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Hi there ...

Have you heard the rumor that I've resigned from Rotary. I wasn't going to worry about it except I've



since received an email that assumed I had left the organization. Because of my ongoing need to communicate with members, it is

important that you know I'm still a contact for any financial concerns. So I'm very much still here.

Thanks for your assistance, **Kathy Betts**, *Rotary Bookkeeper*

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or email me (231-733-4411 or joshua@ mckenzieprice.com, respectively). I can also help reset your login info or update your profile, upon request.

Thank you, Josh Wallace, President Nominee



Rotaractor of the Month – May

Katrina Tibbetts, is a first year member of the Rotaract Club of Baker College of Muskegon. She is majoring in Early Childhood

Development and has been a very active member in her first year. Throughout the month of May, Katrina participated in the club's Mother's Day table fundraiser as well as attended Kids' Food Basket each Friday of the month. Katrina also attended a Muskegon Rotary lunch to present a check to Kids' Food Basket. Before becoming a member of our club, Katrina played violin for eight years while in school. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the club. Katrina!

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On Tuesday June 21, 4 - 8 pm, a new exhibit at the Lakeshore Museum will examine the changes to Muskegon Lake from the time of the lumbering industry to the present day. A video shows the changes to the shoreline decade by decade and a hands-on station offers visitors an opportunity to create a souvenir log mark. Formal comments will be made at 5:30 pm. This is a free event. Lakeshore Museum Center 430 W Clay Ave, Muskegon, Michigan 49440.

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No Good Deed Ever Goes Unpunished, er, Unpublished by Bob Scolnik, prolific RIM contributor

I wasn't going to write about this, but it's too good to pass up. Last Friday night, my wife

Merle and I volunteered to work with Rotary's Party in Hackley Park. We always sign up to sell drink tickets at the 3rd Street entrance; Merle hands out



tickets and I collect the money. As a business owner for decades, making change is very easy for me. On this night, a man bought \$5 in tickets and gave me a \$10 bill. I always put the customer's money under the cash box until our transaction is complete so we both can see how much he/she gave me. No questions or confusion. Well, it was busy then, and I mistakenly gave him change back for a \$20 bill. As he was walking away, I realized what I had done but decided against trying to chase him down. It was my mistake and I told Merle I'd just put in my own \$10. I felt bad - it was careless of me but it was OK. About 5 minutes later, the young man comes back and hands me the \$10. I thanked him and to be honest. I was surprised... but really happy to see that the world still has honest and very good people in it. I don't know his name but suspect special things in his future.



President Susan asked that we share that... this coming week's Rotary ReWine (satellite) meeting will begin 3:30pm Thursday at her and Orville's home, after which the group will walk together to the "Sails Ablaze" statue unveiling just down the street at the Terrace Point Traffic Circle, starting at 4:30pm. Please spread the word.

In the meantime, **Susan** greeted the assemblage last week and, after the Pledge of Allegiance, reflections on life by **Kathy Moore**, and the Four Way Test, she asked for a moment of silence on behalf of recently deceased Rotarian **Gary Ostrom**.



Nancy McCarthy, above left, took to the podium to greet, welcome and surprise a woman who was to become designated recipient of our most recent Paul Harris

Fellowship... no one other than Mary Kendall, right, a true community supporter who has staged many successful events with



resultant monies donated to local causes. She created Muskegon's version >>>

You're All Invited



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>>> of "Dancing with the Stars" which, now in its seventh year, has earned and passed on to the community over \$600,000. She also created the concept of Tempting Tables, an event of creative dining settings that has also raised monies for community coffers. Upon receiving the prestigious Paul Harris award for outstanding community support, she gave credit to others, as she is prone to do. Thank you, Mary Kendall, for your love and dedication to Greater Muskegon.

Visiting Rotarians and Friends

Grand Rapids Rotarian and former *Muskegon Chronicle* Publisher **Paul Keep;** Coopersville Rotary President Dennis Luce; spouse Connie Nesbary (**Dale Nesbary**); spouse Judi Dix (**Steve Dix**); Financial Advisor Shawn Taylor (**Nancy Crandall**); Mary & Bob Kendall and Dianne Berdt (**Club**); and future pageant contestants Olivia and Stella Peterson (talent agent, manager and dad **Frank Peterson**).

Last Week's Program MISS MICHIGAN AND THIS YEAR'S PAGEANT CONTESTANTS by Frank Marczak

The program, featuring Miss Michigan contestants, was introduced by **Dave Alexander**. Honored and recognized were 33 outstanding young women from across the state vying to become the next Miss Michigan. Speaking to our members was Emily Kieliszewski, Miss Michigan 2016, below with **President Susan**. Reflecting on her time as the reigning Miss Michigan since June 2015, Emily shared her platform and zeal for addressing issues of mental health.



She described her year of being Miss Michigan as exciting and worthwhile. Speaking to us as one of six children, three of whom were adopted, she described challenges her family went through to raise one of the adopted children after its being raised in terrible conditions by his birth parents. The young child joined the family at age 14 months and it became readily apparent that those months were anything but positive. Emily came to know and love this sibling and she, for the first time in her life, understood what it meant to live in poverty. She described the many hospital stays this young brother had at age 12, four in that year alone. The child

had mental issues that may have arisen from birth or later imparted by way of neglect and bad parenting.

In the visits that followed, her brother was denied access to hospital beds because the hospital staff simply did not know how to handle the problems he exhibited. Thus

became her awareness of the state of mental health treatment and the realization that not enough attention is being paid to individuals who are suffering from this affliction.

Based largely on the experiences with her brother, the idea of advocating for people with mental health issues became her platform, and she speaks eloquently about it. Emily has become such a spokesperson for addressing mental health issues that she has been asked to serve on the statewide board of the National Alliance of Mental illness: www.nami.org

She has put on over 45,000 miles driving across Michigan speaking to this issue and it is apparent she is not going to stop.

Ironically, it was her mother who encouraged her to consider competing in the Miss Michigan Pageant, and she has done so six times, finally bringing the crown home in 2015. She has spoken to many Rotary clubs, including one unnamed group that threw

napkins at her after her speech (must be a club tradition since she was so amused by the experience). Emily has a degree from MSU and entered the contest to earn money for college as a family with six children does not have the means to just say "go and we will cover it."

We were blessed today by a smart young speaker who is advocating for change in the realm of mental illness. In addition, we met 33 other young women with different talents and platforms advocating for improvements in this world. Let's support them and cheer for another Miss Michigan to become Miss America.

Olivia Miller, Miss Stateline Emily Sioma,

and Miss Heartland Charlotte Squires

Talent examples were performed by, from left: Miss River Raisin Festival







Advice from an old farmer who'd like now to share a little of what he learned as a Rotary guest in just one meeting:

- Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
- Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Live a good, honorable life... Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around..

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.

Most times, it just gets down to common sense.