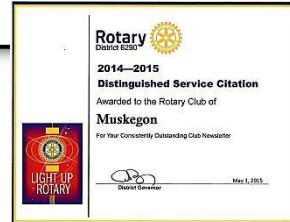




**"Service Above Self"**

# Muskegon Rotary in Motion

<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>



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## Muskegon Rotary Club

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

**Oct 12, 1917 12:00-1:30pm**

**Lake House Waterfront Grill**

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?



**(10/12) "Mexican Heritage in Muskegon" Connie Navaro, Dan Yakes**

"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

Heidi Sytsema

### INVOCATOR - REFLECTOR

Jeremy Williams

### THIS WEEK'S MENU

Pasta Sampler - classic lasagna and penne with a parmesan cream sauce and marinara sauce; roasted vegetable; Cesar salad bar; cookies & brownies.

### STUDENT GUESTS

Whoever shows up

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Ed Hendrickson | Oct 12? |
| Kim Suarez     | Oct 14  |
| Jackie Fisher  | Oct 16  |

### FUTURE PROGRAMS / EVENTS

|       |                              |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 10/19 | Atlanta Attendees Update     |
| 10/26 | Food for Health              |
| 11/02 | <b>MOVE BACK-HOLIDAY INN</b> |
| 11/02 | 1 in 21 Update               |
| 11/09 | Health Care Reform           |

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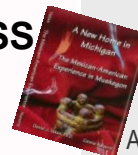
## CAUSEWAY PROGRESS

Before most of us knew it, Causeway Bridge 2 was meticulously worked on by our dedicated volunteers last weekend will be reinstalled once all new decking is applied.

SPECIAL THANKS to Rotarian **Esther Ricco** and North Muskegon Rotary Interactors, below, for donating time and talent Saturday morning to get the final paint primer coat applied. Great group; lots of fun!

### SHOULDERS TOGETHER!

Northside Lions and Muskegon Rotary worked together on both bridges and completed Bridge 2's final coat of paint early last week - a great partnership to benefit Causeway Veterans Memorial Park for years to come. Lions are a great club and we have learned much from each other.



## THIS WEEK ON STAGE

For years, Connie Navaro has collected the stories of Mexican-Americans who call Muskegon home and saved them for posterity. Eventually Navaro, who is part of the Latinos Working for the Future organization, turned her research over to Dan Yakes, a retired Muskegon Community College history professor. One outcome is a 216-page book, "A New Home in Michigan: The Mexican-American Experience in Muskegon," by Dan Yakes and Connie Navaro. Come hear a fascinating talk.



PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH FUTURE WORK  
Bridges will be ready for reinstallation as this construction project at the park reaches completion.

John Noling

From left to right, Liney Figueroa; Claire McCall; ReWine Rotarian Esther Ricco; Northside Lion Dennis Cobler; Liam Lindstrom; and Anneka Lindsay. All student volunteers were from the North Muskegon Rotary Interact Club.

COMING SOON TO THE CAUSEWAY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, MGN



...AND POOF! DONE!



Rotarians, Interactors, and Lions who helped in any way, **THANK YOU!** Both bridges are now painted, waiting for wood for Bridge 2, like Bridge 1, above. Rotary's \$1700 contribution went toward new lumber deck boards.



Darlene Collet, John and Sue Noling

## Rotarians On the Move

Certain people are just nice to have around during Rotary meetings, members who create a huge hole in proceedings when absent. Such a person is **Tom Powers**, left, a man requiring shoulder surgery and so's requested a Sabbatical leave. And while we're here at Club filling the hole of sadness Tom's absence creates 'til January, he'll be doing his hospital best to return to us asap.

**Secretary Nancy** has received Club resignations from **Bill Erickson** and **Bill Pennington**; and **Julia Koch** is moving her regular membership to service with the ReWine satellite club.



## ROTARY REWINE

### Muskegon Holiday Inn

Thursdays 5:15 – 6:30pm

### ReWine Mtg Notes 9-28-17

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000001911/en-ca/files/homepage/rewine-meeting-notes-9-28-17/ReWine-Meeting-Minutes-9-28-2017.pdf>



The Muskegon Museum of Art is coming under new - and familiar - leadership. MMA's Board has announced the hiring of **Kirk Hallman**, above, as the museum's new executive director,



succeeding **Judy Hayner**, above, who held the job for 14 years.

