



Muskegon Rotary in Motion



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Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 216 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916

May 21, 2015 12:10pm

Muskegon Harbor 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?



Program: Muskegon County Law Day Celebration, Alisha Riedl

MEETER / GREETER

Kathy Moore

INVOCATION

Jack Briggs

THIS MEETING'S MENU

Taco Bar; salad bar w/ 6 toppings and 3 dressings; chips and salsa; assorted desserts

STUDENT GUESTS

Holton Red Devils

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Pam Babbitt	May 22
Jack Briggs	May 24
Bob Scolnik	May 24
Jerry Conrad	May 26
Marty Sytsema	May 27

PROGRAMS/EVENTS

05/28 Chilean Exchange Student
06/04 WMSRDC Vision for Mgn
06/11 Muskegon Area Promise
06/12 **Party in the Park**
09/23 **Grape Escape**

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Signs of Progress

Take a ride or easy walk to what's quickly becoming Rotary Park at Heritage Landing, and blush with pride at having been part of providing a neat little multi-use corner of the world for public use. For more, click on the link below to access our current progress report:

<http://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/0000001911/en-ca/files/homepage/rotary-park-progress-report-april-2015/Rotary-Park-Monthly-Update-April-2015--1.pdf>



ROTARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. CONTACT JOSH WALLACE ASAP

Parties in the Park

Friday, June 12; 5 - 9pm

Parties In The Park in Muskegon Michigan
81 people were first to sign-up



COMMUNITY



WE BRING POSITIVE CHANGE TO THE COMMUNITY

Rotaractor of the Month – April



Maddie Putnam is a first year member of the Rotaract Club of Baker College of Muskegon. She is enrolled in the Veterinary Technician program. Throughout her first year, Maddie has spent numerous Fridays volunteering at Kids' Food Basket, and has attended multiple Rotary Business Connections. Maddie recently attended the Rotary 6290 District Conference and helped clean up Camp Pandalouan. Thanks for being such an active member, Maddie!



In full clown make-up...
Tom Schaub and Chris Zahrt, driving forces behind the highly successful

Michigan Irish Festival on September 17-20, are even now hard at work promoting and recruiting volunteers.

GO IRISH!



ADDED LECTURES AT SILVERSIDES SUBMARINE MUSEUM MONDAY, MAY 18, 6:00 PM

When We All Went to War

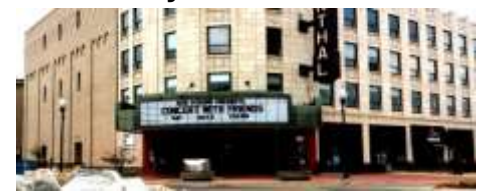
This is a presentation by Donald Goodman, researcher and author of a book about students who attended Muskegon Junior College and went off to war in 1942. Don Goodman and his recently departed colleague Jack Rice, wrote a history of Muskegon Junior/Community College in 2001 to honor the College's 75th anniversary.

The war years took their toll on young men attending MJC. Don captured their stories and anecdotes as well as other interesting facts about the war as it affected Muskegon. Join us for a walk down memory lane of Muskegon to hear how these young college students fared, or did not, in defense of this country. A book signing will follow for those who wish to purchase the book, a keepsake for Muskegon residents.

Poland: 70 years after the War

A presentation by Frank Marczak who returned from a trip to Poland earlier this year. Traveling with his son Greg, the two visited Poznan, Warsaw and Krakow. During their visit, they met with high school students and residents who are anxious about the current state of affairs with Russia. They also experienced the company of two women who were children in the early '40s. From their perspective, the comment "this era reminds us of 1939" was heard, and it sent a mild chill through the assembled group of family and friends. Frank's presentation, complete with personal photos of human joy and suffering (Auschwitz), will follow Don's presentation.

Community Foundation Event



Mark your calendar for our 2015 **Annual Gathering and Reception** as we shine the spotlight on organizations that make our community strong and build Muskegon's reputation for world-class excellence.

Wednesday, June 24, 2015
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts. Refreshments and networking:
4:00 PM Presentation: 5:00 PM

\$5 donation at the door
Cash bar with happy hour prices

Invite a friend; RSVP by June 17:
Laley@cffmc.org or (231) 722-4538

INVITED: ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ROTARY

Life Leadership Conference
Student-Parent Reception



Wednesday, May 20, 4-5 p.m.
MAISD, Lake Michigan Conference Room, 630 Harvey Street

Meet terrific young leaders who will be shaping our future and the wonderful parents who have sacrificed to raise them up so well! Enjoy refreshments and a wonderful short program to meet and greet some of Muskegon County's finest!

