreciates the time she's spent here. We wish her all the best as she will go back to Italy at the end of the school year and attend a university to study psychology like her mother. Ciao, Benny!



middle of the Mediterranean Sea. It's the second largest island with temperatures averaging 52-63 °F, a little colder in the winter and a lot hotter in the summer. But she likes the heat and humidity, no doubt due to the incredible beaches. The language of the island is Italian, and Sardinia is the second language. Benny does not speak Sardinian, but >>>



**Benny with Jim and Jackie Fisher**

PS - In response to a few audience questions, Benny's sparkling personality showed thru. She had spoken English so well, could she possibly speak Italian with the same verve? She spoke "something" for us really well, and we can only assume it was Italian? American television? She likes it; it's largely what Italians watch. Our pizza? Not so yummy; totally different from her country's. Benny sweetly demonstrated Italy's two-cheek-kiss greeting upon request. And what about Dean Martin singing "That's Amore"? Umm, who's Dean Martin? she answered. Obviously, it's a different, but bella world in her Italy.



## Stuff This Week

After suffering many weeks of “hurry” so that proper time is available for program speakers, this week’ll have no such falderal. Thursday’s topic is “Club Business” and Rotary / non-Rotary 3-minute presentations need to be scheduled through timekeeper **Dave Alexander** beforehand.

Such a perfect meeting concept; all who wish to speak *should* be called upon to do so, if only for 3 minutes. But...certain unnamed members typically hog the mike, and not all messages have time for presentation. To insure that your thoughts are ultimately shared with members, be they presented or not, write them down, in a simple paragraph or two, and hand your composition to a RIM staffer (names listed below). Writing it down is an action we recommend for all RIM announcements: insurance against reporters losing notes.

### DIFFERENT MEETING PLACES

2/15 – Meet at Shoreline Inn

2/22 – Meet at Muskegon Country Club

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## NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRESIDENT

The 2017 *Grand Rapids Business Journal* “Newsmaker of the Year” – including Economic Development – is Rotarian **Cindy Larsen**, president of Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce.

**President Cathy** read two letters from students thanking Rotary.

For those who think our badges might be a bit too small to read clearly, our two newly-inducted members display the alternative. **Jocelyn Hines** (sponsor **Orville Crain**) is a research assistant



for the Community Foundation while **Darrell Todd** (sponsor President Cathy) – Jocelyn’s cousin, by the way – is the interim CEO at Muskegon Area First. (OK, maybe the big badges are a little silly)



**Jim Fisher** thanked the vacationing **Nancy Crandall**, co-chair of Muskegon Rotary Leadership Academy, for holding the first leadership training on January 18. Jim was absent because, as he said, he and Jackie were tending to the family business – a new grandbaby! The next leadership session will be on February 21 at

the Lakeshore Museum, from 4-7 pm. A modest \$5 donation for dinner is requested.

Jim hopes that all Leadership #1 participants will attend Leadership #2. And everyone who didn’t come to Leadership #1 is cordially invited to attend Leadership #2. Just give Jim a heads-up.



**Rotary Interactors Autumn Skantz and Garrett Poulin** convince **Gene Fethke** that he belongs at **Get Your Chili On!** Thursday, 5:30-7:30pm.

It’s about time for the Chili Cook Off. Emily Mann, the Mona Shores Interact Club spokesperson, page 4, explained this great social event put on by our Rotaract and Interact Clubs. They are selling tickets for \$10. The event is this Thursday, February 8, at the Evangelistic Church on Whitehall Rd in Muskegon. 5:30-7:30pm.

**Linda Meyers** from Baker College and her Rotaract Team are raising money for this year’s non-profit, Muskegon Rescue Mission. Last week, the

men’s shelter served 200 meals a day and put up 80 men in the shelter. The Baker Club will be attending our Rotary meeting on March 3 for a game of Trivia: Who knows most about Rotary? Three teams headed by **Nancy Crandall**, **Orville Crain** and **John Noling** will help raise money for the Rescue Mission, and the winning team will receive money back to our Club.



## TRIVIA ... Cont'd

Trivia - Baker College Rotaract Style  
Scheduled at the March 22 meeting  
Team captains: **Orville Crain,**  
**John Noling, Nancy Crandall**  
Who knows the MOST about Rotary  
and our Rotaract Club??

Support the team you think will win!!  
If everyone donates a minimum of  
\$20, we would collect \$4,000!  
Think of all the meals it would  
serve at The Muskegon Rescue  
Mission! (meal cost = \$1.97)  
There will be TWO winners. The  
Smart Ones! The Most Money  
team!!

The Smart One's money will go  
directly to your Club,  
Muskegon Rotary (the most  
awesome club that exists!)  
Prizes to the audience as well!!  
Hmm. Who has been paying the  
most attention to what our club  
has been doing?? Stay tuned...

## NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – COMMITTEE MEMBERS, GUESTS

**Dave Alexander** thanked **Don Kalisz** from Revel for organizing the Muskegon Lumberjacks and America's Opioid Crisis panel discussion presentations. He also thanked, **DJ Hilson, Jeff Lewis** and **John Sytsema** – along with non-Rotarian Daniel Nelson – for that great panel presentation last week. "Skeetown Crossfit" in the program topic on February 15; we travel that day to the familiar Shoreline Inn. This week's meeting presentation spot will be used for 3-minute Rotarian commercials/announcements regarding anything you'd like to share about Rotary, your business, or community. On February 22, Brad Playford will discuss the NIMs school project, and we meet that day at Muskegon Country Club. And **Dr Don Crandall** will speak March 15 on The Medical Uses of Marijuana.

Those interested in a Rotary program slot should contact **Dave Alexander** or **Bob Chapla**.



**Ginny Sprague, left,**  
**is selling 50/50**  
**raffle tickets**  
**for the Rotary**  
**District 6290**  
**who's raising**  
**funds for the**  
**Rotary**  
**Foundation.**  
**Sales have**  
**been**

**underwhelming so far at best.**  
**Tickets are \$20 and the Drawing is**  
**3/16/18. See Ginny and get your**  
**tickets soon!!!**

## **New Member Get Togethers**

**Wed, March 7, 5-7pm at Marty**  
**and Heidi Sytsema's house**  
**Thur, April 19, 5-7pm at Cathy**  
**Brubaker-Clarke's house.**



**Before RIM says**  
**"ta-ta" for the**  
**week, Mona**  
**Shores Interactor**  
**Emily Mann, right,**  
**and No. Muskegon**  
**club members,**  
**above, invite us**  
**all, one more time,**  
**to this Thursday**  
**evening's Chili**  
**Cook Off.**



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## Muskegon Holiday Inn

**Thursdays 5:15 – 6:30pm**  
**Meeting Minutes 1/25/18**

**from Kaytie Ely:**

<http://bit.ly/2nyvBL9>

**Taking**  
**advantage of all**  
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