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## Grape Escape a Success at the Frauenthal Center by Bob Scolnik

Wednesday night was the Muskegon Rotary Club's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual *Grape Escape* fundraiser. This year's Charitable Partner was LOVE INC of Muskegon County and they will receive \$10,000 from the proceeds. **Gary Nelund** and I, below, were the emcees for the event and while



I'm not sure how much impact our craziness had on funds raised, we (Merle Scolnik was my

date!) had a great time and added to the fun of the night. No doubt I won the "Best Dressed Emcee" Award as my silver sequined tuxedo completely overwhelmed Gary's martini-festooned trousers. (Ed. Note: More photos on page 3.)

Tickets for the event got you food from the 12 great restaurants that were represented plus beer and wine from 16 Michigan wineries and breweries. In addition, there were many dozens of Silent Auction items, Chinese auction items and raffles. Hundreds of people attended and jazz music was provided by the Rick Hicks Trio. No one went home hungry or thirsty!

## WANTED: JOB SHADOW SITUATION

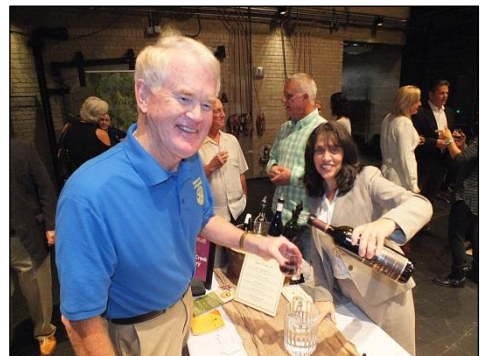
Exchange student Aitan Rustamova and her host-mom, Cammie Hussey of Hesperia, below, were the Rotary guests of **Jim Rausch** and **Ara Demirjian**. Aitan is from Georgia, in the Caucasus region of Eurasia, having emigrated there from Azerbaijan. Between now and June 2018, Aitan, who is very service-minded, needs to shadow some community leaders at their jobs for a day. She is 17 years old and speaks English, Russian, Turkish,



Armenian and Azerbaijani. If you might be willing to have Aitan shadow you for a day, please notify Jim or Ara.



**ROTARY'S GRAPE ESCAPE**  
**10.4.17 6PM**



**More  
Grape  
Photos  
Soon**



## Last Week's Program

# Watch Muskegon: the Rebranding of our Community

Speaker: WM Dir Carla Flanders  
By RIM Reporter Peg Maniates

The Club was treated to an update on the success and impacts of the



Watch  
Muskegon  
campaign.

Watch

Muskegon was  
created to help  
spread positive  
news about  
Muskegon  
County. The

group is comprised of a number of  
local business leaders and  
residents that care about our  
community. The plan is based on  
three pillars...

1. Marketing/Branding
2. Education/Muskegon STAR!  
Program
3. Beautification/Sherman Blvd  
Corridor

At this point, research indicates  
it has been a success with more  
people positively viewing Muskegon  
as a destination, but some of the  
old perceptions still linger. The



areas of concern are education and  
safe living environments. The  
committee continues to work on  
these.

A new 30-second ad video has  
been produced by Revel, and is  
enjoyable watching at:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=watch+muskegon+&&view=detail&mid=30262A276A458CBB224130262A276A458CBB2241&FORM=VRDGAR>

## NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRESIDENT AND OTHERS

### Red Star Removal —



**Cyndi, Jeanette and Diana**

**Jeanette Hoyer** and the **Cyndi Langlois** had their red stars removed after completing all of the tasks assigned to new members. One catch though: Jeanette has been Cindy's sponsor. In an unusual ceremony, Jeanette's sponsor **Diana Osborn** removed Jeanette's red star; then Jeanette turned to Cindy and removed hers. A thunderous applause could be heard throughout the land!

