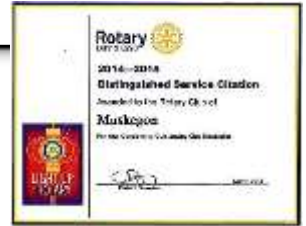
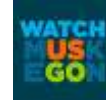




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THE FOUR WAY TEST THAT ROTARIANS USE IN MAKING ETHICAL DECISIONS:

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: "West Michigan Ironmen Indoor Football" TJ Williams

MEETERS / GREETERS

Dan Hartmann

INVOCATION - REFLECTION

Jim Schlitz

THIS MEETING'S MENU

Beef Stroganoff; salad bar w/6 toppings, 3 dressings; vegetables; bread/butter; assorted desserts

STUDENT GUESTS

North Muskegon Norsemen

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Finkler Mar 4
Diane Van Epps Mar 4
Bob Lukens Mar 8

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

03/10 Step Up
03/17 Life Circles/PACE
03/24 Silent Observer
03/31 Club Assembly
04/07 Rotary Presentation
04/30 **100 YEAR CELEBRATION**

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Hottest ticket in town!

"Is it hot in here or is it just Chris?"
Yep, our **Chris Burnaw**, front right, says she was having fun tearing up the floor at *Dancing with the Local Stars* practice sessions. Not reputed earlier as a fancy high-stepper, she's come a long way, and just in time for *Stars* competition this very Thursday, Feb 25, thru this Saturday, Feb 27, at the Muskegon Harbor Holiday Inn. Local Stars & Pros, highly entertaining show-puter-oners, tag proceeds to benefit area food pantries. "Motown Memories" is the show theme. Fantastic music, costumes, decor, food, cash bar – a lot packed into one evening. Call 231-798-4244 for tickets!

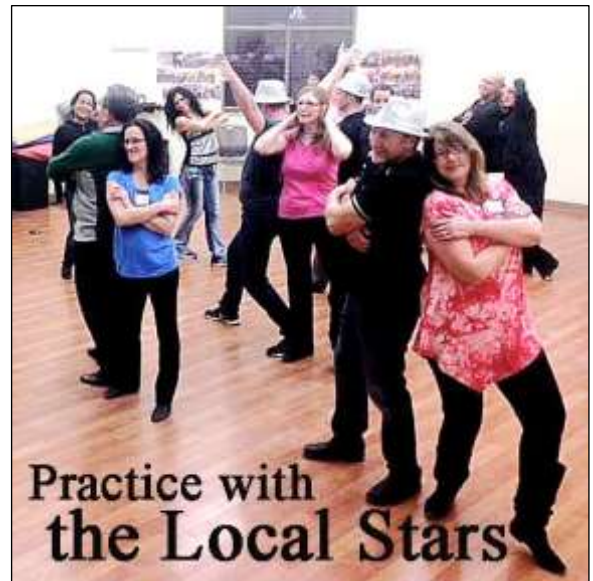


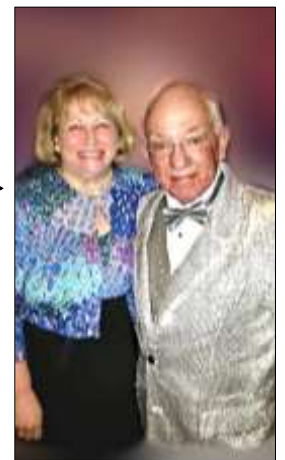
Photo: Women's Division Chamber of Commerce



"And...not only does your donation help support our community, it will help my partner Sean France and me win a People's Choice Award"– Chris. Other Rotary dancers: Jon Felske, Steve Dangel, Frank Peterson and Troy Wasserman.

Saturday night was Black (or gray) Tie for the YMCA. Christine Robere → paid big time to have her picture taken with this dapper

man about town in the downsized silver sequined suit, Bob Scolnik.



Former member **Al Steinman** has been appointed to a subcommittee of the US Environmental Protection Agency's Great



Lakes Advisory Board. He was named to the Science and Information Committee through January 2018.

