

Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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

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Lake House Waterfront Grille http://www.muskegonrotary.org



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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: "One in 21 Healthy Muskegon/Wellville"

MEETERS / GREETERS

Tom Powers

INVOCATION

Kathy Moore

THIS MEETING'S MENU

Asian Stir Fry with two options – one with chicken and vegetables, and one without meat - offered with Asian sticky rice, garden salad bar, and cookies

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Ed Garner Oct 02 DJ Hilson Oct 02 Dick Carlson Oct 04 Cindy Larsen Oct 06

PROGRAMS/EVENTS

10/08 Physical Rehabilitation 10/15 Blue Water Economy Report 10/22 Muskegon Has A Reputation 10/29 Club Meeting 11/05 Every Rotarian Every Year 11/12 Emerge

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Club of Great **Importance**

You're looking at some of the staff, two members of the board of directors, and a sampling of the 300 great kids currently being serviced by the Boys & Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore, after only a few months in operation. Great things are happening there which you'll read about inside.



We knew we were in trouble (in the positive sense) when coming upon **Bella Maria's Ristorante & Event** Center Wednesday at a little past 6pm, finding the parking lot chock full of vehicles with only the "no parking" sides of Pontaluna Road a parking option. But the good news is that Grape Escape ended a huge success on a beautiful evening. Sources tell us more Grape news will be found inside.

Borrowing from singer James Brown: she arrived late for Rotary Thursday, just

having finished cleaningup from the previous evening's Grape



Escape - our "hardest working woman in Show Business," Mary Beth Ramos.

Grape Escape 2015: where they "put on a happy face"



























Last Week's Program

Boys & Girls Club Off to Fast Start Serving Area Youth by Lee Coggin

"Of the 19 boys in my class that were my friend, only two are still alive. The rest died of drug overdoses, auto accidents or committed suicide. The two of us that are still alive are the only ones who belonged to the Club." --Roy G

A group of donors came together in April of this year to open the first Boys and Girls Club in Muskegon at Nelson School in the Muskegon Public School District. In just five months, Boys & Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore has grown from 30 to 300 members and served 100 youth as part of its summer program, which included the distribution of 700 snacks and meals.



Rotary member and Boys & Girls Club leader **Dakota Crow**, above visited last week to report on the club's success over the past five months and share its plans for the future. Crow credits the Boys & Girls Club's proven formula for the success they have enjoyed so quickly. Boys & Girls Clubs across the country believe in serving young people who need the >>>

Dakota's programs often involve participation from others, be it an information-sharing club staff member, a question-answering, costumed mosquito named "Buzz," or someone of high local esteem who's expert in using a mike to great effect, someone like our Rotary president.



>>> most help with high-yield activities and targeted programs. Accountability is also important as regular attendance at the Club is an expectation. Beyond that, it is important to "keep it fun," said Crow, and "eliminate barriers to entry" into the Club.

To maximize access to the Club, annual dues are only \$5 per child, which then provides access to homework tutoring, meals, and well-supervised activities that range from old-fashioned dodge ball to PS3 computer games. This fall, the Club expects to serve 75 warm dinner meals and snacks daily to the approximately 90 youth who attend daily.

Plans for future growth may depend upon the club's ability to expand into other schools. Satellite locations eliminate the need for elaborate transportation networks. The Boys & Girls Club will partner with area school districts on satellite and transportation.

The Club costs \$1,260 per member to operate. Therefore, establishing reliable and diverse funding streams is critical for the sustainability of the Club. Plans are already in place to apply for grants, and private donors are being recruited. Those wishing to donate can write the club at PO Box 1018, Muskegon, MI 49443, or call them at 231-375-5576 or 231-798-5048. Volunteers are also welcome after they clear a screening process.

For Crow, the club's legacy should be to produce a "ripple effect" in the community. Club members regularly do better in school, which leads to better job opportunities and makes for better citizens. The Rotary Club is looking forward to watching the future progress of the Boys & Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore.

President's Remarks

President Susan reminded everyone to silence their cell phones during the annual Club meeting. There has been a rash of violators the past few weeks, so fines will be imposed. You have been warned!!

President Susan expressed a special thanks to all of the Club members who organized and served during *Grape Escape 2015* last Wednesday. They put on a great party! Anyone who has a >>>

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>>> constructive suggestion about ways to improve next year's event is invited to submit those to President Susan.

Committee Reports

Members of the Grape Escape committee announced that several Silent Auction items were not claimed by the winners. Please see Julia Koch to claim your prize.

Josh Wallace announced that the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" campaign is under way. This year's goal is to raise \$100 per member for Rotary International. See Josh or go online to the Club's website for more information about how to aive.

Don Crandall reported that plans are already under way for HHOP's next trip to Honduras to install water filters. They will be going in either February or March 2016. The trip will be limited to 15-20 people, so act quickly when the registration process begins. Seats will fill up quickly!

Last week's installment of "10 Brave Rotarians," the Muskegonopoly edition, saw two more members eliminated from the competition. "Losers" were Tamara Collier and Greg VanWoerkom. Sorry Tamara and Greg, but we really appreciate your donation to Rotary International!

Paul Harris Fellowship

Josh Wallace had the privilege of presenting not one but two Paul Harris Fellowships Plus pins this week. Orville Crain earned his Paul Harris Fellowship Plus Two pin, in what must be record time! And, our own President Susan received her Paul Harris Fellowship Plus One pin. Orville, for his efforts, received a kiss from the president. Future Paul Harris Fellowship winners may not get so lucky!

Visiting Rotarians & Guests Former member Gloria White-Gardner (Bob Scolnik); and Mona Shores

Director of Guidance Danielle Smith-Walker (Marty Sytsema).

This Week on Stage

Linda Juarez, executive director of Hackley Community Care Center and Co-Chair Extraordinaire of Rotary's 1 in 21 Initiative Committee, and Jamie Helsen, Community Engagement Coordinator for Public Health and Rotary's 1 in 21 Coordinator, will present updates on the new strategic direction of 1 in 21 Healthy Muskegon and Wellville.

A Little More Grape

















Tell your friends about the... 2ND ANNUAL ROTARACT **MULTI-DISTRICT** CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 17, 10am – 5pm Baker College of Muskegon

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