



Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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Muskegon Rotary Club



Club 216 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916 June 4, 2015 12:10pm Lake House Waterfront Grille http://www.muskegonrotary.org



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Rotary () 2014–2015 Distinguished Service Citation Awarded to the Rotary Club of

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: "WMSRDC Vision for Muskegon" Erin Kuhn

MEETER / GREETER Linda Zolman INVOCATION Al Kotcha

THIS MEETING'S MENU

Chicken Parmigiana in marinara sauce with mozzarella and parmesan cheese, herb butter linguine, and fresh vegetable – offered with Caesar salad bar and cookies.

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Cathy Monton	Jun 6
Ken Kraus	Jun 7
Tom Schaub	Jun 7

PROGRAMS/ EVENTS

06/11 Muskegon Area Promise 06/12 Rotary's Party in the Park 06/18 Miss Michigan Contestants 06/25 STRIVE, Scholarships 07/02 Happy New Rotary Year 07/09 Image Campaign 07/16 Foster Parents 09/23 Grape Escape

Did you know?

The first Rotary meeting was held in the Unity Building in Chicago on February 23, 1905.



Michigan's Heritage Park Opens June 6

Muskegon County's newest attraction is Michigan's Heritage Park, a 19-acre living history park which explores 10,000 years of Michigan history in a natural woodland setting in Whitehall. The park, operated by the Lakeshore Museum Center, opens on June 6.

A gentle half-mile trail winds through the

park with interactive encounters along the way. At the Native American Village, visitors will discover wigwams and may help weave a cattail mat. Further along, in the log cabin, they'll meet an early settler doing chores. They can stretch out on a bunk in the Logging Shanty and learn about the lives of Michigan's lumberjacks.

Visitors may be tempted by the smell bread baking as they come upon the 1900s farmhouse where they'll learn about life on Michigan's early farms. Other stops along the trail include a Fur Trading Post, mastodon site, archaeology dig, and a Civilian Conservation Corps Camp.

Special events will be held in the park's activity field throughout the season

begining with a Civil War Encampment with members of the Third Michigan Volunteer Infantry Company on June 13 and 14. A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 27 at Noon.

Michigan's Heritage Park is located in Whitehall at 8637 North Durham Road with easy access from US 31 at exit 128. The park is located just north of the Whitehall Comfort Inn.

The park will be open Thursday through Monday from 10 am to 4 pm. On Sundays,



the park will be open from 1 to 4 pm. The park will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Admission for adults and teens is \$10, seniors (65 and older) \$8, and youth (2 - 12) \$5.

For more information, visit <u>www.lakeshoremuseum.org</u> or or call 231-894-0342.



The Club welcomed three new members to Rotary. Mark Eisenbarth, Tamara Gatewood-Jackson, and Connie Taylor.

Mark is the Muskegon County

Administrator. He enjoys kayaking and soccer as well as volunteering as a "Loaned Executive" for United Way. Tamara is the manager



earned her MBA from Cornerstone University and volunteers time serving Destination Imagination, the Hackley Library Board, and

Bank. She

her church's youth group.

Connie works for First General Credit Union. She formerly served as the president and CEO of Rockford Community

Credit Union. She has been a member of the Rockford Rotary Club for 14 years and served as its Club president.

Muskegon Rotary proudly welcomes Mark, Tamara, and Connie to the Club!



Committee Reports and Annoucements

Al Flogge, a long-time Rotary member and past president of the Muskegon Rotary Club, passed away this week. When he last visited the Club several months ago, he was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship. The Club observed a moment of silence in his memory.

The correct answer to this week's

edition of "Guess the Rotarian," was Rich Berry. Rich's claim to fame was averaging about 60 concerts a year over a 20-year career in radio.

Incoming **District** Governor Tom Schmidt visited the Club to announce that next year's District Conference will

be held in late April 2016 in Muskegon in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Muskegon Rotary Club.

President Brianna reminded everyone that our weekly Club meetings will move to

the Lake House Grill on June 4 for the summer and fall

Club member Laurie Larsen has recently retired from Consumers Energy. The Club congratulates Laurie on her retirement!

Fran

Fisher, mother of Jim Fisher, will be a guest of the Club next Thursday to receive a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Gary Ostrom announced that a new member orientation session will be held next Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 8:00am, at the Shoreline Inn.

