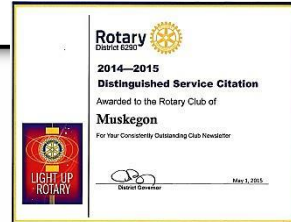




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## Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) - District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916

**June 15, 2017 12:00-1:15pm**

**Muskegon Harbor Holiday Inn**

Satellite ReWine Club 5:15 - 6:30pm 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?



## (6/15) "Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant Contestants"

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

Kathy Moore

### INVOCATOR - REFLECTOR

Matt Kaley

### THIS WEEK'S MENU

Spinach Salad w/grilled chicken,  
roasted red pepper, cauliflower,  
cucumber, shredded Parmesan,  
tomatoes, balsamic dressing

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Bob Landman	Jun 15
James Rausch	Jun 15
Dick Witham	Jun 15
Ara Demirjian	Jun 16

### FUTURE PROGRAMS / EVENTS

06/22	Rotary International
06/29	Passing of Club Gavel
07/06	Downtown Muskegon Now
07/13	GR Mayor Rosalynn Bliss
07/20	Shores Mayor Gary Nelund
07/27	Love, Inc
08/04	<b>Parties in the Park</b>
10/04	<b>Grape Escape</b>

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## Major Changes



Fellow Rotarians...

Please join us as we bid farewell to fellow

Rotarian  
Major Dan  
Sawka,  
above, and  
his lovely  
wife  
Stephanie  
this Monday,  
June 12, at  
noon. We  
want the  
majors to  
feel our  
support as

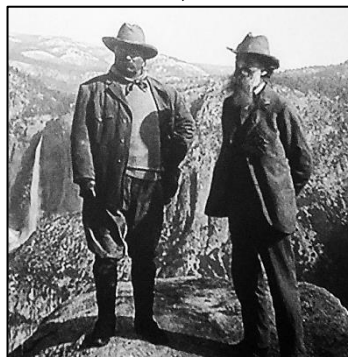
they are called to serve in Indianapolis. The  
farewell get-together is being held at United  
Way of the Lakeshore, 31 E Clay, downtown.  
A light lunch, cake and punch will be served.  
We look forward to seeing you all there!

Blessings, Robin Henshaw  
Development Director



## Ain't it Grand?!

A well-known photo in the Grand Canyon of President Teddy Roosevelt, below on left, and John Muir, America's most famous and influential naturalist, was taken by Edward S Curtis, the "North American



Indian." Curtis was the subject of last week's Rotary program. His entire collec-

tion of 723 photogravures (fine art intaglio-printed photos) is on display at the Muskegon Museum of Art through September 10, 2017.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



Miss Michigan 2015 at Muskegon Rotary

**\*\*We meet at the Holiday Inn\*\***

## Baker End of Year



The Rotaract Club of Baker College of Muskegon celebrated the end of its school year, last week, and recognized member and staff contributions to the many Rotaractor successes in 2016/2017.

The event took place at the club's year-end party. Officers present—Kaytie Ely and Stephanie Stewart—adopted a star\* in faculty advisor Linda Meyers' name. However, Stephanie had been stumbling with her words all night and went with the flow when she realized the certificate displayed "ROTATACT" club (versus the correct "ROTARACT").

"It still is a great present, so look for my ROTATACT star in the sky!," Linda chuckled.

\*The Star is from the non-profit Pale Blue Dot project to support scientific research efforts of the Kepler AsteroSeismic Science Consortium.

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## Haley: One of Us

by John Noling

Now just graduated from Northern Michigan University with a degree in Political Science and International Studies, Muskegon's Haley Knight was influenced by the Rotary ethic and continues to grow and learn. She epitomizes "Service Above Self" and demonstrates the influence that we as a Club can have on Youth if we stay connected with them in our community.

As an Oakridge High School student, Haley, below, attended Muskegon Area Career Tech Interact meetings, even though she did not even have a class there. She attracted other Oakridge students to



do the same, "drive-in Interactors" you might say... Haley was a dependable and respected leader in that club and was later selected to attend the

Rotary Life Leadership Conference where she also distinguished herself. She was one of the very first Interactors from Muskegon to participate and serve on the Honduras trip, where she was greatly impacted by her experiences.

When she started as a freshman at NMU, Haley approached two area Rotary clubs with the idea of starting a Rotaract Club at Northern. With their support, and her drive, Haley organized a club that succeeds her today in very good stead.

In the four years of her Rotaract leadership, many service projects unfolded, including, among many other achievements, hosting a mobile food pantry in Marquette, creating a "Little Library" at the UP Children's Museum, and participating in Adopt-a-Beach Coastal Cleanup in the Marquette area. Now, a large and thriving Interact club has been started at Marquette High School besides the Marquette Rotaract Club!

