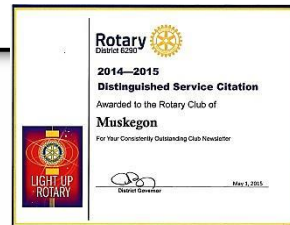




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Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) - District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916

November 30, 2017 12:00 - 1:30pm

Muskegon Harbor Holiday Inn

ReWine Satellite Club 5:15 - 6:30pm 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?



(11/30) "Red Boot Coalition" Molly Barker

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

Joanie Smith

INVOCATOR - REFLECTOR

Heidi Sytsema

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Tortillas and Salsa; Fajita bar;
chicken/beef/peppers/
onions; dessert

STUDENT GUESTS

Muskegon Catholic Crusaders

NEXT WEEKS' BIRTHDAYS

John Slocum	Nov 24
Kirk Hallman	Nov 27
Gary Nelund	Nov 28
Connie Taylor	Dec 3
Phil Dickinson	Dec 5

FUTURE PROGRAMS / EVENTS

11/23 **THANKSGIVING** (no meeting)
12/07 Atlanta Convention Report
12/14 West Shore Symphony
12/21 Christmas Program
12/28 **HOLIDAY BREAK** (no meeting)

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RIP Chuck Vonesh, PDG

Past District Governor Chuck Vonesh recently passed away at his home. While Chuck had been ill, this was unexpected. We extend our deepest sympathies to Ellen and the family. A celebration of Chuck's Life will take place next Monday, the 27th, 6 pm, at the Klassen Family Funeral Home. 1500 Robbins Road, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

Chuck loved Rotary and all it stands for. He was District Governor 2003-04 and served the District and Grand Haven Rotary Club in many capacities. Condolence messages may be sent to Ellen at 12999 Wilderness Trail, Grand Haven MI 49417. -- DG Ed Swart



Attending the 2010 District Conference are, from left, Alastair and Rosalind Denholm; DG John Salan; and Ellen and PDG Chuck Vonesh.



Above on right, **Justin Jennings**, Supt of Muskegon Public Schools, hosts two special guests. Daughter Madisyn Jennings plans to attend MSU next year. LaDarius Jefferson is "considering his options." He's the MHS football team's senior quarterback.

Semester's Wrapping Up

Our Rotary Club thanks Annah and **Dakota Crow** for hosting "Benny," below, our Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student from Italy this first semester at North Muskegon HS.



Meanwhile, we seek a host family for Benny's second semester, beginning in January and ending in July. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please have them contact Joanie Smith at joan.hilles@gmail.com.

The RYE program is an amazing experience for students, and our Club will be hosting another student next year. We also are sending out Carleigh Wilson (Chanda Cregg's daughter) for her Rotary year abroad.

Continued Excellence

Rotaract of Baker College of Muskegon keeps crankin' them out. On their last Club visit, they shared their 4th Presidential Citation awarded to them by DG Ed and signed by RI President John F Germ.



Baker visitors are, standing from left, Megan Dickson, Pres; AJ Henderson; Jadyd Midkiff, VP; Katie Potter; Tess Gerczak; Ashley Devereaux; Kaylee Slowik; and Linda Meyers, Advisor.

Orchard View Rotary Interact has partnered with our Club for two years now, providing student volunteers to assist us in setting out and taking in 32 American flags between Southern Avenue and Hackley Avenue along Seaway Drive.



Our sincere thanks to Isaiah Villareal, above right, and Club President, Riley Tuttle, of the Orchard View Rotary Interact club seen here on duty for Veteran's Day, and to other club volunteers who volunteer throughout the year. While doing flags, we also pick up all possible trash along the busy route so it looks even better when the flags are out.

