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# Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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## Muskegon Rotary Club

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

**Sept 15, 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?



## “Muskegon Heights Academy” Alena Zachery-Ross

“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

Joan Smith

### INVOCATOR - REFLECTOR

Jane Clingman-Scott

### THIS MEETING'S MENU

Chicken Forester Buffet with a sautéed mushroom & tomato beef gravy; garden salad bar, steamed redskin potatoes, fresh vegetable and cookies.

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Lewis Sep 17

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

09/21 **Grape Escape**  
 09/22 Dist Gov Gernot Runschke  
 09/29 Life Leadership Participants  
 10/06 70X7  
 10/13 Detroit Eastern Market  
 10/20 MI Farm to School Program  
 10/27 Mission for Area People  
 11/03 Literacy Committee Report  
 11/10 Mercy Health Building

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## Celebrating Polish Fest

Pierogis, sausage, dancing and beer... last weekend's Polish Festival 2016 had it all. “Na Zdrowie” from, above l-r, Angie Hepworth Kalisz, **Don Kalisz**, Tracey Meade Piasecki, **Jason Piasecki**, and Jill and Andy Maciejewski. More on Page 2.

### Tickets-Auction Items-Your Presence

**Grape Escape**, our big fundraiser, was but 13 days away on Thursday! Please remember to turn in your Silent Auction items and purchase your tickets soon!

To quickly and easily purchase **Grape Escape** tickets, access the website – [www.muskegonrotary.org](http://www.muskegonrotary.org) – bottom of the first screen see and click on “Buy Grape Escape 2016 Tickets Here.”

Second screen: enter the ticket quantity you desire, click on “Order Now” button and follow instructions. Have your credit card handy.



Saturday also downtown, several local companies lent their trucks for the hands-on learning and enjoyment of local kids (mostly). Above, **Rich Houtteman** helps an excited 4-year-old experience a Consumers Energy worker's heavy safety apparel. Turns out, the child is **Bill Johanson's** youngest grandson who asserts that, even this very minute, he'd make a fine Consumers truck driver.

## This Week On Stage

It's always a delight when one of our fellow Rotarians is the program presenter, so this is a noon meeting not to miss. **Alena Zachery-Ross**, who heads up the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy, has lots to say and welcomes your questions.



SPEAKERS, NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

## Muskegon Holiday Inn

Thursdays 5:15 – 6:30pm

Click below for 8-25-16 meeting notes:

<http://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/0000001911/en-ca/files/homepage/rotary-rewine-notes-9-1-16/Rotary-Rewine-meeting-notes-9-1-16.pdf>

Annual Fundraiser

# Grape Escape

## Muskegon Rotary 2016

**Save the Date**  
**9/21/2016**  
 6:00pm - 9:00pm  
**Wednesday**

*Taste Michigan Wines & Craft Beers  
 Eat Delicious Food  
 Bid on the Silent Auction  
 Listen to Live Music  
 and more...  
 \$40/person*

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

If you have any questions please message us on facebook   
**Muskegon Rotary Grape Escape**  
[www.facebook.com/rotarygrapeescape](http://www.facebook.com/rotarygrapeescape)  
 To benefit:  
**MUSKEGON AREA PROMISE**  
 Purchase Tickets at:  
[www.muskegonrotary.org](http://www.muskegonrotary.org) or  
[www.eventbrite.com/e/grape-escape-2016-tickets-24090102594](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/grape-escape-2016-tickets-24090102594)



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## This Thursday: New Member Get Together

at the Crain's beach abode (349 Terrace Point Circle – next to copper pyramid round-about by the Lake House) will convene September 15, 5:30-7:30pm.

A great meeting for new members, their sponsors, Board members, committee chairs, Satellite Clubbers, and anyone else Rotary who wants to attend.