Her experiences with Rotary have changed her for the better and have helped her greatly with her school and career

choices along the way. We have been blessed, indeed, to know and work with Haley Knight from Muskegon. She will be a tremendous Rotarian soon, of that we can be assured.

## Rotary Scholarship Awarded

The Allen G. Umbreit Memorial/William L. Austin Scholarship is for students planning to attend either Baker College of Muskegon or Muskegon Community College. This is a single Rotary scholarship available for either college, and is sponsored by the Muskegon Rotary Club for students in the Muskegon metropolitan area. Student recipients will be awarded \$1,000 in total (split over two years) which may be applied to tuition, instructional fees, books, and supplies.

In 2017, we received 8 applications for the scholarship. Our students shown above were ranked as the top (4) from our subcommittee during their application review. Areas the subcommittee used for scoring include, but are not limited to: Level of Community Involvement, Life Goals, Counselor/Teacher Recommendation, Student's Personal Statements, Academic Achievement and any Special Circumstance that should be considered.



Above, from left... all attending MCC:

### Sydney Cradlebaugh

Fruitport High School Grad - Nursing

### Darius Ricks

Muskegon High School Grad - Pre-Med

### Israel Hall

Muskegon High School Grad - Nursing

### Morgan Kane

Fruitport High School Grad - Nursing

By Megan Byard-Karaba

**RELATED: MCC RECENTLY  
NAMED BEST COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE IN MICHIGAN.**





**When you live by the Big Lake, here's what you see outside your summer Rotary meeting room.**

## May 2017 Baker College Rotaractor of the Month

Natalie Drier is a first year member of the Rotaract Club of Baker College of Muskegon. Her major is Marketing and, since joining the club, Natalie has participated in a variety of volunteer opportunities, such as volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club and Habitat for Humanity. During May, Natalie attended the Rotary District Conference as one of the Baker College Rotaract representatives. All her hard work contributed to her earning our Rotaractor of the Month award for May. Natalie loves music and some day she would like to learn how to play the piano. We are very excited to have her as a member in our Club. Thank you for all your hard work, Natalie!



## Last Week's Program

### MCT: Entertaining and Educating Our Community

**SPEAKERS:** Teri Gust (Managing Director) and Kirk Wahamaki (Artistic Director)

**RIM REPORTER:** Jamie Hekker

Muskegon Civic Theatre is entering its 33<sup>rd</sup> year, but its roots go back to the 1920s. Established in 1985 as a consolidation of the former Civic Opera Association, Port City Playhouse, and Muskegon Youth Theater, it is the only community theater organization in Muskegon County and is a nonprofit governed by a board of directors. Have you attended a Muskegon Civic Theatre (MCT) production? Every year they produce five shows including a small musical, a comedy, drama, black box show, and a large musical in the Frauenthal Theater.

One of the most popular offerings of MCT is the black box production. This play is performed on the Frauenthal stage on

stage with the audience seated on the stage on risers around the actors. It's an intimate and unique opportunity that you shouldn't miss! The big hit of the 2016 – 17 season was the musical *Mary Poppins*, which broke attendance records for MCT with over 1000 people attending the closing performance.

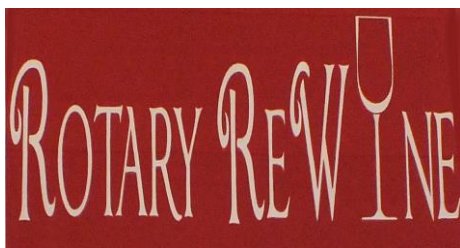


Be sure to check out the 2017 – 18 season, which has the following shows announced: *My Way* (Frank Sinatra); *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*; *Guys on Ice* (Black Box Production); *A Raisin in the Sun*; and *Spamalot* (Musical in the Frauenthal).

Not only does MCT offer world-class performances, it also has educational programming for students from kindergarten through high school all year round. Over 5000 students throughout the years have taken part in education programs, helping to develop skills,

confidence, and even spurring a few professional careers in entertainment. This summer, middle and high school students will be at Muskegon Community College's Overbrook Theater for a week-long intensive workshop, culminating in a performance of *Fame Jr.* Students K – 6 will take part in a camp and will perform Disney's *The Lion King Jr.* In the

school year there is a full slate of >>>



**Muskegon Holiday Inn**  
**Thursdays 5:15 – 6:30pm**  
**Prospective Members and**  
**Visitors Invited**



**Kirk Wahamaki and Teri Gust**

>>> slate of education programs for K – 12 including acting, voice, performance, and technical skills courses. A brand new youth program will be starting this year and MCT is the first in

Michigan to launch this exciting project. The Penguin Project, a program founded by Dr. Andrew Morgan of Peoria, IL, works with students who have special needs to allow them to participate in children's theater for the first time. The program uses peer mentoring system where each artist is matched up with a peer as they learn. The Penguin Project will be producing *Annie Jr.* this fall. Be sure to come out and support this talented group of young artists and their partner agency, No More Sidelines.