NOT TO BE MISSED IF YOU VALUE NEW GENERATIONS AND ROTARY!!!
RSVP PLEASE TO BRIANNA OR JOHN

Rotary's Party in the Park



The Club's biggest summertime fundraiser will no doubt provide its usual fun-raising experience for friends, family and, last but certainly not least, us. Rotary's "Party in the Park" is scheduled for Friday, June 12, in downtown Hackley Park, from 5 to 9pm.

A great time it'll be, but not without the proper crew to keep the festivities going. Our Volunteer Procurement Chair **Josh Wallace** needs help for all kinds of duties jobs (beverage pourers, ticket rovers and sellers, etc) and shifts are *only* 2 hours (5-7pm or 7-9pm). Time's running short. Please sign-up with Josh as soon as you can – the earlier you volunteer, the better the chance of getting your preferred shift and job. Please note: it's really not work as much as it's fun, and a chance to really make a contribution with fellow members.



LinkedIn reports that former Rotary Youth Exchange student ← Landon Fortenberry has a new

job. He's now Internee at Congressman Bill Huizenga's Grandville District office.

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MAY 27: Joint Interact Club Presentation on Recent El Salvador Service Project

To All Rotarians, Rotaractors,
Interactors, Advisors, and Guests:

Mona Shores and North Muskegon Interact Clubs cordially invite you to a special program about their recent El Salvador trip where they helped build four multi-generational concrete slab



homes in the village of Talnique up in the mountains. This took place during Spring Break and was part of a larger, long term Interact project with Interactors, former Interactors, local Rotarians, and adult volunteers from four other states and El Salvador, all working together to benefit people who have very basic housing needs. Muskegon area Interactors did themselves proud within the larger group and worked to make this Service Above Self project a success!

**Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 pm, in the
Mona Shores High School Cafeteria**

A wonderful slide show will be expertly narrated by the 12 Interactors and others who participated. Listen and >>>

The USS Silversides Submarine Museum is proud to continue its long tradition of the Lost Boat Ceremony on Sunday, May 24th 11:00am. The ceremony is the perfect balance of celebration of the accomplishments and remembrance of the sacrifices. It is what Memorial Day is truly about. The ceremony concludes with the starting of the Silversides' engines! Following the ceremony, we invite you to join us for a hot dog lunch and some time to explore the museum and the vessels. There is no charge to attend the ceremony nor for the lunch.

This Week on Stage

The focus of the Muskegon County Bar Association's Law Day program is to provide scholarship monies and gifts to incentivize student studies in the Rule of Law. We'll hear from attorney Alisha Riedl, the 2015 Law Day chairman.

>>> learn about their impressions and thoughts of this great adventure and service project experience.

PLEASE PASS THIS ANNOUNCEMENT ALONG TO YOUR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES AND JOIN US ON MAY 27 AT MONA SHORES.

OSTEOPATHIC FOUNDATION
First Annual Fore Health! Golf Event

Save the Date
Friday, June 19, 2015
Fruitport Golf Club
10:00 am to 5:30 pm

- 18-hole golf hole-in-one
- Party rentals and prizes
- Silent Auction featuring:
- Dinner for 100 people
- Exclusive golf experience
- Golf equipment
- Best lunch money
- Commercial breakfast, lunch, snack, and refreshments
- \$400 per participant



Thank You to the Women's Division of the Chamber for the opportunity to help with this fabulous evening as

Emcee! I've never been a matador before and likely won't again, mainly because there were no pockets in the entire outfit. I had a great time and everyone was so friendly. I know the money raised is used for community

projects... like the excellent clock tower at the new Farmer's Market... and I hope you set a new record for this event
– Bob Scolnik

Pam Babbitt and her granddaughter, **Lindsay Adams**, right, paid tribute to Pam's daughter, **Heidi Adams**, left, and then presented her with a



Paul Harris Fellowship. Thank you for your service to our community, Heidi.



President Brianna announced the new sign, above, is up at Rotary Park and that construction should begin in June.

Chris Burnaw, right, needs runners and volunteers for the upcoming Seaway Run on June 27. >>>



Lindsay Adams and Pam Babbitt

>>> To learn more, contact Chris or access www.seawayrun.com.

Don Crandall gave a brief history of our history of Parties in the Park, Inc, that began as collaboration with the Muskegon Jaycees Club and City of Muskegon in 1984. Since that time, Rotary has donated \$97,500 for a variety of projects to benefit Hackley Park. To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Parties in the Park, our Community Grants Committee has raised nearly \$100,000 to build a permanent stage at the park. The design has been approved by the local Historical Commission and City of Muskegon that will allow this new building to fit in well with its beautiful surroundings. Recent design elements and a perpetual maintenance fund are requiring additional financial support of \$20,000 to \$25,000. Please consider supporting this project through the Party in the Park fund at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County.

