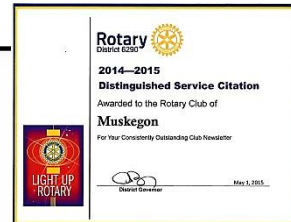




# Muskegon Rotary in Motion



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## Muskegon Rotary Club

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

September 17, 2015 12:10pm

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: "Every Woman's Place at 40" Lori Rasmussen**

### MEETERS / GREETERS

Mort Kantor

### INVOCATION

Rob Murphy

### THIS MEETING'S MENU

Picnic Buffet - build your own sandwich from chicken salad and tuna salad, chilled pasta salad, coleslaw, homemade potato chips and cookies

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Lewis Sep 17  
Chanda Nichols-Wilson Sep 23

### PROGRAMS/ EVENTS

09/23 **Grape Escape**  
09/24 Boys & Girls Club  
10/01 Rotary Presentation  
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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### More Bouquets for Carol

Devoted local thespians, Carol Peden and Bill Iddings stroll backstage at the Frauenthal Theatre, years ago, where they were performing in

"The Man Who Came to Dinner."

The late lady Rotarian's memory is being honored by her family and the Carol A. Peden Performing Arts Memorial Fund with the purchase of six beautiful benches for the Hilt Lobby, providing a welcome rest for theater patrons in the place where Carol dedicated so much of her time and talents. The benches will be dedicated on **September 18, at 7:00pm**, before the opening night of Muskegon Civic Theater's production of "Moonlight and Magnolias," kicking off their 2015 season. Friends of MCT, the Frauenthal Center, the Foundation, and the community are invited to join us for this fitting tribute to Carol Peden.



We're invited to the...

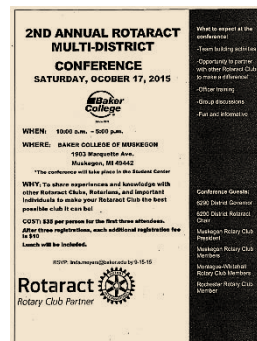
## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ROTARACT MULTI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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

There is still time to donate a door prize for this year's Annual Multi-District Rotaract Conference. Please contact **Linda Meyers**

at [linda.meyers@baker.edu](mailto:linda.meyers@baker.edu) if you can donate a prize. [Click for more info.](#)

Thanks to Facebook and those nice enough to allow us to share their happy histories, we present this 30-year-old anniversary photo of Marv and Christine Robere.





# Let's All Escape

Only days away now, *Grape Escape 2015*, the Club's biggest fundraiser of the year, is putting on final make-up. It's stage crew (you and me)

## Grape Escape Muskegon Rotary 2015

Featuring  
Wines from Michigan Wineries  
Michigan Microbrewery  
Hometown Restaurants and Caterers

**Wednesday**  
**9/23/2015**  
6:00pm - 9:00pm

*Bella*  
**Maria's**  
Ristorante & Event Center



 [www.facebook.com/rotarygrapeescape](http://www.facebook.com/rotarygrapeescape)  
Tickets may be purchased in advance  
**\$40.00 per Person**

Silent Auction  
Live Auction  
Door Prizes

Purchase Tickets at:  
[www.muskegonrotary.org](http://www.muskegonrotary.org)  
or from any Rotary member

  
**COVENANT**  
Neighborhood Prayer Partnership  
and help support Rotary's humanitarian efforts

is asked still to concentrate on ticket selling, contributing items for the Silent Auction, and signing up to volunteer. Family and friends are invited to volunteer, too. Everyone's help is important, and everyone promoting the event is important. The committee was hard at work getting ready for the event at the Loxterman's this week.



[Click here](#) for the latest on this year's Grape Escape.

## This Week on Stage

Every Woman's Place provides services for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. All services are free of charge to survivors and their children. They offer safe shelter, counseling, advocacy and supportive services to women and children surviving domestic and sexual violence. Services also include parenting education, sexual assault crisis intervention, information and referrals, and a 24-hour crisis line. **Lori Rasmussen** is EWP's executive director.

## 'Round Rotary's RIM



Above, local Maple Syrup!!! Yum! A wonderful West Michigan item up for bids at the Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> *Grape Escape*!! These coming from **Kasza Sugar Bush** of Shelby, another fabulous Muskegon Farmers Market vendor!!

