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Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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Muskegon Rotary Club

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

Oct 6, 2016 12:00–1:15pm

Lake House Waterfront Grille

Satellite ReWine 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?



“70 X 7” Joe Whelen and Erin Kuhn

“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

Tom Powers

INVOCATOR - REFLECTOR

Bill Loxterman

THIS MEETING'S MENU

Roast Turkey Breast Buffet –
 with sherry/sage gravy; a
 garden salad bar; garlic
 parmesan mashed potatoes;
 vegetable; brownies.

STUDENT GUESTS

Muskegon Big Reds

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Larsen	Oct 06
Justin Clark	Oct 08
Ed Hendrickson	Oct 12

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

10/13 Detroit Eastern Market
 10/20 MI Farm to School Program
 10/27 Mission for Area People
 11/03 Literacy Committee Report

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Before we leave...

... what have become happy memories
 of a most successful *Grape Escape*,
 additional photos have magically
 surfaced, aching to be shared with
 readers. Photos, especially good ones,
can ache and moan like that sometimes.





“Peel me a grape” ...

... was first publicly uttered by Mae West in ← the 1933 film “I’m No Angel.”
The Urban

Dictionary calls the phrase a “sarcastic retort to trivial information, and infers a lack of care about any given subject or idea.” It’s only fair, then, that our *Grape Escape* helps restore the reputation of this little fruit of the vine, a juicy berry that also played a huge role in Ulysses putting out the Cyclops’ only eye. Let our photos here help with that mission.

Bob “On the Job” Scolnik: fruit sayer

“I don’t remember much after sampling all of the wines, but I attended Muskegon Rotary’s *Grape Escape* fundraiser at Bella Maria’s (Oakridge Golf Club). The event, the Club’s big fundraiser, sold out with 550 tickets gone! A large group of wineries participated along with several local restaurants providing tasty samples of their signature menu offerings. There was also a great Silent Auction (lots of wonderful items) and it all took over the entire facility, inside and out, even utilizing their large, beautiful outdoor tented area. Much fun, many friends plus a lot of faces I didn’t know. I think Rotary hit a home run.

“In this RIM’s photos, there’s one of me on the previous page checking out the ‘fluffiness’ of Mayor [Gary Nelund](#)’s luxurious hair. In another, right, I’m explaining to Muskegon Area Intermediate School District Superintendent [John Severson](#), how to run the schools. (Sigh)

“I feel the need to mention my dear friend, the late [Larry Wright](#). Larry was the 2006-07 Rotary president who came up with the concept and initial ideas for this event. *Grape Escape* was his baby and he worked tirelessly to get it going, meeting with every winery throughout the west part of Michigan. Larry died suddenly in 2012 and still is very much missed.”



Grape Escape 2016





Our first of six days of helping Habitat for Humanity. If you haven't signed up to help yet be sure to do so. We have 5 more opportunities: 2 more Tuesdays and 3 Saturdays. See **President Josh**.

From left: Lashae Simmons (Kathy's friend), **Kathy Moore**, **Mike Schultz**, **Nancy McCarthy**, **Duane Schecter**, **Brianna Scott**, Ashley Fleser, and **Josh Wallace**.

I went to a fascinating lecture Tuesday night at our Silversides Submarine Museum about who's buried at Arlington National Cemetery. There I heard about an upcoming program highlighting special light-weight Japanese flags, autographed by family and friends, and carried into battle by every Japanese soldier. Over 1.5 million Japanese never returned home and their families knew nothing about their demise. But now, some of these flags, many appropriated by American GIs as war souvenirs, are being returned to their rightful families; they are often considered the "spirit" of their departed one to be buried in what've been a gravestone and its empty grave. More on the upcoming October 24 program follows below, and I recommend going to it.

– **Bill Johanson**

On Stage This Week

70x7 Life Recovery provides volunteer time, mentorship, potential job placement, tools, job skills/life skills training and recovery >>>

70times**7** Life Recovery

>>> support for men and women with addictive behaviors and/or who have previously been incarcerated. They also offer recovery support for groups who struggle with addictive behaviors.

Monday, October 24:

Keiko and Rex Ziak - The Final Chapter of World War II

Over 1.5 million Japanese soldiers never returned home and their children and family members do not know what happened to them. But every Japanese soldier carried a personal honor flag signed by family, friends and others close to them. Thousands of these flags are in the hands of American veterans and their descendants. Keiko and Rex Ziak from Oregon have dedicated many years and their personal funds to finding the Japanese families of soldiers whose flags were given to Keiko and Rex by American veterans to return to Japanese families. In the Shinto religion in Japan, these flags embody the spirit of the deceased loved ones. Keiko and Rex were recently featured on CBS, and do not miss the moving stories of their successes and failures in their special quest.



There are no lectures on Monday, October 10 or Monday, October 31. We invite you to come to the museum during our daylight hours and explore our newest exhibit. Information on that exhibit is on page 2

All lectures will begin at 6:00pm at the USS Silversides Submarine Museum 1346 Bluff St. Muskegon, MI in the Channel View Room. The cost is \$5.00 per person or FREE for USS Silversides Submarine Museum members.



SPEAKERS, NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME



Muskegon Holiday Inn
Thursdays 5:15 – 6:30pm

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Last Week's Program

The Muskegon 14: Life Leadership Conference 2016

John Noling introduced
6 of the 14
By Diane Van Epps

When 156 high school students sent from 40 Rotary clubs get together at the Life Leadership Conference, something good has to happen. **John Noling** would love to have more of us on board with this great committee! 2016 was a banner year for our Club with 14 students in attendance. Muskegon High School Reach Higher sponsored two. United Way sponsored two as well. Last year's sale of Ironmen jerseys allowed one more to go. Our Rotary Club committed to eight conferees, but was able to come up with enough dollars for a ninth.

