

# Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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## Muskegon Rotary Club

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

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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: Chilean Youth Exchange Student Esteban Lastra Labaz**

### MEETER / GREETER

Kathy Moore

### INVOCATION

Bill Erickson

### THIS MEETING'S MENU

Deli Sandwich Bar; salad bar  
w/ 6 toppings, 3 dressings;  
tomato basil soup; pasta  
salad; assorted desserts

### STUDENT GUESTS

Fruitport Trojans

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Fortenbacher	May 29
Teri Gust	May 30
Jason Piasecki	Jun 1
James Line	Jun 2
Dale Nesbary	Jun 2
Bill Ashley	Jun 4
Mike Kleaveland	Jun 5

### PROGRAMS/ EVENTS

06/04 WMSRDC's Vision for MKG  
06/11 Muskegon Area Promise  
06/12 **Rotary's Party in the Park**  
09/23 **Grape Escape**

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## SILVERSIDES: BIG PART OF MEMORIAL DAY

The USS Silversides Submarine Museum will continue its Lost Boat Ceremony tradition this Sunday, May 24, at 11am. The ceremony concludes with the starting of the Silversides' engines. Following the ceremony, all are invited to join the sub's crew for a hot dog lunch and time to explore the museum and the museum's vessels. There's no charge to attend the ceremony nor for the lunch. This event, honoring those who served and sacrificed in the military, along with families, is what Memorial Day – celebrated the next day, Monday – is all about.





# 'Round Rotary's RIM



**Dave Sipka** introduced new Rotarian **Matt Kaley**. Matt is a lifelong Muskegon resident. He is married (35 years) with three adult children. Matt formerly worked in the juvenile justice system and was a local youth coach. Since 2013, Matt is the executive director of Love, INC in Muskegon.

**Bob Scolnik** introduced **Brian Stroebel**. Brian is from Pittsburgh and a former US Marine officer for 14 years. He served a tour of duty in the foreign exchange program with the Royal Australian Air Force. Brian has also been a management consultant and professional executive coach. Currently Brian is the director of quality at L-3 Communications. He has also authored a book on change management and lives in the Grand Rapids area.

Welcome to our newest Muskegon Rotarians.



**BIG**  
excitement  
for the raffle  
last week!

## Last Week's Program

### Law Day Celebration by Garry Olson

Our program today celebrated Muskegon Law Day on May 1, 2015. This marked the local celebration of this event.

Law Day was established by President Eisenhower in 1958 to strengthen our great heritage of liberty, justice and equality



under the law. In 1961 Congress designated May 1, as the official date of celebrating Law Day. Law Day programs are held nationwide. Chief District Judge Maria Ladas-Hoopers commented that the Law Day celebration in Muskegon is perhaps the best in Michigan and the Midwest.

The chief sponsor of Law Day in Muskegon is the Muskegon County Bar Association. They and numerous businesses and organizations, including both Muskegon and Whitehall Rotary Clubs provide funds and support for Law Day to provide scholarship monies and gifts to incentivize student studies of the Rule of Law through debates, speeches and essays.

Alisha Reidl from the Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office spoke about Law Day and recognized. Student contests are held for middle school through high school students. This year's theme was the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta by King John of England in 1215, outlining the first establishment of rights and freedoms.



We were enlightened by two speeches from the high school age contests. The first presented by Rina McLain of Muskegon High School. She was the 2nd place winner of the 9-11th grade speech contest. The second given by Kevin



Pagget the winner of the 12th grade speech contest. They both spoke on the theme "Is the Magna Carta still important and relevant today."

Law Day also presents citizen awards. The first award, the Liberty Bell Award is given annually to the citizen for their work



with justice and the law locally. This year's recipient was Janet Day. Janet is a volunteer mediator with the Mediation

and Restorative Justice Center. She also has held many positions in the community.

The Frank D. Scott award was presented to Tom Cartright, Muskegon County Juvenile Court. He created the Fresh Start program for probation cases and has worked there 23 years.

The Golden Apple Award was awarded to Marvin Bolthouse, a high school social studies teacher.

All three citizens were at our meeting to be recognized and thanked by our club.

Alisha Reidl thanked our club and the other many sponsors for participation in Law Day. It encourages students and citizens to become involved in the justice system and value freedom, the rule of law and our rights and citizens of the United States.



May 25 is the final day for the district match -\$500- to get a Paul Harris Fellowship. Contact **Josh Wallace** for more information.

**Orville Crain** announced the Recruitment committee has a pamphlet "How to Propose a New Member." If you are interested in learning how to propose a new member contact Orville for this resource.



The Special Events Committee is planning Rotary's 100 year celebration. Contact **Merica Dobry** or **President Brianna** to help.

New Member Committee will be having a new member get together on June 18. Contact **Susan Cloutier-Meyers** for information.

The Grape Escape Committee is in the planning stages and welcomes your participation.

This year's partner is the hygiene pantry at **Covenant Community Church in Muskegon Heights**. Pastor Mark Bush spoke about the pantry and that it serves 150 families on a monthly basis. Mark was excited to be chosen as this year's Grape Escape partner.

Student guests today were Ashley Carlson and Tristan Anderson from **Holton High School**.



## Rotary's Party in the Park

By the time you read this, we'll have barely three weeks until the Club's biggest



summertime fundraiser – our annual Party in the Park on **Friday, June 12, 5-9pm**. If

our organizational planning is successful, as it usually is; if we have a decent turnout of Rotarian volunteers, as we usually do; and if we're blessed with lovely summer weather and a friendly crowd, as we should assume will be the case, there's money to be made to help fund our great Club programs.



PIP Volunteer Roundemup Chair **Jay Wallace, Jr**, left, needs help for all kinds of jobs (ticket sellers, ticket takers, beverage pourers for beverage drinkers ... you know the routine). Best news, volunteers shifts are *only* 2 hours (5-7pm or 7-9pm). Please sign-up with Josh as soon as you can – the quicker 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, see above, and a chance to really make a contribution with fellow members. A final point ... the 7-9pm shift is typically the hardest to fill, so asking to work the second shift would be especially appreciated.

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

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## Kenya Bound

Rotarian Pam Babbitt's daughter and Paul Harris Fellow, Heidi Adams, and granddaughter, Lindsay Adams, are embarking on a two-week mission trip to Kenya.

The two are with a medical team of students from Baylor University. This is Lindsay's second trip to Kenya. After her last visit, she changed her major to education because of the profound impact of the trip. They will work with a school that is mostly orphans. Lindsay established a library, dubbed "Lindsay's Library" with hundreds of book donations from Michigan.

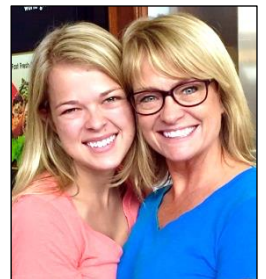
Last year, she had enough money donated to buy a hundred chickens. She got there and helped them build a chicken coop. She could see where their diet was lacking in protein and chicken and eggs was a substantial addition to their diet.

Heidi is going to work with the women with gardening and sewing and cooking and baking and wherever else she is needed.

Also, at the end of this month Pam's grandson, Collin, is going with his dad to the Ukraine in a micro entrepreneurial adventure.

What does Pam think about all this? "I will miss my girls but know that their lives will be rewarded and enriched by their experiences in Kenya by all the cultural experiences and people. May God protect their group from Baylor University and may all the people they come in contact with be richly fulfilled."

This is a family that truly believes in "Service Above Self"!



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