### New Member—



**Gene Fethke** introduced our Club's our newest member, **Myrna Alberca-Olsen**, above. "She is a most interesting, energetic person who gets things done," Gene said. Myrna, a native of the Philippines, comes the Muskegon after many years of hard work and volunteerism throughout the world. Mentioning only a few of her accomplishments, she was a college teacher for 12 years at the biggest state university in the Philippines. When joining her husband in Saudi Arabia, she worked as ID Chief for the United States Military Training Mission to



**Acting President Kathy and Myrna**

Saudi Arabia (USMTM) and later as administrative assistant for the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Agriculture and Water, which was under the umbrella of the US Department of Agriculture.

Last year at her 50<sup>th</sup> year high school class reunion, she was proclaimed the first Ms/Mrs Alumni Homecoming Queen of her alma mater besting other candidates in a contest to raise money to help poor but deserving students.

Myrna is married to Gerald Olsen, a retired diplomat. They have one son, an alumnus of the University of Michigan.

She went on to express her thanks to Muskegon Rotary for offering her admission, and looks forward to working with us on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Welcome, Myrna.

### United way Day of Caring –

**Christine Robere** gave a big shout-out to the 20 Rotary members who joined over 400 volunteers in the United Way Day of Caring on September 8. Projects included repairs to military veteran's homes as well as to the Silversides, the LST, and Vietnam Memorial. Thank you to all who participated.

## Dr King Presentation

The Rev Stephon Ferguson treated the Muskegon Rotary Club to a surprise performance. Ferguson, who has captivated audiences of all ages worldwide, would later that day breathe life into the words of the late Dr Martin Luther King, Jr during his uplifting and inspirational performance in downtown's Frauenthal Center.

Ferguson has raised eyebrows, brought chills and tears, and aroused the consciousness of people of all ages, cultures and backgrounds by delivering dead-on, pitch perfect renditions of Dr King's speeches and sermons. His mission is to share his gift with the world to help continue the legacy of Dr King by not only performing King's words, but more importantly, educating people about his philosophy of love, nonviolence, peace and unity to help bring about



positive change. Sponsored by Muskegon Community College's Center for Experiential Learning, the event was free and open to the public.

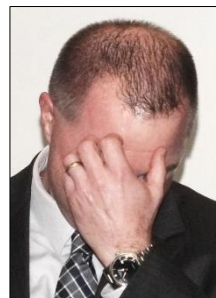
## Fellowship Bestowed

**Ed. Note: He's a clever man who went up front at Rotary to surprise someone else with a Paul Harris Fellowship. He'd soon learn – his head hid in hand – that the someone to be surprised was him, and Chief Jeff Lewis proved to be clever as well.**

DJ Hilson was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for service to the community at last week's meeting. DJ was raised in a working class household by a mother who taught kindergarten and a father who served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War, before becoming a traveling salesman. From that family environment, DJ learned the value of hard work, setting goals, and always maintaining a positive and humble attitude. With strong support from his family, DJ set a goal, early in life, to become a lawyer. His pursuit of this goal was not easy but with a strong work ethic and perseverance, DJ reached the starting line of his career.



In 1996, Hilson was able to make the first part of his career dream a reality when he started law school in Lansing at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. While striving for academic excellence, DJ spent



several semesters as an intern at the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office where he discovered a passion for criminal law and public service. With his education and experience, he knew his gifts and

talents could be best used in dedication to public service as a prosecutor. Hilson graduated, with honors, from Cooley Law School in May of 1999 and was offered a position as an assistant prosecutor in Muskegon County in June of that same year.

During his thirteen years as an assistant prosecutor, he handled cases in the district court, circuit court and family court.

His hard work and dedication to civil service was quickly recognized as he moved through the ranks of the office, reaching the level of Senior Assistant Prosecutor very early in his career. DJ's commitment to prosecution earned him a spot on the drug enforcement team for the office after just one month on the job; he soon became team leader. As a member, and later as the head of the team, he provided 24/7 assistance to the local drug



enforcement agencies, offered legal advice on search issues, drafted search warrants, handled civil drug forfeitures, and advised officers on confidential informant issues.



During this period of time, DJ married his wife Tricia, above with his parents, and they have been blessed with two sons and a daughter. Their love and support throughout his career has been DJ's inspiration and motivation.

Congratulations, DJ.