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**Muskegon Polish Festival** - After last weekend in Hackley Park, there is no doubt, this will be an annual event because of its outstanding success! They served the



whole weekend's food they had planned for the first day with over 3,000 people! Great event for Muskegon! Good fun, good friends and good food! A combination you cannot beat. The Food: Polish Girl Plate, featuring fresh kielbasa, homemade kapusta, homemade golabki, seasoned redskin potatoes two potato cheese pierogi and rye bread.

-- Holly Hughes

## Visiting Rotarians & Guests



Above, from left, visiting Aarau's International Rotary Club (Denmark) Past President Soeren Hansen; Twelve Inch CEO Kim Holberg Anderson; and Black Circle Radio owner Mitch Anderson (all Soeren Hansen). Also, Janda VanDyke and Lisa Grossenbacha (Doug Pollock); Rich Grant (Mark Eisenbarth); Kendra Terrell (Jeanette Harris); Penny Evert (Orville Crain); Sue McCurdy (Alena Zachery-Ross); former Rotary Youth Exchange student Oliver Jansen, and Community United Methodist Church Secretary Wendy Hudgin (Phil Friedrich); former Exchange student Hannah Knoblock (Dave Alexander); Atourney Scott Timmer (Eric Gielow); and Muskegon Mona Shores Optimist Club rep JP Ryan.

**Muskegon – Mona Shores Optimist Club Fundraiser**

# DUELING PIANOS

**BENEFIT CHILDREN'S PROJECTS**  
**September 16, 2016**  
**7:00 – 10:00 pm**  
**VFW Hall - CASH BAR**  
**1061 Witham Road**  
**Muskegon, MI. 49445**

**ADVANCE \$25.00**  
**AT DOOR \$30.00**  
**APPETIZERS**

**For Advanced Tickets & Information: 231.798.7741 or 231.759.8505**  
 MUSKEGON-MONA SHORES OPTIMIST CLUB P.O. Box 1609 Muskegon, MI. 49443  
 501 c 4 Non-Profit Organization

# VICTORIAN CARNIVALE

**6pm** **WILL OPEN OCT. 1**

Lakeshore Museum Center's Invitation

## Lumber Baron's Ball

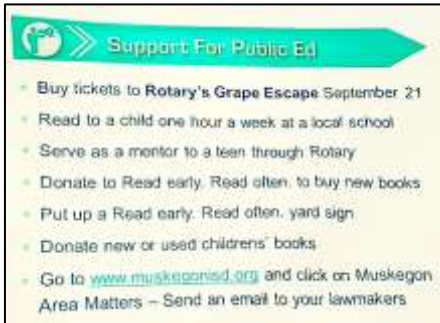
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## Last Week's Program

### Communication, Collaboration, Community and Commitment: Muskegon's Education Future

by Robin Henshaw

Last week we learned the focus and future of Muskegon's educational system. Muskegon Area Intermediate School District Superintendent **John Severson**, right, opened his presentation with a wonderful video



entitled "Partners" produced by MAISD. The video highlights the many community partnerships and programs that are impacting and improving the Muskegon educational system. Severson credited author Jamie Vollmer of *Schools Cannot Do It Alone* for inspiring collaboration among community partners.

There are four focus areas of collaboration MAISD identified in data collection and research that are indicators of a thriving community. They are Kindergarten Ready, Reading and Math Proficient by 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Career Aware and College Ready, and Support for Public Education. But, Severson stated, "Student health represents a significant variable—and possibly the most important barrier to learning." The Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY) data shows that there is a need among Muskegon's children for health and wellness advocacy.

Muskegon leaders and concerned citizens have studied the data and are providing solutions through community wide initiatives aimed at



increasing wellness and facilitating learning. Rotary's 1 in 21 and Wellville programs aspire to make Muskegon the healthiest county in the state by 2021. "Read Early, Read Often" urges adults to read with their children every day. This will significantly impact literacy rates and effect kindergarten preparedness. "Be Nice," is a county wide wellness initiative focusing on mental health awareness and suicide prevention. By identifying and communicating the needs of our youth to the community, collaborative partnerships develop. This sends a clear message that Muskegon cares about all of its children's future.