Muskegon Civic Theatre has an annual budget of \$275,000, with ticket sales and tuition for education programs covering about half of these costs. Expenses including royalties continue to rise every year. To maintain the high level of excellence they're known for, MCT relies on donations and corporate partners to make up the difference. We can also make a difference! To support MCT, buy tickets and come to the shows – it's a great night out and you can enjoy our growing downtown. You can also become a season ticket holder, which will allow you to save on your per-show ticket price and ensure you have at least 5 date nights a year! Be sure to bring your friends with you to the show and let everyone know about MCT! Word of mouth is the best and cheapest advertising. You can also be a volunteer. Every production season requires up to 350 volunteers – you can be one of them! Finally, your financial contributions are vital to the success of the program. We'll see you at the theatre.

## NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcomed in new member **Matt Vander Velde**, right, sponsored by **Jim Nielsen**. Matt is originally from Hudsonville and is a



longtime employee of Orchard View Public Schools. He joined OV as choir director and was recently promoted to director of Community Education. Welcome, Matt.

This week, we will meet at the Holiday Inn for our annual program with the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant Contestants. Don't miss this meeting, as it will be chaired by Past-President Extraordinaire, **Gary Nelund!** ...and... AND...you just might sit with our future Miss Michigan, not to mention the next Miss America.

Please sign up to provide your words of wisdom during our time of invocation and reflection this quarter. See **Alan Alpert** to sign up or with questions. The only openings in July-August-September are August 24 and 31. First come, first served.

The Red Star Committee's **Darlene Collet** (rhymes with "Chevrolet") is here to answer your questions (about anything), help you get your star removed, and announce that **our new badges and Rotary "pins" are applied with magnets! Please note that if you wear a pacemaker or other magnetic-prohibitive device, you should use a traditional badge and pin.**

The *Parties in the Park* planning is going full steam ahead for our August 4th Party! While the committee did not meet last week, they are still seeking volunteers. Please sign up now!

The Seaway Run is only two weeks away! Runners, walkers and volunteers are still needed! Sign up at [www.seawayrun.com](http://www.seawayrun.com). See **Tom Powers** to sign up for the Rotary Spirit Station, located this year in the Terrace Point neighborhood.

On Wednesday, June 14th, help is needed to put up and take down flags along Seaway Drive for Flag Day. Please see **Tom Powers** or **John Noling** if you can assist at 7:00 am or 6:30 pm.

United Way of the Lakeshore's annual Ride United will take place on Saturday, June 17th. There are rides for all levels, from 6 miles to 100 miles, and all riders receive tickets to the fabulous Taste of Muskegon to help refuel after the journey! Contact United Way or [www.rideMI.org](http://www.rideMI.org) to sign up!

## Remember Landon Fortenberry?

...the highly regarded Reeths Puffer student, Rotary Youth Exchange outbound to Brazil, former Camp Pendalouan Counselor, and former Life Leadership Conference conferee and now staff member/counselor of same. Landon made quite an impression in words and deeds. Quite a young man, indeed.

Landon is studying Mandarin through a special Michigan State study program in China until mid-July while completing his undergraduate work in Asian studies and Chinese language studies. He wants to work internationally and is also interested in law and foreign service.

On a recent visit to Shanghai, Landon was hosted by Zach Noling, son of John and Sue, for a weekend tour of Shanghai (population 23,000,000). Zach's work is based there with Price, Waterhouse, Coopers. Both Zach and Landon work together as staff at the Life Leadership Conference.

Zach reports that "Landon was a pleasant guest and full of conversation. He carried on a conversation in Mandarin with three Chinese parents trying to hook up their 'sheng-nu'



(daughters in need of husbands) at the marriage market in Shanghai's people's park.

"Their daughters were early 30's-Landon asked if they'd be OK with a 20-year-old laowai/Meiguoren (foreigner/American) to much laughter. They were impressed with his Mandarin."

We are fortunate to have had a role in sharing Rotary with Landon Fortenberry and look forward to a possible late summer visit to our Club. – **John Noling**

## Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Kirk Wahamakli (**Club**); Montague-Whitehall Rotarian Ed Kaminsky, Haley Knight and Dr Arthur Garner (**John Noling**); Jane Boutt (**Christine Robere**); Steven R Hard II (**Robin Henshaw**); Israel Hall, Darius Hicks, Sydney Cradlebaugh, Morgan Kane (**Megan Byard-Karaba**) plus four guests.