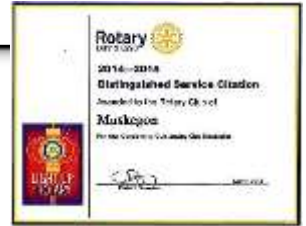




# Muskegon Rotary in Motion



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**Muskegon Rotary Club**  
Club 216 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916  
**March 10, 2016 12:10pm**  
**Muskegon Harbor Holiday Inn**  
<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>



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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?



**Program: "Step Up (for 'aged out' young adults)" Dr Dick Kamps**

### MEETERS / GREETERS

Dan Hartmann

### INVOCATION - REFLECTION

Darlene Collet

### THIS MEETING'S MENU

Deli Sandwich Bar; tomato soup;  
salad bar with 6 toppings, 3  
dressings; chips/ dip; bread  
and butter; assorted desserts

### STUDENT GUESTS

Oakridge Eagles

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Brian Springett Mar 13  
Brian Strobel Mar 16

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

03/17 Life Circles/PACE  
03/24 Silent Observer  
03/31 Club Assembly  
04/07 Rotary Presentation  
04/14 MMA American Indian Exhibit  
04/21 Billionaire John Barfield  
04/30 **100 YEAR CELEBRATION**

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### Dancing.Rotary.Stars.



Frank Peterson (alias Foxy Frankie) and Brenda Sprader, above, cut a mean proverbial rug. Almost hidden, our Chris → Burnaw poses with other lady dancers in the middle of the back row. More p. 2.

The highly regarded "Dancing with the Local Stars" fundraiser concluded on Saturday with participants – many with Rotary connections – giving the event high praise. We credit these RIM "Stars" photos to friends Brenda Sprader, Mary Husid, Christine Robere, Carla Flanders, and anyone else we might've missed.

For Sunday *Chronicle* coverage, p. A5:  
<http://muskegonchronicle.mi.newsmem.org.com/?token=pe8VqMlzX2kGGHCYT3%2fuOg%3d%3d>



Local Rotarians, from left, are → "leading ladies" and host emcee Christine Robere, Cindy Larsen, Kimberly Sims, Emcee Gary Nelund, Kathy Moore and Julia Rupp.



## Five Couples Dancing



Courtesy: Lynda Lear-Balkema

'Twas a zesty little taste of showbiz for five Rotary-connected couples who all did well last week. Our "Local Stars" duos were:

- Troy Wasserman and Mary Ball
- Chris Burnaw and Sean France
- Steve Dangel and Lisa Jirakovic
- Jon Felske and Carly Switzer
- Frank Peterson and Brenda Sprader

[http://www.mlive.com/entertainment/muskegon/index.ssf/2016/02/watch\\_segments\\_of\\_dancing\\_wit\\_h.html](http://www.mlive.com/entertainment/muskegon/index.ssf/2016/02/watch_segments_of_dancing_wit_h.html) - Watch their slick moves here

Courtesy: MLive

"Did my best Travolta/Leprechaun mashup for the finale at DWTLS" – Gary Nelund, below



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Join us as we toast  
 Muskegon Rotary's  
 100-year Anniversary!

Event is Black Tie Optional

Who? Rotarians and guests

When? April 30, 2016, 6PM

Where? Muskegon Country Club



'Round  
 Rotary's  
 RIM

## Rotaractors in Honduras

## This Week On Stage



In Muskegon County alone there are some 450 foster kids at any given time. Young people who age out of the foster system are the fastest growing homeless group in the state of Michigan. We are losing the talents and energy of this group of young adults; the goal of Step Up, a new nonprofit organized in Muskegon in 2015, is to help change that. Check out their website:

<http://stepupmuskegon.org/>



Baker College Rotaractors Megan, Megan, Stephanie and Rodney are busy building latrines and installing water filters with Rotarians and Interactors from West Michigan at El Ayudante Mission, Lo De Reina, Comayagua, Honduras



THE 7th ANNUAL MUSKEGON BIKE TIME WINTER BASH WILL BE SATURDAY, MARCH 5, FROM 4PM – MIDNIGHT AT FRICANO'S EVENT CENTER IN DOWNTOWN MUSKEGON.

## Unity Report from Muskegon Heights

A great thing happened in Muskegon Heights Wednesday night. After Shelby High School declined to play basketball in the Heights, citing to a recent shooting there by a Grand Rapids youth, Prosecutor Hilson encouraged community citizens and leaders throughout the county to attend a newly-arranged game with a guest Kalamazoo team to show support for our local team. The sold out crowd



included mayors, city and county commissioners, judges, leaders from

nonprofits and colleges, a goodly number of Rotarians, and residents from all over. The result? Unity happened! And, oh yes – the Muskegon Heights Tigers won 76-27 over the Kalamazoo Titans. What a night!



Marcia Hovey-Wright, Holly Hughes, and Chris Burnaw

## Visiting Rotarians & Guests

District Governor Tom Schmidt; visiting Ludington Rotarian Brian Madl (**Jay Wallace, Jr**); former member **Gloria White-Gardner** (?); MCC Rotaractor Braxton Gerdes (**Orville Crain**); and Downtown Muskegon Now's **Ellen Berends** (**Dave Alexander**). Student guests were from North Muskegon H.S.



