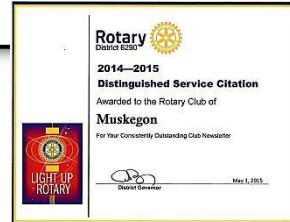




**"Service Above Self"**

# Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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## Muskegon Rotary Club

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

**June 8, 2017 12:00-1:15pm**

**Lake House Waterfront Grill**

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?



## (6/8) "Muskegon Civic Theatre" Teri Gust

"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

Heidi Sytsema

### THIS WEEK'S MENU

Apple/Sage Stuffed Pork Loin w/  
Sherry/Sage Gravy; a garden  
salad bar; redskin potatoes;  
green beans; and brownies.

### ROTARIAN'S BIRTHDAYS

Jun 1—J Piasecki

Jun 2—J Line, D Nesbary

Jun 5—M Kleaveland

Jun 7—M Asplund, T Schaub

### FUTURE PROGRAMS / EVENTS

06/08 **New Member Orientation**

06/15 Miss Michigan Contestants

06/22 Rotary International

06/29 Passing of Club Gavel

07/06 TBA

07/13 GR Mayor Rosalynn Bliss

08/04 **Parties in the Park**

10/04 **Grape Escape**



Consider this an atypical Civil War scene complete with hoop-skirted ladies, Union soldiers guarding the town, a Confederate cannon firing in the background, and your own personal tour guide – in this case, Museum Director Annoesjka's babushkaed great-great-grandmother (smiling).

<http://buytickets.at/lakeshoremuseumcenter/95713>

Come to the park in Whitehall for its 2017 Civil War Weekend. Get lost in the 1860s with the sights, smells, smoke and sounds of one of history's most devastating conflicts. See soldiers in their winter camp and learn about their lives in harsh conditions. Visit civilians who followed them and hear how the war affected things back home.

Visitors will also have a chance to experience a battle unfold on the activity field plus games, activities and the entire park to explore! The Bone

Endz' food truck will be at Civil War Weekend on Saturday, June 10, with delicious offerings; then Sunday, the 11th, visitors are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and purchase treats from our gift shop like soda and ice cream bars.

Admission: \$12 Adults and Teens; \$10 Seniors; \$7 Youth; FREE 2 and under. To buy tickets in advance, visit the link on left...

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## Can't Sit This One Out

When I first volunteered for United Way decades ago, I met UW Board Chairman Jim Fisher, right. Learning only later that Jim is pleasantly under-heighted, that day behind the lectern, his business persona on full display (it was scary to this shy Hoosier country boy, I kid you not), he could easily have been 6-foot 8.

I've observed Mr Fisher several



times since concluding he's a true leader and dynamic chairman. This recent retiree must now be rewarded with a clever "Chairman" ditty. See Page 2, Col 1.

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*WBF*



## Chairman Cont'd from cover page

In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor.

Occasionally a guest, usually a man like **Jim Fisher**, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title "Chairman," "Chair" or "Chairman of the Board." Now you know... the rest of the story.

(Ed. Note: Hey, we couldn't make this stuff up.)

## So Sorry, So Sad

Last issue, RIM mistakenly used "Big Brothers Big Sisters" in a story that should've cited "Boys & Girls Club." Thus, our proofreader has been flogged and penalized for two weeks without pay or hot food. We appreciate learning when/where we mess up; it helps us improve our product 'tho it also breaks our hearts.

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## A Day to Remember

Some Facebook someone recently expressed his opinion that Memorial Day – originally Decoration Day, 1868, at Arlington National Cemetery following the Civil War – was meant mostly as a solemn occasion; "Happy Memorial Day" might be an inappropriate

greeting; and "celebration" should not be used to describe it. To be remembered that day were Armed



Forces personnel who lost their lives defending America.

It's SO American: the spectators above in Fruitport watching the 2017 Memorial Day parade, captured by Scolnik Studios' Kodak Brownie Hawkeye film camera. The original

intent of this holiday – honoring the deceased – has changed dramatically in recent years, as have many other things. That said, fellow Americans, why not a subtle change henceforth? Make sure a decent patch of time is reserved for traditional patriotism, perhaps a short reading or prayer of gratefulness for all

who served in the military and/or still do, and then... a generous period of time for family and friends – precious people for whom there's usually too little time.

Such a proposed change would seem to honor the intentions of any who fought and often died so that their countrymen might better appreciate the freedoms and continued closeness with those felt to be blessings from God.

We've more room for your thoughts.



"We will miss you, Pastor Phil... Thanks for your service to our Club and North Muskegon Rotary Interact."

— John Noling

## For Those Who Serve

...Beer. Are you signed up to volunteer for Rotary's *Parties in the Park*? Look for the sign-up sheet during our meetings to sign up to help!