Steinman, director of Grand Valley State University's Muskegon-based Annis Water Resources Institute, will offer technical advice on issues helping the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force address environmental priorities.

Another Tool of the Trade

One of the benefits of Rotary membership is a copy of *The Rotarian*



magazine sent your way each month. After reading and enjoying these issues at home or at work, why not make them available to others?! Extending their valuable shelf life, you can bring your *Rotarians* to Club for members to take, or, you may take what others have brought in... to share at home, your office, or as a member recruiting tool.



Above, Frank Peterson, center, and Steve Dangel boogaloo as two of the 2016 Local Stars raising funds for area food pantries.

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Our Big Fundraiser of the Year



United Way of the Lakeshore President Christine Robere, above right, on behalf of her board, presents a special tribute to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Employers Association of West Michigan. Accepting the honor is Lisa Sabourin, EA's executive director. Tuesday evening was a joyous celebration that shared the history of local businesses that grew and developed the Association in tandem.

Rotaract of Baker College of Muskegon



"We are very excited to have the opportunity on March 4 to team up with **Watermark Live** for this event! Another great way to support **Kids' Food Basket**! Also, a big thank you to **Umbrella Promotions**!" Click below: [#BakerRotaractMKG](#) [#JointheAttack](#).

This Week On Stage

We have a new professional arena football team here that is calling the L.C. Walker Arena home. The team's first home game as part of the American Indoor Football League is March 6 against a



team from Atlanta. "We are in a shoe box playing football," Tyrece Lynk, West Michigan Ironmen head coach, said. "I can tell you it will be exciting, guys going over the boards and into the laps of people, balls going into the stands. If you are a young kid, get ready; parents, get ready -- they are going to want to come and watch."

Chronicle/MLive

Paul Keep reminds us that "our 'Soup's On Along The Lakeshore' event is Wednesday, March 2, at the Trillium Events Center in Spring Lake. We will have 15 different soups, entertainment, desserts, breads and appetizers by the chefs at God's Kitchen.



"And, of course, all proceeds from the \$40 tickets will stay in Muskegon County to support our food pantry located at Catholic Charities West Michigan's Third Street office. Last year, we served the food needs of more than 18,000 individuals at that food pantry."

Tickets are still available (ccwestmi.org).



Don't we have fun on our little journeys away from the Holiday Inn and Lake House home bases. Last week, we met at Watermark 920, enjoyed a sumptuous Hearthstone lunch, and learned a bit about Brazil.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Paul Keep is a shameless visiting salesman Rotarian from Grand Rapids (and we love him for it). Others guests were: Muskegon Heights Public School Academy Supt Alena Zachery-Ross, and City of Muskegon Heights Mayor Kimberly Sims, **both prospective members (Jim Fisher)**; Muskegon Heights Police Chief Dr Joseph Thomas, Jr (**Eric Grimm**); **prospective member** Tim DeMumbrum, Mona Shores Interact Co-Presidents Diana McMahon and Emily Morris, and Baker Rotaractor Braxton Gerdes (**John Noling**); Speaker family Christian, Ryan, and Ellen Berends (**Megan Byard**); Crowstead family Jaxon and Annah Crow (**Dakota Crow**); Baker Rotaractors Linda Meyers, faculty advisor, Danielle Woodring, Caroline Miller, Mike Routh, Fern Phimmaine (**Lee Coggin**); Watermark 920's Owen Rooks, Angie Vanderkooi, and Laurel Sass (**Sarah Sass**); and Ramos Office Staffer Heather Peters (**Mary Beth Ramos**). Student guests were Muskegon Heights Academy Tigers.

**'Round
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Rotary 100-Year Booklet

Tuesday 2:41 PM from Nancy Crandall

The Rotary board met this week and heard the recommendations from our subcommittee as follows:

A history booklet will be printed for the 100th anniversary of our Club. It will be 8 1/2 X 11 with photos,

Bill J will take photos of groups of living past presidents at two Rotary meetings in March,

We are using the MAISD for design work and printing, Estimated cost of project is \$1500. We will print 350 copies.