## Speaking of Sports

When three or four "jocks" suddenly find themselves together, talk invariably turns to whatever the senior member wants to discuss, especially if his or her favorite team just won the B1G regular basketball season championship against all odds and playing bullies most of the time. That said, RIM cameras just happened to

catch a group of those well-conditioned athletics, along with its senior leader, at Club discussing



Campbell, Luther Robinson and Ronnie Nelson, all getting ready for their first exhibition game this Sunday.

strategy for the upcoming inaugural Ironmen arena football season (more on the next page). From left, we have Hoosier sports strategist Bill Johanson, then Ironmen star players Donovan



## You're Invited... Tanglewood Tour

Please join us on  
**Thursday, March 10**  
from 4-6 p.m.  
to learn about the  
LifeCircles P.A.C.E. expansion  
and see what's new at  
Tanglewood Park  
560 Seminole Road  
Muskegon, MI 49444  
(231) 733-8699

Ribbon cutting and brief remarks at 4:00 p.m.

AgeWell Services • CALL 2-1-1  
LifeCircles PACE • Senior Resources  
Hors d'oeuvres by Tanglewood Park Caffe and Catering

## Last Week's Program

### **West Michigan Ironmen by Chris Burnaw**

There'll be a new game in town starting this Sunday, as the West Michigan Ironmen launch their inaugural season with a preseason



game against the Atlanta Vultures. TJ Williams, above, Owner/President of the arena football team spoke to Rotary last week about the team and what it means to give back to the community where he grew up.

Williams, a graduate of Oakridge High School, is now a lawyer based in Los Angeles. In 2011, along with friend and teammate Nick Vandembosch, he started the WV Foundation to promote diversity

**When TJ was introducing his players, who also stood up but Tim Lipan. There again was another set of "jocks" with the old guy holding court, like on the previous page.**



and cultivate unity through the Muskegon All-Star Classic football game, internships/mentorships, and the Youth Empowerment Summit.

### **YOUR TOWN, YOUR TEAM**

Williams is bringing arena football to his hometown for the same reasons - to give back to his community, and to inspire and motivate youth. "Sports is something that unites people," he said, adding that the Ironmen have a saying, "Your Town, Your Team", so that the community feels a sense of ownership to the team. In fact, the team name came about through a community vote, based on a nomination from Mayor Steve Gawron that gives a nod to our history. When asked why he's bringing arena football back to Muskegon now, when a previous attempt didn't get off the ground, he pointed out the revitalization and energy that is occurring in the Greater Muskegon community. The roster is filled with local names, and head coach Tyrece Lynk is a graduate of Orchard View. The team is looking forward to working with youth to influence and motivate them in positive ways, including

reading and mentorship programs, camps, promoting higher education, and teaching kids how to leverage opportunities through sports.

### **AFFORDABLE SPORTS, FUN**

The West Michigan Ironmen are part of the American Indoor Football League; Williams said that



they are proud to represent our community as they play teams all over the country. Arena football gives football fans a chance to enjoy the sport after the Super Bowl and college

playoffs wrap up the outdoor version of the game. A fast paced game played on turf over the Lumberjack's ice, arena football takes down the glass walls to give fans an up close experience. Williams warns that footballs and players alike may end up in the stands - fans can keep the footballs but must return the players! This combination of sports and entertainment carries an affordable price tag for families, starting at only \$6 a ticket for the preseason game, with tickets starting at \$8 for regular season games. The team will have 6 regular season home games beginning March 20; for more information and to get tickets visit their website at [www.wmarenafb.com](http://www.wmarenafb.com). There are also sponsorships still available, and they are open to new opportunities and ideas for partnerships. YourTownYourTeam - let's show them our support

## Committee Reports

### ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRESIDENT

The Muskegon Rotary Club —> inducted three new members last week. **Erin Patrick**, sponsored by **Jim Fisher**, is the Dean of the Early College Program and an Adjunct Professor at Muskegon Community College. **Jeff Lohman**, sponsored by **Bob Scolnik**, is a County Commissioner and the General Manager of PEAK Fitness (opening soon in the LC Walker Arena annex); **Tasha Oakes**, sponsored by **Howard Hardesty**, is the Assistant Vice President/Financial Center Manager at 5/3 Bank on Apple Ave.

District Governor Tom Schmidt, below, a special surprise guest,



took the opportunity to promote the District Interact meeting held at North Muskegon this Saturday.

Tom also discussed the Rotary District 6290 Conference, "Celebrate Rotary Along the Shoreline" will be held in Muskegon on April 22-24, at the Shoreline Inn. Keynote speakers include Alice Chapman, Ph.D., Rotary Scholar; John Lyon, President & CEO of World Hope



From left, President Susan, Howard Hardesty, Tasha Oakes, Bob Scolnik, Jeff Loman, Jim Fisher and Erin Patrick.

International; and Mary Beth Growney Selene, Rotary International Director, 2013-2015. Early registration ends March 15, 2016; for more information and to register online at <http://ridistrict6290.org/event/2016-district-conference> .

**President Susan** announced that we would like to take a couple of group photos of living Club past presidents. Those shots will be taken at the next two regular meetings, March 10 and 17. So please prezes, grace us with your presence on one of the two mtgs.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS, GUESTS

**Josh Wallace**, left asked, and 32 Brave Rotarians raised their hands to become part of this year's NCAA pool, with the winner plus two Rotarians randomly drawn



from the non-winners receiving a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Thursday night's "Rewind" satellite meeting focused on the fundraiser featuring the short film "The Shot Felt 'Round the World," the story of Jonas Salk and the development of the polio vaccine. Ideas were discussed as to how to make this event a way to bring in new members as well as raise funds. Potential venues, mini-activities at the event and ways to promote it were amongst the topics we brainstormed. Have an opinion? Join the **next planning meeting on Wednesday, March 8th, 5:30pm at the Third Street Grille**. Especially needed right now are people who want to be involved up front with creating a budget and evaluating the audio/visual equipment. You also can contact **Kevin Ricco** at [riccok@gvsu.edu](mailto:riccok@gvsu.edu) for more info.

by  
**Stacey  
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