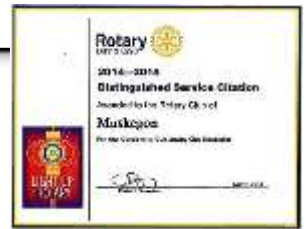




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Club 216 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916

July 23, 2015 12:10pm

Lake House Waterfront Grille

<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: "District Governor Tom Schmidt"

MEETERS / GREETERS

Marty Sytsema and
Jane Clingman-Scott

INVOCATION

Carla Skoglund

THIS MEETING'S MENU

Roast Pork Loin with honey
mustard glaze; herbed
redskin potatoes; and fresh
vegetable – offered with
garden salad bar; cookies

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

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| Greg VanWoerkom | Jul 24 |
| Greg LaPres | Jul 25 |
| Don Crandall | Jul 27 |
| Carla Hill | Jul 28 |

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

07/30 Rotary/MSU Peru Project
08/06 E-merge Update
08/13 Empowering Ex-Offenders
08/20 TEDx Renae Hesselink
08/27 Every Woman's Place
09/23 **Grape Escape**

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This Week on Stage



Denise and DG Tom Schmidt

After only a couple of official weeks as District 6290 Governor, Tom Schmidt and his wife Denise, above, have chosen to come visit Muskegon Rotary. This is a grand opportunity early on to meet our new District executive and get answers to one or two of those burning question tuggin' at us for, oh, so long now.

motorcycle stunt shows, expanded vendor and food options, and lavish concerts under large tents.

To help make this event more

successful, Bike Time spokesman **Tim Lipan**, right, is inviting MBT fans to volunteer at many stations.



"We have

positions open like checking ID's, putting on wristbands, and serving beverages. If you would be interested in putting in a few hours during the event and then enjoying all of the planned activities, please let us know. You can visit our website at ...

www.muskegonbiketime.com.

and click on the volunteer tab or call us at 231-722-0000 and ask about volunteering."

Muskegon Bike Time 2015

July 16 – July 18

Jul 16 at 12:00pm to Jul 18 at 12:00am

Muskegon Bike Time, the long successful summer festival is looking much different this year. It's utilizing 90 acres of the area formally known as Great Lakes Downs, 4800 S. Harvey St., for the first time and will feature motocross races, X-Games-like



Reception for the DG

On the evening DG Tom visits us, local Clubs will hold a formal reception for him at the Spring Lake Country Club. Please attend if you can. For details, click here:

<http://www.ridistrict6290.org/Event/d0600e14-eea6-456f-89bc-f0acaafa98af>

Rotary Park Monthly Update

Hi All... here's my Rotary Park Update for June '15 - **Connie Maxim-Sparrow**.

Rotary Park— Rotary has reviewed the final signage to be installed at Rotary Park. A couple of issues were noted: **Bob Landman's** request to change their names to "In Memory of Lou L. Landman," and concern about installing the Peace Pole at the park (this was discussed with Hooker DeJong who is installing as originally designed).

Staff met with YMCA officials and Hooker DeJong. The easement should be done by July. The parking lot will be the first thing constructed. The bid package has been posted and anticipated construction is August, with wrap-up by the end of September – that got lost in the time elapse and change of personnel dealing with this.

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Earlier Bike Time Concert Audience



Fundraising History in Muskegon

It took maybe 15 minutes at most, making up the new game as they went and, when finished, new pledges for the RI Foundation hit \$3,500.

In Rotary's version of "Muskegonopoly" there are 35 businesses listed, each claimed by a Rotarian for \$100 (ie, the new annual recommended EREY pledge). Week after week, a business name will be drawn. As soon as the 10th is picked, a winner (and new Paul Harris Fellow) will come forth. Eventually, three new PH Fellows will be named from Muskegonopoly, and everyone benefits.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Roosevelt Park Councilman Kevin Wisniewski (Holly Hughes); Wasserman Floral & Gifts Owner and prospective member Troy Wasserman (Jason Piasecki); Granddaughter Princess Ella Sparks (Deni Hunter); and Granddaughter Lindsay Adams (Pam Babbitt).



Above, our fundraising gurus are at work gurguing. Nancy Crandall lists participants and amusement tax ramifications, Pam Babbitt studies ways to adapt this game to the family business, President Susan makes sure all is copacetic from far back, and Pam's granddaughter, Lindsay Adams, is in the middle of a nifty Marketing assignment.

Grape Escape Sept 23

Ladies and Gentlemen... our program team...



If we learned little else from our "Foster Parents" program presenters, Department of Human Services representatives, we now know there's a great need to pair off parent-less children, here and throughout the state, with loving, caring adults. Team members, above from left, are: Mary Jo French, Erin Matuz, Candice McMahan, and Chisara Butler.

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Foster Parents

by Kathy Moore

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Foster Care Program is looking for very special Rotarians to provide temporary homes, stability and loving care to children whose families are currently unable to care for them.

Mary Jo French, Foster Home Licensing Supervisor, reminded Rotarians of our service-based mission before introducing us to Erin Matuz, Foster Home Licensor. According to Matuz, on any given day, approximately 400 to 450 Muskegon County children are in foster care. The ages of these children range from newborn to 18 years old. Matuz conducts the initial investigation for placement, and visits the home regularly to check on the foster children and parents.

Next we heard from Candice McMahan, Coordinator of the local Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative (MYOI) program that assists foster care youth in their transition to adulthood. She explained that the program includes youth boards,

financial literacy and life skills training relative to their future success; but also stressed a void in connecting the young adults with mentors and college success programs.

Chisara Butler is vice-president of the MYOI Youth Board and shared her circumstance and experience as a former foster kid. She is now 19 years old, and was placed into foster care at the delicate age of 8 because her mother was an alcoholic and not emotionally able to care for her and her siblings. Initially, Chisara was sent out of the state to live with her father, but she suffered from neglect and abuse in that environment as well. Throughout her childhood, she lived with several foster parents. "Some good...some not-so-good" she recalled. "One of my foster parents did not want me to go downstairs at night to use the bathroom, so I used a cup in my room. ... I could have told the caseworker, but I was too young and scared!"

Chisara successfully transitioned into adulthood, but she recalled numerous times when "all she needed was someone to talk to."

We all can make a tremendous difference in a child's life by becoming a foster parent or family member. And these kids will bring joy, laughter and love into your home.

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'Round Continued from before



President Susan reported that she received four (4) thank-you cards in response to the additional funds received from a

matching grant for the Holiday Food Drive (food pantry) fundraiser.



Kelly Richards, above left, had the red star removed from his badge by his sponsor **Steve Dix**.



Deni Hunter, with granddaughter Ella close by, asked us to help with the *Grape Escape* planning Committee and related activities.

Julia Koch stressed the need for Silent Auction items.

Merica Dolby announced an upcoming Social Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 5pm, at the Holiday Inn. She also invited everyone to join them on Aug 20 at The Block for the mixer event.