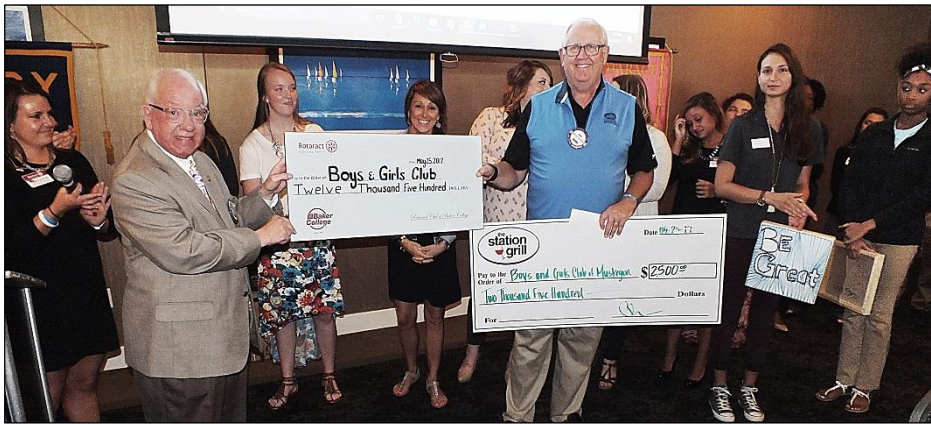
For our beer servers, and especially our beer captains, there was an **Alcohol Aware-**



ness training last Thursday, June 1, at the **Central Fire Station**. Most missed it. There is a second training scheduled for **Monday, July 19 at 5:30pm**. Please plan to attend this second training, if possible. We need as many of our beer servers/ captains as possible to attend at least one of these trainings. It's very important.

Questions? Contact **Merica Dobry**, PIP chair, at [merica.dobry@gmail.com](mailto:merica.dobry@gmail.com). Thank you!!





At our recent Rotary Youth Services meeting, Boys & Girls Club officials Bob Scolnik, left, and Mike Youngdahl accept

for \$12,500 and \$2,500, respectively, from Baker Rotaract and The Station Grill, reflecting a year's hard work and dedication.

Every year the Baker College Rotaract Club picks a local non-profit to raise money for during the school year. This year the club chose Boys & Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore. Our club did multiple fundraisers for this organization. The fundraisers ranged from collecting pop cans to having a Build Your Burger event at The Station Grill. Of course, the club can't give away all of its fundraising secrets! In addition to raising money for this great cause, members also volunteered their time for a telethon, Comcast Day of Caring at Nelson School, after school programs at both Nelson and Muskegon Heights, as well as working the Great Gala Futures event. The club gladly donated \$12,500 to the Boys & Girls Club! In addition, The Station Grill donated \$2,500 which is the amount charged the club for the fundraiser. Our club is so proud of what the Boys & Girls Club is doing for the youth in Muskegon and are extremely grateful for the opportunity to provide support.

## ROTARY REWINE

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

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Above link: ReWine 6-1-17

## NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dan Wheat** (photo right column) has transferred to the Muskegon Rotary Club from the Fremont Club. Dan is employed by ChoiceOne Bank and now works in the Muskegon area. Welcome Dan!

**President Josh's** Healthy Tip for this week is to walk sideways! Walking sideways burns 78% more calories than walking forward. Lateral motion takes extra effort by putting your body to work in unfamiliar ways.

## HABITAT HOUSE COMPLETED

Claire Root-Benson from Habitat for Humanity thanked the Club for their work on the Hibbs home on Lincoln Street. The timeline for this fully accessible home for the Hibbs family was helped by Rotary's volunteer groups working twice a week on the project. Claire presented a >>> checks



**Claire ROOT-BENSON & BETH HIBBS**

>>> photo album, page of it below, of the various groups working on the home, along with information about the Hibbs family, to the Club. Beth Hibbs joined Claire in thanking the Club, she and her family are grateful for the Club's help in making their home a reality. The **home will be dedicated this Monday, June 5, at 5:30**, if anyone wishes to attend; the address is 2355 Lincoln.



**Dan Wheat** has come to Muskegon from Fremont Rotary.



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Anything you've ever wanted to know about the Muskegon Civic Theatre Teri Gust is just dying to share. Wear something MCT, do up your hair, and come feel the full force of "Break a Leg!"



## Last Week's Program

### Impressive MMA Exhibition

**Kirk Hallman**, Muskegon Museum of Art Development Officer, introduced our guest speaker, Ben Mitchell. Ben, **below**, is the curator of the Museum's new exhibit, Edward S. Curtis: The North American Indian, an exhibition of national significance that explores the depth, breadth, and lasting cultural legacy of Edward Curtis's monumental work.

