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Club 216 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916 September 24, 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: "Boys & Girls Club" Dakota Crow

MEETERS / GREETERS

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INVOCATION

Carla Skoglund

THIS MEETING'S MENU

Roast Turkey Breast with sherry/sage gravy, garlic/ parmesan mashed potatoes, and fresh vegetable – offered w/garden salad bar, brownies

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Dawn Johnson	Sep 24
John Noling	Sep 24
Tom Powers	Sep 25
Tim Achterhoff	Sep 28
Nancy Crandall	Sep 28
Mike Walsh	Sep 28
Dakota Crow	Sep 30
Bill Loxterman	Sep 30

PROGRAMS/EVENTS

09/23 Grape Escape

10/01 1 in 21 Report

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



This week...

It's Grapetime!

Only days from now – on Wednesday, actually - Grape Escape 2015, the Club's biggest fundraiser of the year, will welcome guests and connoisseurs. We're asked still to concentrate on ticket sales (as of Thursday, only 348 tickets had been sold, short of our goal of 400); contributing items for the Silent Auction; and signing-up to volunteer, thus serving above self.

Family and friends are invited to volunteer, too. Everyone's help is important. Clicking the link below will present all you need to know to make a heavy impact:

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Another great event...





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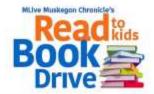
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A couple of Baker College Rotaract students visited Rotary, asking Club members' support for efforts to help MLive with their community "Read Early Read Often" initiative, and for gathering books at children's 0-5 age level. The Baker students above – Danielle Woodring, left, and Kaytie Ely, in Cat in the Hat paper plate faces –asked Rotarians to bring new >>>



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>>> or used children books this week for the Rotaract Club's collection.

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

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

CLICK ON LINK FOR DETAILS

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This Week on Stage

Rotarian **Dakota Crow**, executive director of the new Boys & Girls Club of Muskegon Lakeshore will discuss his organization. "My goal is to have this place be the beacon of hope for all kids, ages 6 to 18 in Muskegon County," he has said. The club will help students with school work, teach healthy habits, and help kids become good citizens.

Power of the Purse



Our speaker, Amanda Robertson of Every Woman's Place, above, subbing for the ailing **Lori Rasmussen**, explained that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and Every Woman's Place is hosting the 2nd Annual *Power of the Purse* event to increase community awareness

about the issues of domestic violence. The Power of the Purse event will raise funds to support EWP services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence in West Michigan. Donated items, including purses, jewelry and other accessories, will be featured and included in a silent auction, live auction and "Deals & Steals" sale. The Power of the Purse is Thursday, October 8, 2015 at Fricano's Place. Tickets are on sale now and sponsorship opportunities are available, as well. More EWP, next page.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Visiting GR Rotarian Paul Keep; Rotarian dad Len Piasecki (Jason Piasecki); Baker College Rotaractors Danielle Woodring, Katie Ely and faculty advisor Linda Meyers (John Noling); Muskegon-Oceana Michigan Works Interim Deputy Director and prospective member Brittany Lenertz (Jim Fisher); and Holton Public Schools' Superintendent Jason Kennedy, and students Makayla Hutchison, Riley Hicks, and Kayley Farber (Bob Chapla).

Drive-In Tailgating

Below is a photo of some of the tailgate party attendees for the Michigan State vs Oregon game held Saturday night at the Getty Four Drive-In Theater in Muskegon. This was a first, and everyone watched the game on the giant drive-in theater screen! Thanks to Celebration Cinema for putting this FREE event together! Folks in the photo, from left, are: Mark, Chad, Eric, Joni Rosen, Merle Scolnik, Pam Babbitt, Joan Schmitt, Bob Scolnik,



Julie, **John VanWyck**, Kathy, Gloria White-Gardner, and Willie.

Last Week's Program

EWP at 40 Years Old by Jerry Morlock

After 40 years in existence, Every

Woman's Place/ Webster House Youth Services is ready to continue its legacy of helping individuals and families in distress – with a little help from its friends, that is

Amanda
Robertson, director
of development,
right, provided an
overview of the
organization's
services,
challenges and
evolution as it
enters its fifth
decade of service.

Every Woman's Place and Webster House Youth

Services strengthen families in Muskegon, Newaygo and Oceana counties. Every Woman's Place provides services for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Webster House works with youth to bring families closer together.

To illustrate the organization's



services, Amanda related two stories: one of a woman named

"Rachel"; another, of a 15-year-old boy, "Adam."

Rachel, a single mother, had a stable, healthy life in Florida, when she met a man who proposed marriage. He had been offered a job in Muskegon, and the blended family moved here to start a new life. Slowly, at her new husband's insistence, Rachel became more isolated. He forbade her from talking to neighbors, then from

> holding a job. He became violent, and she lived in fear for her life every day.

Adam, 15, found himself homeless after his parents divorced. Initially, he coped by "couch-surfing" sleeping overnight at friends' homes. But those options finally were exhausted. He admitted to one of his teachers that he had nowhere to go.

Amanda said that, without the services of Every

Woman's Place and Webster House, and the donors and volunteers that nourish the organization, we would never know how Rachel and Adam's stories ended.

She Found a Way

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EVERY WOMAN'S PLACE

WEBSTER HOUSE YOUTH SERVICES

Rachel picked up an Every Woman's Place business card that she found in a restaurant. With the help of EWP staff and volunteers, she got a personal protection order against her abusive husband. With help, she was able to return with her daughter to Florida, where she is back living near her parents, and now has a bright future.

After counseling provided by Webster House, Adam was able to work through his trauma and return to his mother's home. He worked hard to graduate from high school, where he was so well respected that his classmates asked him to speak at the ceremony. Adam is now serving his country as a U.S. Marine.

Amanda said the organization has served 130,000 people over its 40-year history. And its services depend on members of the community willing to donate money or time.

Over the decades, they've added programs including: counseling for nonresidents of the

organizati on's shelter; a legal center to help abused spouses obtain



personal protection orders; and prevention programs such as the hugely popular Girls on the Run program to help girls build selfesteem and make healthy choices.

Every Woman's Place/Webster House has raised \$1.3 million toward its \$3 million capital campaign for maintenance and upkeep of its building, which is almost always filled to capacity.

Its annual fundraiser, "Power of the Purse," is 5:30 to 9pm, Oct 8 at The Event Center at Fricano's Place, 1050 W Western. It's an evening of style and accessories featuring a silent and live auction. Tickets are available at www.everywomansplace.org.

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Our Assignment

Rotary members are asked to bring to our Sept 24 meeting a new or used book appropriate for ages 0-5. The books are part of a literacy effort pushed by MLive, in conjunction with a variety of other area organizations. Books also can be dropped off at area libraries.