





**“Service Above Self”**

# Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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## Muskegon Rotary Club

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

**May 5, 2016 12:00 - 1:15pm**

**Lake House Waterfront Grille**

Satellite Club 5:15 - 6:30pm at 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: “Youth Exchange Students – Hungary, France”

“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

### INVOCATION - REFLECTION

Gary Ostrom

### THIS MEETING'S MENU

Chicken Parmigiana Buffet with herb butter linguini; Caesar salad bar; chef selection vegetables; cookies

### STUDENT GUESTS

Mona Shores Sailors

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Les Johnson May 11

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS / EVENTS

04/30 **100 YEAR CELEBRATION GALA**  
 05/05 (Move to Lake House for Summer/Fall)  
 05/11 **COMMUNITY MIXER**  
 05/12 Law Day Talks  
 05/19 New Muskegon Family YMCA  
 05/26 Habitat for Humanity  
 06/02 Be Nice  
 06/09 Ice Box Brand Ice Cream Bars  
 06/10 **ROTARY'S PARTY IN THE PARK**

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Dick Morgenstern, along with his good friend Roger Anderson, had been the longest-serving, and still quite active, Muskegon Rotarian. Both members joined the Club in January 1965. For now, sadly,

### H Richard Morgenstern

**1933-2016**



we must bid Dick a fond adieu, recalling his cherished friendship and his many Rotary involvements over the last 51 years. We see again his smiling face above with wife Nancy and Rotarian sons Roger and Doug.

## Linda a Deserving Fellow



Muskegon Rotary President Susan Crain, center, and District Foundation Chair Chris Etienne, left, presented Baker College of Muskegon Rotaract Faculty Advisor Linda Meyers with a Paul Harris Fellowship during the District Conference on Saturday. Linda has served tirelessly to spark and spearhead the development of Baker College of Muskegon Rotaract, a Presidential Citation club three years running. Her dedication to the ideals of Rotary was primary factors in bestowing the Harris award, besides her leadership efforts with students to model “Service Above Self.”

-- John Noling

# District Conference in Muskegon Big Success

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Cedar Springs, Muskegon, and Petoskey Rotary Clubs were honored for their achievements at Saturday's District Conference by DG Tom Schmidt, right.



An old time "iron lung" was on display. Salvation Army Captain Dan Sawka payed tribute to recently deceased fellow Rotarians. Inbound and outbound Rotary youth: highly present at the Conference.



## Community Mixer May 11

The Muskegon Heights / Rotary Club mixer is back, and has grown a bit. This community celebration, 5 - 8 pm on May 11, takes place at Mona Lake Park off Seaway Drive, between Hoyt and Green Streets.

The event is open to the public. Attendance – including children's activities plus most food and drink – will be free of charge. Club volunteers are still needed. Contact **Brianna Scott**. For more information, click here: [http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2016/04/bigger\\_bolder\\_muskegon\\_highlights.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2016/04/bigger_bolder_muskegon_highlights.html)

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Seeking Speakers/Participants

**Thursday Nights**  
**Rotary Satellite Club:**  
**Holiday Inn**  
**5:15-6:30 pm**  
**"Great Make-Up Meeting"**

Seeking New Members



**'Round**  
**Rotary's**  
**RIM**

# We're Moving

... starting this week to the  
**Lake House Waterfront Grill**  
for the summer and fall.

## Special \$500 Match

Our District 6290 Rotary Foundation Committee has approved a special match program for a limited time only, April 1, 2016 through May 15, 2016. On a first come, first serve basis, Rotarians in our District who make a new gift to the 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. Please see the attachment below for details and instructions.

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

Thank you for your support of Our Rotary Foundation!

[District 6290 Foundation Match Form](#)



## Four decades of community service lauded



Congratulations to Tim Lipan, above center, for being honored with The Mable Boardman Spirit of Volunteerism Award last week at the Grand Rapids' Hometown Heroes Celebration in DeVos Hall. This is recognition truly deserved after serving the Red Cross for over 40 years as well as so many other Muskegon area community events.



*Celebrate Rotary  
on the Shoreline*



### Muskegon Rotary Club's Governor's Citation, left, reads:

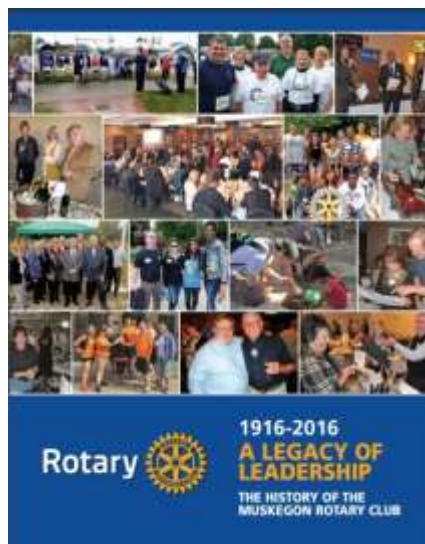


"...continues to be a district leader in membership attraction and retention, service projects to the community and globally along with demonstrating the ideals of being a gift to the world."