Jay Wallace, Jr and the Parties in the Park Committee are seeking volunteers for this summer's upcoming events. Many hands make light work at this fun and well-attended event. Sign up today!

← **Susan Cloutier-Myers**, left, invited all new members to attend the upcoming New Member Get Together on June 18, location TBA. Please let her know if you can attend soon.

Last Week's Program

Member Survey: Giving Everyone a Say, So We Can Do By Cindy Timmerman

President Brianna Scott and **President-Elect Susan Cloutier-Myers** led the group through a Club survey to help them and the Board understand what the membership believes is and is not working, and other suggested focus areas for the upcoming year. Club support of having a dunking contest between the city managers and mayors of Norton Shores and the City of Muskegon received overwhelming support as did the idea of officially forming ROAD, or Rotarians Organized Against Donovan.



The survey went on to address more serious issues surrounding how we would like to continue support of clean water and sanitation efforts, 2016 programming, communication, service focus areas, and several others. The Board will now take the survey results back to the boardroom for consideration and further development, then communicate back to the membership their ideas and options. Thank you to all who participated, your input is most valued and necessary to keep our Club healthy, vibrant and >>>

Muskegon Rotary Club selects 9 area youth leaders for Scholarships to attend the Rotary Life Leadership Conference, June 17-20, 2015, at Camp Kettunen in Tustin, Michigan.



Diana McMahon
Mona Shores H.S.



Nate Jones
Muskegon Catholic H.S.



Paige Twining
North Muskegon



Antonio Flores
Fruitport H.S.



Natalie Bowen
Orchard View H.S.



McKenna Whipple
Oakridge H.S.



Devon Kitchen
Muskegon H.S. Acad.



Ashley Carlson
Holton H.S.



Angelo Hernandez-Sias
Muskegon H.S.

Life Leadership Conference 2015

←
John Noling invited us to get to know our 9 new Life Leadership Conference students, **LEFT**, on Wednesday, May 20, 4-5pm at the Lake Michigan Room at the Muskegon Area ISD. More info on page 3.

1:1 Match Still Available

As a special reminder, our gifts to The Rotary Foundation provide us the opportunity as Rotarians to fulfill our mission of "Doing Good in the World" and making a difference in the lives of others; it is truly **Service Above Self!**

Our District 6290 Rotary Foundation Committee has approved a special match program for a limited time only, **April 25, 2015 through May 25, 2015**. On a first come, first serve basis, Rotarians in our District who make a new gift to Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation in the amount of \$500 will receive a \$500 match in recognition points from District 6290 to name a Paul Harris Fellow. Click on the large link below for details and instructions.

Any questions? Please contact Chris Etienne at 231-838-2031 or cetienne@bayharbor.com. Don't miss out on this special opportunity!

<http://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000001911/en-ca/files/homepage/1-1-matching-grant/Microsoft-Word--TRF-District-Match-Program-Special-Promotion-2015.pdf>

>>> meaningful for many years and projects to come.

Don Crandall called for a motion and support to accept the updated Bylaws. Motion carried.

Area for Mission People is hosting Music for Meds on Friday, May 22 from 8 – 11pm at the WaterMark 920 Banquet Facility, 920 Washington Avenue in Muskegon. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and include appetizers, cash bar, a Cash & Carry Community Market Sale, photo booth, and the event will be emceed by Andy O'Riley of 98.9 FM. Your support at this event will help bridge the gap between patients' emergency medical and dental needs in our community. Get additional information at 231-733-9672.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore has been accepted into the 2015 Art Van Million Dollar Charity Challenge. Please consider lending your financial support to help us provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that forever change their lives for the better, with your credit card donation at <http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/story/27953504/art-vans-million-dollar-charity-challenge>, between May 18 and June 22. The top 10 fundraising agencies will then be awarded additional monies from the Art Van Foundation ranging from \$7,500 to \$75,000. The agency is currently at capacity serving 130 matches with another 103 Littles on the waiting list. An award from the foundation coupled with local support would allow the agency to increase capacity. Learn more at 231-798-1391.

Life Is Good
Anyone who's ever worked or played with **Tom Powers** knows



he's definitely one of the most upbeat guys in whatever group he's in. Thursday, while speaking of his adorable wife Cathy and how she's finally recovering from a severe illness, his excitement and faith were on full display. We're so delighted with Tom's news, and wish Cathy continued recovery. Amen.