Parker Aerts, Reeths-Puffer, was elected Conferee of the Year, voted on by his peers largely for his leadership qualities. He didn't know much about the LLC when he was approached about attending, wasn't really excited to hang out with a bunch of kids he didn't know. Then he decided to get in on a game of Frisbee and everything changed. He was determined to get the most out of his experience. He sat at a different table for every



From left, Parker Aerts, Zachary Johnson, Julieaunna Clark, Isabel Grace, Kaitlin Hermanson, and Darius Ricks.

meal, talked to people, really wanting to find out about them, where they were from and what they thought. He spread the word to others to get the most out of the conference. Sounds like a true leader right?

Julieaunna Clark, Muskegon Heights Public School Academy, talked about her family assignment at the conference to Molly Kennedy's family. "Give Up or Get Up!" was Molly's message. You have to appreciate what you have right now... gratitude! Molly taught them about paradigm (sounds like Pair of Dimes -Flip Your 20). Get it? - turning negative thoughts and actions into positive ones. No surprise that Molly is a Rotaract member.

MHPSA's Isabel Grace spoke about the World Wide Discussion. It started with a German exchange student talking about his country; the few standing around him grew into a large group. Students soon wanted to hear about what was happening in other countries, and to hear it from other students.

Darius Ricks, Muskegon, learned how to be a better leader and a better follower. He learned to listen and he shared his love of singing (at the conference and with

us, below). He wants to be a Pastor and have his one church someday.

Kaitlyn Hermanson talked to other conferees about how they run their Interact Clubs. She and Isabel are co-presidents at Mona Shores and got some great got ideas for fundraising and organization.

Zachary Johnson, Muskegon, learned how to open up, be more social, and he now feels comfortable in most situations.



Darius Ricks

During, Q&A, when **Bill Johanson** asked the group to describe Rotary in a one-sentence "elevator speech," Service above Self, "leaving a place better than you found it," and "leaders teaching future leaders" seemed the strongest responses.

Check out this month's *Rotarian* magazine: page 8 by a dentist in the Houghton Lake Club.



NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRESIDENT



Sponsor Eric Siefert places a brand new Rotary pin on new member Bill Pennington. Welcome, Bill to the Club.

President Josh Wallace thanked those coming out for the Rotary Habitat house. For those who'd like to help but aren't sure how they might, see Claire Benson, volunteer coordinator. They always need cookies! The group is still looking for assistance on Tuesdays and Saturdays so please sign up to volunteer, if you can.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – COMMITTEE MEMBERS, GUESTS

JD Wallace, Sr of Rotary Social Committee fame invites everyone (members new or used, colleagues young or experienced, bystanders if willing to buy rounds of drinks) to the Muskegon Country Club for a "Rotary after Hours" informal reception this coming Wednesday, October 5. There will be appetizers aplenty and a cash bar. Attendees might then consider staying for dinner as some spectacular new menu items are available.

Monica Dobry has planned a Family Event at Lewis Farms near New Era on Sunday, October 23, at 2 pm. Cost is \$10/person but free to any child or grandchild of a Rotarian.

ISD Superintendent **John Severson**, speaking on behalf of

Muskegon County school superintendents, thanked Rotary for the great success of *Grape Escape 2016* with this year's partner donation going to Muskegon Promise. **Megan Byard-Karaba**, Rotarian and Muskegon Promise board member did a great job with the Silent Auction.

Finemeister **Kevin Donovan** was tasked by **President Josh** to make some money for the Caring Connection Committee by fining members.

His first fine went to **Mike Walsh**,

who hadn't been to a Rotary meeting in some time but

appeared with a guest, aka political candidate. \$2 please. And for those who forgot to wear their Rotary pin? **Jay Wallace, Jr** helped out by collecting \$2 from the guilty parties. Above, gutsy **Jim Fisher** challenges Donovan to produce *his own pin*, which luckily he was able to do. **President Josh** said magnetic pins are available for those worried about ruining their clothing with the pins; they're available online or from **Ed Hendrickson**.

The "10 Brave Rotarians" drawing made a weekly "winner" out of **Randy Lindquist**. Only eight more



names are in the hat, we heard from **Pam Babbitt**, with the final named person awarded a coveted Paul Harris Fellowship, Port City Princess dinner cruise courtesy of **Silvia Precious**, and a painting of that very same pleasure/party boat.



After last week's meeting, Rotarians lined up halfway around the lobby walls (well, almost that big a line) to order popcorn from a young Scout hoping to break a \$14,000+ record. He and dad Matt came to Club at the behest on entrepreneur Bob Scolnik. Mason is already above \$13,000 in sales with 30 days to go. Hopefully, his sales bump from Rotarians encouraged Mason to join our group as soon as someone can find out the Club's age restrictions.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Ann Arbor Rotarian Joyce M Hunter; Muskegon Heights Academy Principal Jennifer Bouwman (Alena Zachery-Ross); Life Leadership Committee members Shaundra Sain, MSAS's Rachel Clark and Council for a Strong America's KP Pelleran (John Noling); Matt and award-winning Cub Scout popcorn salesman Mason Schlefen (Bob Scolnik); Comerica VP Trust & Estate Advisor Diane Hyland (Diane Van Epps); Public Defender Paula Baker Mathis (Mike Walsh); Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Coordinator Claire Benson (Mike Schultz); and former German Youth Exchange student Oliver Jansen (Phil Friedrich).