

# Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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

July 9, 2015 12:10pm

**Lake House Waterfront Grille** http://www.muskegonrotary.org



Linda Juarez, Director Larry Larsen, Director Kathy Moore, Director Jason Piasecki, Director Frank Marczak, RIM Reporter Bill Johanson, RIM Editor

Rotary

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: "Image Campaign" Cindy Larsen and Carla Flanders

#### **MEETERS / GREETERS**

Marty Sytsema and Jane Clingman-Scott

#### INVOCATION

Jane Clingman-Scott THIS MEETING'S MENU

Asian Stir Fry with two stir fry options - one with chicken and vegetables and one without meat - offered with Asian sticky rice, garden salad bar, and cookies

#### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Linda Zolman Jul 11 **Jul 15** Chris Burnaw

#### PROGRAMS/EVENTS

07/16 Foster Parents 07/23 Lyman Davis Sailing Vessel 07/30 Rotary/MSU Peru Project 08/06 E-merge Update 08/15 Empowering Ex-Offenders 08/23 TEDx Renae Hesselink 09/23 Grape Escape

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# Rotary in the Seaway **Running**

Whether helping plan or promote, promenading, pacing, puffing, passing, photographing, or providing hydration or health care information to participants plenty, Rotary, its satellite clubs -> and friends contributed heavily to this year's successful Mercy Health

Seaway Run. Early water station volunteers, above from left, are Morgan Schwing, Megan Malewitz, Lee Coggin, Stephanie Stewart, Arn Boezaart, Linda Meyers, Steve Dix, Tom Powers, and Cathy Powers.



Left to right, Rotary walkers Terry Sabo, Ellen VanGeest Berends, Bob Scolnik, Bob Lukens, Kandace Boysen and Char Boertman - all Bob Scolnik friends - were recruited to walk in the 5K Community Walk on Facebook. And all want to do it next year.



President--Elect Susan and Orville Crain worked Rotary's health expo booth on Friday.

#### "Well done," John McGarry



A bittersweet happening last week was the retirement of Lakeshore Museum Center CEO John McGarry, right, being congratulated here by Consumers Energy executives Carolyn Bloodworth and Roger Morgenstern.

Ready or not

#### **Here She Comes**

"Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water," from Jaws 2...



Crain is her new name, and a barely detectable smirk on her cheek maybe foreshadows our new president's oncehidden rascalness. If so, prepare for a year of rip-roarin', rootin' tootin' excitement. We welcomed **President Susan Crain** to Club last week. It's a meeting of regret for those missing it.



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## This Week on Stage

Fifteen organizations and municipalities throughout the Muskegon area have launched an image and marketing campaign to inform residents and visitors about what the area has to offer. Come hear the full story

(A little about what's ahead)
ROTARY'S NEW MONTHLY
CALENDAR OF SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES

#### **Month - Focus Area**

Jul - None

Aug - Membership

Sep - Basic Education and Literacy

Oct - Economic/Community Devel

Nov - Rotary Foundation

Dec - Disease Prevention/

Treatment

Jan - Vocational Service

Feb - Peace and Conflict

Prevention/Resolution

Mar - Water and Sanitation

Apr - Maternal and Child Health

Jun - Rotary Fellowships

See more at:

http://ridistrict6290.org/stories/rotary-39-s-new-monthly-calendar-of-special-observances/#sthash.PFADVszP.Ms21ugFg.dpuf

# A Fond Farewell After 12 Glorious Months...



Outgoing President Brianna "Whew! Made it!"

#### **Neil Put Us on the Map**



Above from left: Mike Scolnik, Mike Rosen, Joni Rosen, Jim Fisher, Bob Scolnik, Fran Fisher, Merle N Scolnik, and Jackie Fisher.

eil Rosen was a Muskegon Rotarian from 1992 to 1998. On Sunday, his widow Joni once again arranged the annual Birthday Celebration for her husband,

who was owner and producer of Muskegon's Cherry County Playhouse. Sadly, Neil died in 1998 at the much-too-young age of 61. He'd been a writer in Hollywood, giving voice to such shows as *Welcome* 



Back Cotter, Joanie Loves Chachie and the Ted Knight Show. With Cherry County Playhouse, he produced more than 150 plays and moved the Playhouse from Traverse City to Muskegon in 1990. Neil was born to be funny and just being around him lifted everyone's spirits.



Above, pre-5K run, representing PADNOS at the Mercy Health Seaway Run, from left, is: Tia Rymal, Sarah Wadkins, Jim Fisher, Jamie Wilson Benedict and Jackie Fisher.

# Just in time for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July



A website just named Michigan the best state in America. Read all about it: <a href="http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2015/06/28/michigan-best-state--america/29434215/">http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2015/06/28/michigan-best-state--america/29434215/</a>

from the Detroit Free Press

#### **Get Your Motor Runnin'**



Muskegon Bike Time is coming up with a new location and new events, promoter Tim Lipan told Fox17 News recently. The annual event celebrating motorcycles of all kinds is July 16-19 at a new expanded venue at 4800 Harvey Street - the site of the former Great Lakes Downs. It will be a full weekend of headline concerts including Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Fabulous Thunderbirds and Night Ranger, contests, motorcycle stunt shows by Sick Air, Busted Knuckles, and Relentless Stunts, supercross races and vendors.

#### Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Rotary Past President in Muskegon and later Lynchburg VA Nate McClure; Montague-Whitehall Rotarian (and rather familiar face) Dave Sipka and wife Wendy; Joan Schultz (President Susan); **Muskegon Veterans Center execs Dave** Eling and Mike Baau (Holly Hughes); Asaline Scott, Stan Grissom and Joshua Patrick (Past President Brianna); **Silversides Sub Museum Executive** Director Mike Culp (Frank Marczak); and **WLACE Director Tom Moore (Melissa** Moore).

SUBMARINE MUSEUM

Over the upcoming holiday, and especially if it's not

great beach weather, come explore the USS Silversides Submarine, its impressive two-story museum and the US Coast Guard Cutter McLane. The current enewsletter (link below) talks about improvements to the USCGC McLane,



Great Lakes videos being shown this month, new Executive Director Michael Culp, above, and upcoming Silversidesinvolved parades.

http://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/000000 01911/en-ca/files/homepage/silversides-julynewsletter/Microsoft-Word---Silversides-July2015Newsletter.pdf

### They came; most stayed; some traveled another path

Membership is a big deal for Muskegon Rotary, and we do pretty well attracting and retaining members. But invariably, we experience member movement as personal situations change. Thanks to Secretary Pam and her splendid record-keeping, here (link) is a list of who joined our Club last vear and also who left for other adventures: http://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/0 000001911/en-ca/files/homepage/rotarymembers-2014-15/Microsoft-Word--ROTARY-MEMBERS-2014-15.pdf



# 'Round Rotary's RIM

Brianna Scott, fulfilling her duties of President of Rotary for the year 2014-15, rang Rotary's opening bell for the official last time. Leading the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test, Brianna fulfilled her duties in the classic manner she has demonstrated all year.



Brianna introduces Bill Erickson to do the invocation. Always a solemn occasion.

Birthdays, too many to catch names but over eight of them next week, accounted each for \$10 added to the Club's coffers.

#### **Committee Reports**

Susan Crain, incoming president,

invited new and existing members to a **New Member** Get Together at her home. 1436 Brucie, on July 14, from 5-7 pm.



Edibles and grape products will be served.



Tickets for the annual Grape Escape are now printed and available. **Deni Hunter** told us. The biggest fundraising event of the

year for this Club will be held on September 23. More details to follow, but ticket are available now.

Phil Friedrick. representing the Youth Exchange Program, announced that two students from Mexico will



be arriving in our city in the fall and host families are needed. Preferably three as another incoming student may materialize.

Chris Burnaw reported on the recent successful Seaway Run that recruited 3300 runners and walkers this past Saturday, June 27. Pending income from the Run is targeted at \$50,000 of which half will go towards the YMCA and the other half to Rotary Park.

Chris read a very poignant and touching letter from one participant who was a walker in the event and the last person to cross the finish line. She was so excited and pleased with the reception, cheers and support of the various teams that she wrote a letter of sincere thanks to the Club. Chris read the letter to remind members of the value of the Run and how it touches various runners. Thank you, Chris, for sharing a very special communication.

Annoesjka Steinman, relatively new to Rotary, is now heading up the Committee on Committees and she has initiated a plan to make sure committee rosters are complete and up-to-date. Good start, Annoesjka.

#### **Last Week's Program**

# Passing of the Gavel by Frank Marczak

President Brianna returned to the lectern to express her thanks to many Rotarians for helping her with leading the Club this past year. She cited accomplishments and awards, and gave special thanks to those who helped make events and activities possible to win an award. She gave special thanks to Josh Wallace, Pam Babbitt and Don Crandall for assisting her as officers and mentors. She also singled out **Ed Hendrickson** for being at every meeting and making sure that all pieces of technology and supporting materials were ready for each meeting. And last but not least was a special thanks



to **Nancy Crandall** for being the recorder of minutes at Board meetings. Quite a team, and all pulling in the same direction.

As she reflected on the past year, **President Brianna** cited the work of the Club to fulfill the five services of Rotary. Examples of events and activities conducted by the Club are:

Grape Escape earning over \$35,000

1 in 21—the Club initiative to help Muskegon County become a healthier community.

The Diversity/Inclusion gathering in October that attracted over 250 attendees.

The Holiday Food Drive that brought in \$4536 for local food banks.

STRIVE supporting students whose personal situation makes living and learning difficult and to which Rotarians give their support on a personal basis.

The addition of another Rotaract Club at MCC in addition to the one at Baker College.

And the list goes on.

From left. Brianna welcomed incoming board members Cathy Brubaker-Clarke. Linda Juarez and Jason Piasecki. The Rotary year has ended and so

has the reign of **Brianna Scott** and a well-deserved standing applause was garnered. **Don Crandall**, Club president from 2013 to 2014, presented Brianna with a pin that recognizes her as a former president of the Muskegon Rotary Club. Brianna has been a class act from this writer's observation.

New **President Susan Crain** was "sworn" into office by Brianna and given the gavel that allows her to ring in and ring out future meetings. Brianna also gave Susan the pin that designates her as president of a Rotary Club.

Susan exuded her enthusiasm as she accepted the gavel and year to come under her leadership. She offered thanks and appreciation to members who make up the Club leaders of community activities, and expressed her interest in continuing the legacy of Brianna. Both women presented inspiring, affirming and welcoming speeches. This Club has experienced great leadership under the tutelage of Brianna Scott for the last year and it will continue under Susan Crain's guidance for 2015-2016. Let the ball start rolling again. The Rotary Club of Muskegon is in good hands.