Thank you, Kasza Sugar Bush, for supporting the Covenant Community Church Personal Hygiene Pantry and the Muskegon Rotary Club!!

## News/Announcements

**President Crain** reminded Rotarians about the new alternative meeting members have the option to attend. Meetings take place Thursday evenings at 5:15 pm at the Holiday Inn.

**Rabi Alpert** announced that the invocation committee is working to fill this year's sign-up sheet. He encouraged that the sign-up sheet be created of a diverse group of people.

**Jane Clingman-Scott** notified members that the end polio now committee is seeking new members and will be meeting after next week's meeting.

**Gary Nelund** encouraged the club to attend this year's Grape Escape fundraising event on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Visiting Rotarians & Guests



Student guests from West Michigan Christian with **Marty Sytsema** (club member), **Jared Varnado**, **Will Deur** and Teacher **Jennifer VanHekken** (above). **Mike's Eric Erickson** (**Chanda Nichols-Wilson**); Owner of Edmondson Associates, **Jim Edmondson** (**Arn Boezaart**); Comerica Bank's Merchant Service Regional Manager **Kimberly George** (**Diane VanEpps**); **Susan Crain's** mother **Karen Cloutier** (below) and relatives **Pete** and **Marty Long**.





## Last Week's Program

### Civilian Community Corps Youth Service by Jenna Blamer

Dave Alexander introduced United Way's Kristina Coby who championed bringing the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) to our community. The NCC is a full-time, team-based residential service program for individuals ages 18-24. NCCC members are organized into 10 to 12 member teams and serve in local communities in all 50 states and U.S. territories. The mission of AmeriCorps NCCC is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through team-based national and community service.

Based out of five regional campuses in Maryland, Mississippi, Iowa, Colorado, and California, teams of members complete 6 to 8 weeks of intensive national service, doing projects proposed by community sponsors who identify needs within their communities and request NCCC assistance. This national service team Maple 6 focused on building the infrastructure for youth service programming in Muskegon.

Arriving June 30th Maple 6 collaborated with several other local youth volunteer groups to complete projects that strengthened Muskegon's capacity to better provide youth service programming. Projects such as infrastructure improvements for McLaughlin Grows Urban Farm, a community clean-up day at Mona Lake Park, serving at Catholic Charities' food pantry, working on homes with Community Encompass and the planning and execution of United Way's day of caring.

Maple 6 members shared their favorite things about Muskegon and meaningful experiences they had while completing this summer's projects. Coby announced that if

United Way meets the organization's scoring criteria for the work completed this summer that Muskegon can expect a new NCCC team each summer for the next 2 years.

## Rotary Park Update

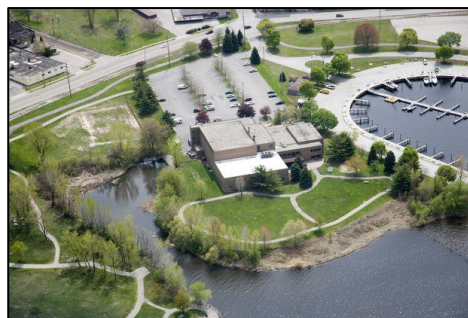
Phase 1 Construction of playground, kayak launch, fishing bridge and infrastructure for restrooms.

Progress: Rotary Park is nearing the construction phase of the grants execution. Hooker DeJong completed post bid conferences for the bid proposals submitted for construction of Rotary Park. After

review of bids, the DNR negotiated an amendment to the current award to include the handicap accessible kayak launch. With the amendment, the County Board approved

resolution to amend the DNR grant contact, as well as support the parks phase one completion with the remaining 130,000 necessary to complete phase 1.

The Board also approved award of the construction contract to Muskegon Quality Builders, project leaders anticipate construction to begin by the end of September 2015. The grand opening for the park will be targeted for Spring of 2016.



Aerial Photo of the future location of **Rotary Park** next to the Muskegon Family YMCA.

## More Pics from this Week



Top to Bottom: Grape Escape ticket sellers, **Stacey Cornell** and guest. Photo of club guest (of Arn Boezaart) **Jim Edmondson**, former President of Muskegon Area First and now works as an Economic Development consultant and now lives in Biloxi and Muskegon. Photo of **Jamie Helsen**, new Community Engagement Coordinator at the Muskegon County Department of Public Health, partially funded by Rotary and the 1 in 21 program.

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