The Muskegon Promise represents a commitment to our qualified youth. If they remain determined and dedicated to success and put the hard work into their studies, we will offer them 2-year degree tuition free. "If our children give their best every day", Severson stated, "we promise to give our best every day."



← Speaker—John Severson

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No Birthdays last week. Nada

Kudos to **Rich Kramer**, whose daughter Hannah plays volleyball at Spring Lake HS. She has been named an individual champion of a Division 3 team.

U of M was honored as the #1 public university in America...for all you Michigan fans, alumnus, students and prospective students...GO BLUE...I am sure you knew this day would come.... eventually ☺

Celebrate National Grandparents Day (September 11) at Michigan's Adventure this year! 60+ gets free admission, with ID. Your guests receive reduced pricing... just \$25.00! Enjoy the one of last days of summer slipping and sliding your day away in the water park or adventurously zooming, spinning, plummeting or hanging from one of the many rollercoasters at the park!

## NEWS /ANNOUNCEMENTS— COMMITTEE MEMEBERS

*Grape Escape* is coming! This year there are more vendors, more sponsors and Silent Auction prizes! We also have a shuttle from the Greek Orthodox Church! So, come one! Come all! Buy your tickets now! Remember this fundraiser is our largest of the year and contributes to our scholarships and other Rotary initiatives.

RED STAR REMOVAL—**Susan Crain** removed **Julia Rupp's** red star after Julia recited from memory the many accomplishments she achieved. Julia



**Julia Rupp, sans star, and Sue Crain**

confessed she loved her little red star! Darlene came to the rescue with a glittery red star for Julia to take with her! All ended well and everyone was happy! ☺

**NEW MEMBER MEETING**—the get-together will be on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30PM at the Crain's. Please mark on your calendar to attend.

**ROTARY REWIND**— is hosting 'The Shot Heard Round the World' at the Holiday Inn on November 3. Rotary Rewind needs sponsors for the event. If you are interested please contact **Doug Pollock** or **Susan Crain**.

**DOWNTOWN DOG PARK**—**Dave**



**Alexander and Cathy Brubaker-Clarke** brought us great news! Have you ever

wanted to take Fido on an afternoon trip downtown but didn't, because it wouldn't be fun? Well, worry no more. Muskegon is on its way to building a downtown park for man's best friend! It will be (with your support) located across from Rotary Park and filled with fun activities for Fido. We can manifest this dream into reality by contributing financially. But, here's the best part... if Muskegon can raise \$50,000.00, the state of Michigan will match it! Yes, you heard me right! Now let's work together and make Fido's downtown doggie park dreams come true. The Greater Kennel Club of Muskegon has offered their generous support. Now it's our turn. Stay tuned...Fido will be overjoyed!



**UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING 2016**—**Christine Robere**, left, enticed us all by offering a free

breakfast at the Farmer's Market tomorrow morning at 8:00AM for the United Way 2016 Annual "Day me to join us as we work to beautify some of Muskegon's Non-Profits.

**IRISH FESTIVAL 2016**—Hey would you like to attend the Irish Festival? You can volunteer to be adult supervisor. There are still two time slots available on Saturday. 12-3 or 3-6. Please contact **Chris Zahrt**.

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP** —Goes to...



**Doug Wood**, above left. After **Phil Friedrich** conquered Muskegon Lake this weekend by swimming across it Michael Phelps style...he swiftly nominated Doug for the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship. Maybe Phil will challenge Doug to a swim off? Or maybe someone is feeling brave and wants to take the **GOLD**? We never know what might happen!!! Stay tuned, Rotarians.

**... AND ON THAT NOTE ...**



**THANKS, GINNY**  
**What's so funny, Phil?**