The story begins two years ago with a phone call from **Judy Hayner** to Ben Mitchell outlining an idea... let's create an exhibit with all 723 photogravures (fine art intaglio-printed photographs) from the portfolios included with Edward Curtis's twenty volumes of ethnographic research. The Museum owns subscription #70 of this masterpiece, thanks to Lulu Miller, a Hackley Library librarian from the early 1900s, who purchased the subscription for \$3,000 (\$82,000 in today's currency). At first a bit hesitant, suggesting perhaps they curate 250 or even 300 of the photogravures, Ben signed on to the project and got to work on curating all 723 images, along with all the bound volumes, original field recordings of early nineteenth-century Native music, historic images of Curtis's life and times, and examples of Native cultural artifacts represented in the photogravures.



**KIRK HALLMAN**

The first step was to determine which story to tell. Is the focus on the native culture, or on Edward Curtis, who was born into poverty and had only a sixth grade education, yet became a renowned photographer whose work influenced the way an entire nation viewed the indigenous peoples of North America? The exhibit, which takes up 80% of the Museum's space, emerged as an intersection of the

two stories – one can't be told without the other.

The prints depict Native American life over a century ago in stunning portraits, landscapes, and lifestyles; Curtis had a great gift of capturing the human spirit in his work. Organized around the way that Curtis took the photographs, the images are grouped as Portraits, Children & Family, Spiritual World, At Work, Material Culture, and Architecture/Dwellings. The Children & Family collection showcases his understanding of how family is at the core



of the Native American culture. The Spiritual World images caused some controversy among Native American and non-Indian critics and scholars, because Curtis talked his way into rituals, rites, and viewing ceremonial regalia and objects that typically were not shared with outsiders. Also controversial

from an anthropological point of view was that some photos were posed, often due to the laws of the time which restricted native rituals. However, tribal elders consulted about exhibiting the work said that it honors their culture.

The galleries are structured into six distinct areas: Lulu Miller and the Acquisition of The North American Indian; Edward S. Curtis Background and Biography; Life and Context: Edward Curtis and The North American Indian; Edward Curtis, The Artist, Legacy and Controversy; and The Depth of the North American Indian. There is also a young people's art-making area, a fun and educational art activity area to enhance the exhibition experience and entertain youngsters.

From building his own camera with a lens his father brought back from the Civil War, to a chance mountain climbing rescue on Mt. Rainier that introduced him to benefactors and mentors, Curtis's life is a journey of sacrifice and vision that ultimately resulted in the amazing work showcased in our Museum of Art. The exhibit runs through September 10, 2017,

so there's plenty of time to view it before it goes! For more information, visit the Muskegon Museum of Art website at [www.muskegonartmuseum.org](http://www.muskegonartmuseum.org).

## Final Announcements

**Alan Alpert** is requesting members to sign up to give the invocation at meetings in June and July, please contact him if you are able to help.

**Merica Dobry** walked sideways up to the microphone to share news of Rotary's *Parties in the Park* – we are scheduled for August 4, so mark your calendars and be ready to sign up for a fun shift.

**Jamie Hekker** noted that we are 24 days away from the Mercy Health Seaway Run – volunteering, running, or walking in this Rotary/YMCA joint event gets you closer to earning your Green Apple sticker for your badge. You can sign up to volunteer online at [www.seawayrun.org/volunteer](http://www.seawayrun.org/volunteer) or email Jamie at [hekkerja@co.muskegon.mi.us](mailto:hekkerja@co.muskegon.mi.us). To register to run or walk, go to [seawayrun.com](http://seawayrun.com). Help us spread the word - if you have a spot where you could hang a poster, please contact Jamie or **Chris Burnaw** ([cburnaw@comcast.net](mailto:cburnaw@comcast.net)).

There will be a New Member Get-Together at **Pam Babbitt's** home this next Thursday, June 8 from 5:30 to 7:30. Committee Chairs are welcome and encouraged to attend to talk about their committees with new members (a great way to fill your committee roster!)

**Club Secretary Nancy Crandall** reminded us to be sure to get our badges scanned at each meeting so that we are counted as present. She also made a shameless plug (and paid her dollar) for the Art Museum's fundraising raffle – a \$100 ticket gives you a chance at \$10,000; contact Nancy for details.

## Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Gary Shepherd Jr (**Rem Sprague**); Andrew Cutler (**Josh Silvis**); Beth Hibbs and Claire Root-Benson (**Kathy Moore**); Ben Mitchell (**Kirk Hallman**); and Jeremy Lenertz (**Mike Schultz**).

## Two Wks: Miss Michigan