Seven area service clubs and organizations share the duties of beautifying Seaway Drive and Causeway Park with over 350 total flags in a program begun by our own **Pam Babbitt**. Flags are flying on

Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4, Labor Day, and Veterans' Day. Coordination like this makes Muskegon an even better place to live, and a joint Rotary/Interact project is another big plus. If you as a Rotarian would like to become more involved in this great community service project with Orchard View Rotary Interact, please contact **John Noling** as we plan for next year. Some representatives of the OV club will join us December 7.

THIS WEEK ON STAGE

Rather than fill you up with Red Boot thoughts here, I'd like to refer you to our actual Facebook and website:

<http://www.theRedBootCoalition.org> – Molly Barker



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Red Kettle Alternative Season Pass Pins

It's that time of year again! The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign is right around the corner. Our campaign is synonymous with the Holiday Season. The sound of those bells ringing acts as a proclamation that the Holiday Season is coming. With more and more people carrying credit and debit cards instead of cash, The Salvation Army of Muskegon County is introducing an easy, guilt-free way to bypass red kettles and still boost donations at Christmas.



The Season Pass Pin is a great alternative to digging for change every time you pass by a Salvation Army Red Kettle – offering a convenient, no-hassle way to support The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. The Season Pass Pins come in three denominations \$20.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00. This is a wonderful and convenient way to give to The Salvation Army and show your support for your Muskegon Community

– Robin Henshaw Hard

Last Week's Program

Thanksgiving Holiday

No meeting was held on November 23 and we sincerely hope you were able to enjoy the time off with your loved ones.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS



President Cathy Brubaker-Clarke read a touching thank-you letter from fellow Rotarian and County Prosecutor **DJ Hilson**, in appreciation of being honored with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

President Cathy congratulated the Diversity and Inclusion Committee for another successful community event.

Below, **Marty Gerencer** and **Diane Van Epps** presented **Matt Kaley**, executive director of Love In The Name of Christ (Love Inc.), with a \$10,000 check as this year's *Grape Escape* community beneficiary. Kaley expressed his gratitude with a thank-you three-peat, "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" and

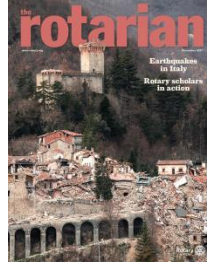


stated that "All of the credit and honor should go to the members of the *Grape Escape* Committee." He continued by saying, "It was a culmination of a lot of hard work, planning and dedication."

Baker College Rotaract president Megan Dickson, advisor **Linda Meyers**, and members Kaylie Slorvick, Jaydyn Midkiff, AJ Henderson, Katie Potter, Tess Geiczak, and Ashley Devereau were presented with a 2017 Presidential Citation for the 4th year in a row! The group provided an update of the many

activities and accomplishments they've completed this year including their New Year long commitment to partner alongside The Muskegon Rescue Mission in serving the underserved.

President Cathy highlighted an article in *Rotarian* magazine that focused on the geographical region of Madagascar and noted once again, the global impact of Rotary around the world.



Cathy extended "kudos" to **Dale Nesbary**, president of Muskegon Community College, left, for being recognized as a "Change Agent" designated and awarded by the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Annette Smedley – Val Alcorn, Muskegon County Court Recorder

Bob Scolnik – Jason Bertoia, new managing director of Muskegon Civic Theatre

Myrna Olsen – Husband Jerome Olsen
Jerry Conrad – Steve Zobro, creator of West Michigan Winter Wander Service

Chanda Cregg – daughter Carleigh Wilson, outbound student next year

Arn Boezaart – Marc Bohland, guest speaker.

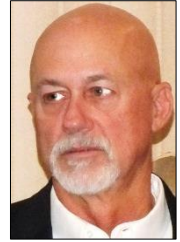
Connie Maxim-Sparrow – Deb Null, executive director of Muskegon Pregnancy Services

Robert Taylor – wife Priscilla, and Allison Keessen, executive director of MAISD's Great Start Learning Collaborative



INDUCTIONS-

President Cathy presented Disability Connection's West Michigan Executive Director **Diane Fleser**, sponsored by **Kate Scarbrough**; and retiree **Robert "Rob" Taylor**, right, sponsored by **Orville Crain**; along with Brunswick retiree **Venancia "Vinnie" Avorgue**, below on left, sponsored by **Myrna Olsen** as the newest members of our Club.



