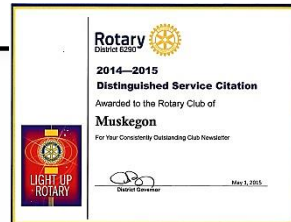




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THE FOUR WAY TEST THAT ROTARIANS USE IN MAKING ETHICAL DECISIONS:

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: Club Assembly – “Rotary Park” Nancy Crandall

MEETERS / GREETERS

Ginny Sprague

INVOCATION

Phil Friedrich

THIS MEETING'S MENU

Chicken Alfredo; salad bar
with 6 toppings, 3 dressings;
broccoli; assorted desserts

STUDENT GUESTS

Fruitport Calvary Christian Eagles

NEXT WEEKS' BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Sabourin	Jan 09
Megan Byard	Jan 10
Jim Schiltz	Jan 10
Josh Silvis	Jan 11
William Kordupel	Jan 12
John Selmon	Jan 13

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

01/14 Mgn Lake Nature Preserve
01/21 World of Rehabilitation
01/28 Marijuana Prevention

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Magic Time of Year

As our RIM Team was planning this, the last issue of 2015, we came upon a stunning Facebook offering from Lake Bluff Park, St Joseph MI, and thought readers might enjoy seeing it, too.

Despite Santa snow and a typical winter chill arriving late, “Christmas card” photos, like these, will keep another special season bright, and strong in our hearts and memories.

Closer to Home



Courtesy: Mischa Lopiano | MLive.com

The Hackley and Hume Houses downtown have been displaying holiday decorations as part of their festive and colorful tours. Now, **Annoesjka Steinman**, her staff and dedicated volunteers invite us to experience Hackley and Hume in historic candle light.

Walk-Through Candle Tour Dates:

December 26 4-8 pm; December 27 1-4 pm
\$7 Per Person, \$5 for seniors 65 and older,
Kids 12 and under FREE.

Baker Rotaract Holiday Busy

We painted Peace Poles for Pathfinders last week, below, and discussed maybe going back after Christmas break to paint



more! Four club members (plus Linda Meyers) spent an hour Saturday at the Walgreens on Apple Ave ringing the bell for Salvation Army. **BAKER Cont'd on p.2.**

BAKER Cont'd from p.1

We spent the first half of our fall quarter collecting books for the MLive Read to Kids Book Drive. Last week, below, we were able to sort through all of the books collected (not only by our club, but by the entire community).



We've also continued our volunteer time at Kids' Food Basket (see side story). Roughly 10 members volunteer for an hour each Friday (we have grown, so we now attend both the morning and afternoon sessions) and plan to continue volunteering through the holiday season!

— Stephanie Stewart

MCC Rotaract Ships Overseas

MCC Rotaract packed and delivered 25 boxes with toys and educational materials for children in Africa. Operation Christmas Child is an ongoing charitable project led by Samaritan's Purse (<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>).

Shoebox sized-packages are filled with school and art supplies along with toys and distributed to children in underdeveloped countries. In October, the Muskegon Community College Rotaract Club began raising funds for Operation Christmas Child through activities and sales on campus.

Over \$200 was raised, which went to 25 packages for kids around five years of age. The packages needed to be dropped off before November 23 to insure they would make their destinations. With the tight timeline, Rotaract had to get creative with ordering, packing, and delivering the Christmas packages to drop off point in

Wyoming, MI. Rotaract had great coordination and teamwork to get the job done on time.

— Mike Alstrom



Round Rotary's RIM

This Week on Stage

Outwardly, not much change is noticeable at our future Rotary Park location, but **Nancy Crandall** will bring us up-to-date on what we don't see happening.

Our Newest Fellow



Les Johnson and Miss Michigan 2011 Elizabeth Wertenberger. Photos of Les' Paul Harris Fellow Award on the following page.



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

Deni and Andy O. at Kids' Food Basket



Muskegon is no stranger to assembly lines. Over the years, we have seen assembly lines come and go. Rotarian Deni Hunter and famous Muskegon Person Andy O'Riley had a chance to visit an assembly line with a much greater cause at Kids' Food Basket. More at <http://bit.ly/1ZDPDy>

Landon in China



Landon Fortenberry, years ago a Muskegon Rotary exchange student and Life Leadership Conference participant, is currently a second-year Chinese language student at MSU among his other subjects. He hopes to immerse himself this summer and the next academic year learning Chinese in China. Landon is majoring in International Relations and Chinese language studies and also is thinking ahead to possible Law School.

This Christmas season, Landon is back in Brazil sharpening and refreshing his Portuguese, while visiting all the Rotary families that hosted him as an exchange student. This is a young man we in Rotary have helped to shape who has a bright and promising future ahead of him. We are anxious to catch him on a break where he can come back to Rotary and share his great experiences with us.

Mona Shores Interact Club helps to spread Christmas Love to their Community



Mona Shores Interact Club members facilitated a school- wide campaign to identify needy families through the local Salvation Army to provide customized Christmas gifts for many area families. At a massive "wrap-a-thon", held last evening in the media center, thoughtfully purchased Christmas presents were wrapped by classroom representatives and a truck was filled, headed for the Salvation Army and future delivery before Christmas. Service Above Self is alive and well at Mona Shores Schools!

This Week's Program

By Bob Scolnik

Holiday Celebration with 6th grade choir students from North Muskegon High School.

Photos, photos, photos! See following pages.

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Dear Les Johnson

By Bill Johanson

I'd be celebrating with Les at Rotary today were it not for another engagement requiring my attendance there and not here. As only a few fellow Rotarians know, Les is responsible for my even being in Muskegon, hiring me out of Consumers Energy's Traverse City Service Center in 1981. It's a tale beginning with Les requesting a job interview with me for a Public Affairs Supervisor opening.

When I got the news, understandably, I was reluctant to leave TC, the Company's "Miami of the North." My family and I had only been in Traverse City for six months; moving again so soon would be painful. Many employees waited years and years for an opportunity to transfer to Traverse City; I was there already, still not totally unpacked from our move six months earlier. It was panic time.

So my plan: Drive to Muskegon, to the job interview Les had arranged for me. On the way, I would rehearse three or four reasons for turning him down that wouldn't hurt his feelings or jeopardize my chances for other job offers years later. My favorite excuse was being allergic to paper mill smoke and breaking out terribly whenever exposed to beach sand and sun. This is the justification I practiced time and time again, and I was ready to let Les down easy.

I didn't know at the time that Les was a master job interviewer. He took me on a short tour of his building, then up to what would be my executive office, next to his in the Manager's Area, with its three ladies for secretarial support. Also, I'd have access to a Company car. Trying to catch my breath, I still wasn't leaving TC.



Now it's lunchtime. Les brought me to that cool summer restaurant on Lake Michigan's Pere Marquette Beach. It was June, quite warm, very bright outside. And as if on cue, a group of smiling, bikini-clad young women walked by very near to our window. Les asked, precisely then, if I might want the Muskegon job, and "yes" popped from my mouth before even thinking. The deed was done, and it was interesting explaining all this to my wife that evening. But, it was a great decision, one directly the result of Les Johnson's fabulous interviewing skills.

Thanks again, Mr Johnson.

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