It is time to check your directory information to confirm it is up-to-date for the next edition. If changes are needed, you may contact Nancy Crandall or go online at

muskegonrotary.org. (Nancy "strongly" recommends going online!)

Did you know that Muskegon Rotary has received \$60,000 over the past three vears from proceeds of the Seawav Run? Neither did this year's water station organizer for the 2015 event, Tom Powers. The Club's support of the Seaway Run has certainly paid dividends. A dozen volunteers are needed to staff the water station for this year's Run, which will take place on Saturday, June 27, 2015, from 7:30-11:30am. If you can help, contact Tom Powers soon.

The North Muskegon Interact Club and advisor John Slocum will be visiting the Club next Thursday to complete their presentation on this year's accomplishments. They have been working with Kids Food Basket and have raised money for charities such as the Wounded Warrior Project. We are looking forward to having them back next week to complete their presentation!

Thirteen members from the Baker College Rotaract Club visited this week's meeting to present a check to the United Way of the Lakeshore for \$7.000. The



Club also reported on numerous volunteer activities they have completed this year, including packing 12,000 suppers for Kids Food

Basket; preparing 100 Thanksgiving dinners for Mission for Area People; planting 115 trees for Pheasants Forever; attending a clean-up day at the Y's Camp Pendalouan; attending the Rotary District conference in Traverse City; hosting a read-a-thon event with United Way; donating 442 books to Shoreline Elementary School; hosting 6 Read Early, Read Often events for children, and receiving the President's Citation from Rotary International for the second year in a row. For their outstanding accomplishments, the Baker Rotaract Club received a standing ovation!



of the downtown branch of Huntington

Last Week's Program

There and Back Again: A Youth Exchange Student's Tale by Lee Coggin



Esteban Lastra Yanez, this year's inbound Youth Exchange student from Temuco, Chile, visited the Club this week to deliver his final report before returning home. Esteban lived with three families this year, the Crandalls, Tylers, and Reisters, while attending Mona Shores High School. Esteban was sponsored by his home Rotary Club, the Temuco Cordillera Club, which sent its club flag with him to present to President Brianna as a gift.

Esteban said he "didn't know what to expect" when he arrived in Michigan to begin his year as an exchange student. But, he soon learned that while he may be in a "different nation" he was still "with people" who had many of the same needs and characteristics as those he knew in Chile.

Esteban reflected upon the differences between life in Chile and Michigan. His school experience here focused more on sports, so he "trained" more than he ever has. He participated in futbol (soccer), swimming, and track. In sharing a picture of Mona Shores High School, Esteban said, "there is a lot of Sailor pride over there." He immersed himself in American high school life, including attending the Prom. Esteban lives in an urban area of 300,000 in Chile along with his parents, who work as a dentist and engineer. He also has two brothers, and his grandfather lives with his family as well.

When he returns home, he will tell his friends that travelling "opens your mind and changes the way you think." Esteban arrived in Michigan thinking he would be a biologist one day, but he returns home with a new interest in economics, a distinctly new career path possibility.

While he will miss the kindness of his host families and the opportunity to speak English on a regular basis, Esteban is looking forward to getting home to his family, friends, and Chilean food!

Guests and Visitors

Brandon Steury, from First General Credit Union, was a guest of Connie Taylor. Lisa Tyler, Ana Ortega, Olivia Witham, Heidi Reister, all Youth Exchange Host family members, were guests of Megan Byard.

Emily Baker, a Life Leadership Committee member, was a guest of Phil Friedrick.

Pamela Smith, from Pathfinders, was a guest of Tom Powers.

Ron Gates, from Cumulus Radio, was a guest of Rich Berry.

Juwana Jackson, from Trinity Health, was a guest of Jim Fisher.

Baker College Rotaract members Stephanie Stewart, Danielle Woodring, Kaytie Ely, Fern Premmasane, Brittany Johnson, Jayme Peterson, La'Quesna Dixon, Samuel Wynn, Maddie Putnam, Julianta Esparta, Megan Malowitz, Rodney Savage, Amy Barba, and club advisor Linda Meyers attended as guests.

This Week on Stage

What's the future hold for Muskegon? Rotarian **Erin Kuhn** will share the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission's "Vision for Muskegon".

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