10 BRAVE ROTARIANS:



Jules Terry was booted out of the 1 in 21 Heroes group for (fictitiously) engaging in the bad habit of eating hamburgers and French fries. Shown: **Pam Babbitt**.

Student Guests: Mona Shores Sailors and Muskegon Big Reds.



Red Star Removal: **Kristy Sweet** has been very active in the Fruitport Community, and above is shown being sponsored by **John Sytsema**.

Last Week's Program First-Hand Aid for Cuba

Speaker: Mark Bohland

By Reporter: Kathy Moore

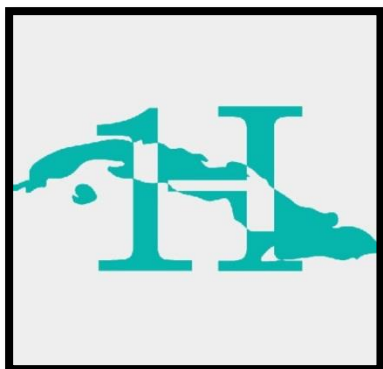


Thursday's program exemplified Rotary's motto of "service about self" at an extraordinary level. Our guest speaker was Marc

Bohland, founder of [First-Hand Aid](#), a West Michigan non-profit agency that brings medical and other supplies to some of the most vulnerable children and families in Cuba.

Marc is also the Surgical Administrator for Holland Hospital. If the name sounds familiar – you might remember Bohland as a former drum major for the Muskegon Big Reds marching band. Perhaps you remember him as a founding and operating partner of the former Rafferty's restaurant. Bohland has been involved in many restaurant and hospitality business initiatives throughout West Michigan. He also has vast experience working in the medical and healthcare field.

During his work at Spectrum Health, Bohland met a young man who was



training to be a surgical assistant. "This young man had been a physician in Cuba, but fled the country on an inner tube", Bohland explained, "along with two other doctors who died in a storm on the way." Bohland said that one day he asked "Is there anything we can do to help you?" The young man replied "Yes. Go to Cuba and take medicine to

contention between the U.S. and Cuban governments. Bohland clarified that, "It's all worth it because the people are so sincerely grateful."



His compassion for Cuba's was evident, and his story was so

touching that many Rotarians offered and asked how they could help via donations and/or travel to Cuba. The next trip is scheduled for January 25 through February 1, 2018 and should be booked soon. There was not enough time to get to all of the questions and comments. Contact information for questions, donations or travel is as follows:

Marc Bohland, First Hand Aid
[First Hand Aid Website](#)
[First Hand Aid Facebook Page](#)
mbohland2000@yahoo.com



my family." Not quite what Bohland had in mind, but he followed through on his commitment and travelled to Cuba for the first time. The experience changed his life. While in Cuba, a desperate father told Bohland that his 3 year old daughter was dying from a blood disorder and begged for help. Bohland had the child's blood tested and discovered that the doctors in Cuba were unknowingly treating the little girl with the wrong medicine. So he got the right medicine, flew back to Cuba with it, and saved the little girl's life. But he didn't stop there!

Note from the Editors

We know that our RIM publication is well read (700+Subscribers) many individuals have taken the time to communicate they look forward to getting the updates and summaries of our Club's gatherings and events. Considering that, we want to honor our readers with a voice to be heard as we try a few different procedures and processes. **We would like your input for the following items and topics:**

-Receiving weekly RIM on Sunday/ Monday instead of Friday/Saturday?

-Looking to add a reporter for each week to run "Special Features" or "Club Member" interviews?

*Contact us via email- [Bill Johanson](#) / [Dave Manley](#)