The Board is supportive of our plans and asked that we print 400 copies.

We also recommended that a one-time \$5.00 fee be added to the next quarterly dues billing to help defray the cost. The board approved.

Committee Reports

ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRESIDENT

President Susan congratulated **James Line** on the birth of his twin daughters.

Josh Wallace said we'll be calling for 32 or possible 64 Rotarians to begin the next round of "10 Brave Rotarians." This next game will have the theme of March Madness – so get your brackets ready.

No Inductions or Resignations or Red Star removals

A Strong Voice for the Heights

There was a strong show of support for Muskegon Heights at Thursday's meeting. Dr Joseph E Thomas, Jr, chief of the Muskegon Heights Police Department, below standing, stated that he is taking a strong stance on changing the Image of Muskegon Heights. He made an impassioned plea to members to stand up for change, support the students and come out for their last home game of the season. He would like to see Muskegon Heights take its rightful place in the community and reminded us that "God works in mysterious ways and maybe I'm it."



ANNOUNCEMENTS – COMMITTEE MEMBERS, GUESTS

Bill Erickson, below, read off the names of the members who did not guess the



correct date in the Crain Occupancy Permit pool. He reminded the Club, "if no one picks the correct date or the Crain's never get to move in, a random drawing will be held." All proceed go to the End Polio Now campaign.

Last Week's Program

Brazil Exchange Student: A Changed Man by Peggy Maniates

Christian Berends is a changed man after his time abroad in Brazil in Rotary Youth Exchange. He left speaking English and came back speaking Portuguese, and now the world is his oyster as he raved about the wonders of cultural immersion.

Christian spoke to Muskegon Rotary last week about the benefits of his year in Brazil. He stated it was "the opportunity of a lifetime". He explained how the experiences changed him for the better. This trip made him more social and outgoing as well as comfortable speaking to large groups.

Christian recalled the two wonderful host families- different in so many ways but sharing the excitement of exposing a young man to a new culture. He stated his first host "Mom" took off from work for 3 months to acclimate him



well through sign language.

He learned there are a lot of different bugs in Brazil and Brazilian BBQ is "the best!". He commented on how he spoke weekly at the local Rotary Club (Rotary 4651 Distrito) and described how the members went out of their way to make him feel welcome. Christian remarked on how much he learned; everything from a new language to sand boarding to history and friendship. He summed it all up by saying, "I was homesick when I left for Brazil and cried on the 25-hour flight home for the new friends I left behind."

Christian's real mom, **Ellen Berends**, is a former Club member.

Rotary Youth Exchange has been in existence for over 75 years. Each year over 8,000 students participate in 80 Countries around the world. The goal of the program is to share your own culture, embracing a new one, help you foster global understanding as well as learn a great deal about yourself and your home country in the process. The program is

administered at the regional level by Rotary Districts and at the local level by Rotary Clubs.



to his new surroundings and, even though they did not speak the same language, they communicated very

Christian challenged the membership to keep this Rotary Youth Exchange program alive in Muskegon. **President Susan** then implored the Club to seek out someone who will step up and continue the program so successful here for many, many years. **Megan Byard**, below holding mike, may certainly take a well-deserved bow for her recent coordinator's role.

'Round Continued from before

Know someone who is thinking about becoming a Rotarian? Never hurts to take 'em to lunch.

Gary Ostrom reports there will be a New Member Orientation this Wednesday, March 2, at the Shoreline Inn at 5:00pm.

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is planning another community gathering in Mona Lake Park in early May. **Eric Grimm** said everyone is encouraged to attend.

The Baker College Rotaract Club is moving quickly. In the last 17 weeks of school, their club has



averaged 35 hours of week of service! Way to Go, Baker! They have been busy collecting and sorting children's books, hosting the Multi District Conference, assisting at Kid's Food Basket and running "Umbrellas Promotions." Plus, four students will be traveling to Honduras to help with water filters in the spring.

Back to Holiday Inn this week