Photo courtesy: contributors to current District 6290 Newsletter

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**This Saturday our 100<sup>th</sup> (below)**



**A**nd then... conference attendees Doug Wood, Josh Wallace, Ginny Sprague, Dan Sawka and Kathy Moore were queried Thursday about the conference. Not to be outdone, Bob Scolnik grabbed the mike and, as is so Bob, began with the above quote (always fascinating).



## Last Week's Program

# Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore

by Robin Henshaw

Big Brothers Big Sisters was founded in 1904 and has been serving Muskegon since 1969. This mentoring program aims to create meaningful matches between >>>



Above, Lisa Hegenbart and President Susan yuckin' it up for the paparazzi.

>>> children (Littles) with adults (Bigs). The matching process focuses on personality, common interest, preferences (of the Bigs) and location. BBBS requires at least a one-year commitment, stating that many matches last a few years. The Littles are between 5-12 when enrolled in the program, but can continue until they are 18 years old. Bigs must be 18 years old and have a desire to positively impact a child's life. There are two program options available to those interested in a mentoring match.

According to Executive Director **Lisa Hegenbart** ([lisa@bbbslakeshore.org](mailto:lisa@bbbslakeshore.org)), the community-based program allows Bigs and Littles to form a special friendship and spend their time doing activities they enjoy. Most Bigs meet with their Littles 2-3 times per month. These matches tend to last three years, but our goal is that the match would last until the Little reaches 18.

Another option is Lunch Buddies. In this program, children are matched with a Big and meet once a week during lunch at the Little's school. Matches spend time playing board games, making crafts, reading and building friendships. This is a fun way to engage with a little in a structured environment.

How can you help BBBS? Participate in

the upcoming fundraisers. Make a referral. Become a friend of BBBS. Promote their work on your social media (it helps!). Most importantly, volunteer to be a Big. There are over 100 children on a waiting list right now! So, if you know someone or you yourself would like to be a Big, make sure you get your application in to Lisa. For more information about the upcoming events or to become more involved, visit

BBBS's website @ <http://bbbslakeshore.org/>

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

And the opening bell rung with gusto... in July, **Bill Johanson** had offered up some keen advice to new **President Susan Crain** concerning the ringing of the bell... "hit it hard and make it

loud; don't just tap the bell"... and so our meeting was called to order Thursday and later dismissed with that, oh, so familiar clanging sound. DG Tom Schmidt told a District-wide audience recently that none of his 60 Clubs rings the bell louder than Muskegon. Tah-DAH!

- The autobiographical book of previous-week presenter John Barfield is still available for \$30.00. Remember, said **Nancy Crandall**, \$15.00 then goes to the Rotary International Foundation and the *total amount* raised will be matched by the Gates Foundation. A total of \$1200.00 was raised as of last week.

- There were no red star removals last week, a worthy piece of news to report.

- Numerous donated items and gift baskets were auctioned off at last weekend's District Conference in Muskegon (photos earlier). \$4500.00 was raised for the annual fund. Thank you, everyone, who donated and who bid on the items. The Conference was wonderfully informative. Thanks also to those who attended and to those who hosted dinners at their homes.

- The Muskegon Rotary was awarded the District Governor's Citation...we were one of three (out of 60) who received the award. CONGRATULATIONS TO US!

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND GUESTS

## BULLETIN –BULLETON – BULLETON

From **President-Elect Josh Wallace** — the District is currently offering a \$500 match for anyone wanting to attain a Paul Harris Fellowship. Two fellowships are also available for \$250 each\* – first come, first served – until May 18. \*Much better deal!

Our **100-year Rotary Gala Celebration** is this Saturday, April 30, at the Muskegon



Country Club. All in attendance will receive a hot-off-the-presses booklet (displayed here by author **Gary Ostrom**, and a close-up on the bottom of page 3) with wonderful pictures (humbly submitted by **Bill Johanson**) and stories to enjoy.

**Muskegon Veterans Job Fair**  
**May 20, Friday 10 am - 2 pm**  
**USS LST 393 Veterans Museum Ship**  
**Everyone welcome who needs a job, veteran or non-veteran. We have 55 employers signed-up, and growing.**  
**-- Holly Hughes**



We're at the Congregation B'Nai Israel's Community Seder on Friday, April 22, above. **Kevin Donovan**, our Congregation's building maintenance consultant, was invited to attend to discuss the possibility of a new Jewish-Irish Music Festival at Heritage Landing. **-- Bob Scolnik**

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Waddell & Reed Financial Advisor J Griffith (**Orville Crain**); MCC Rotaractor Braxton Gerdes (**President Susan**); BBBS AV Assistant Michelle Morningstar (**Club**); and Fruitport High School Counselor Denise LeClare with students Isabell Virtue and Modine Thomas-Little.