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



September 3, 2015 12:10pm
 Lake House Waterfront Grille

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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: "Life Leadership Conference" Conferees

MEETERS / GREETERS

Mort Kantor

INVOCATION

John Snider

THIS MEETING'S MENU

Chicken Parmigiana with
 parmesan crusted chicken
 breast in marinara sauce with
 mozzarella and parmesan
 cheese; herb butter linguine;
 fresh vegetable; Caesar
 salad bar; and brownies

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

John Snider	Sep 6
Norm Kruse	Sep 9
Jonathan Wilson	Sep 9

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

09/10 Civilian Community Corps
 09/17 Every Woman's Place – 40
 09/23 **Grape Escape**
 09/24 Boys & Girls Club
 10/01 TBA
 10/08 Physical Rehabilitation

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September 23

Bella Maria's

Ristorante & Event Center

Home of Grape Escape 2015

513 West Pontaluna Road, Muskegon, MI 49444

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August 2015 Update

Dispatch from Wellville

Submitted by Kimberley Sims
and Gwen Williams

Greater Muskegon, including the cities of Norton Shores, Roosevelt Park, Muskegon, Muskegon Heights and North Muskegon are included together as one of five communities in a national challenge called the Way to Wellville. The challenge is to dramatically and sustainably improve the health of the community over the course of the next five years. Our local plans are part of our 1 in 21 Initiative – with the goal of being Michigan's #1 county in the state in the health rankings by the year 2021 by decreasing smoking and obesity, increasing post-secondary graduation and certification rates and increasing social / emotional support. The challenge started as a brainchild of angel tech investor Esther Dyson, who created the non-profit HICCup as a way of supporting the Wellville Challenge. As of January 1, 2015, we are off and running!

Muskegon Might Challenge - As part of Wellville's support of our community, on July 17-19 the City of Muskegon Heights was energized by the powerful presence of "Muskegon Might." This Wellville initiative gave an opportunity to Re-Think and Re-Imagine Downtown Muskegon Heights. Thirty-three professionals from all walks of life, upper right, came together with one question to answer about three publicly-owned vacant buildings: "What could this be?" The weekend started with a trolley ride through a few of the Wellville 5 communities and dropped our guests at "Tapas



Heights" - a pop-up restaurant which appeared in downtown Muskegon Heights in a vacant building. This event was a reception to give the attendees a glimpse of what the area could be like with a viable business in place. The next day-and-a-half



was spent as the teams coalesced around their ideas and plans for what the potential uses for the three sites (The Strand Theater, The Big Red Building / Morton Industries, and the former Daniel's Hair Academy). Each building was very different and the teams' concepts ranged from a high quality child care center and a healthy local meal to-go, to a vertical farm, to a center for the arts, to a recycling plant. Each team shared their ideas with the community and received feedback from various investors and mentors who were also on site. The feeling felt by all who attended was not Muskegon Might, but Muskegon WILL!!

Below is a link to Muskegon Might photos:

<http://muskegonmight.tumblr.com/>

Town Hall Meeting coming up - A town hall meeting is planned in North Muskegon at the Middle High School Cafeteria on 9/22 from 7-8:30pm.

Give It a Shot, Muskegon! - Another Wellville initiative is a flu shot event planned for Saturday 10/24/15. National partnerships with Walgreens and FamilyWize have brought the opportunity to

Muskegon to break the world's record for the number of flu shots given in a single day in a single place. Please put on your calendar to attend this event Saturday 10/24/15 any time between 10 and 4 at Muskegon Community College. **We need to have more than 13,000 shots given to beat the record!**

So join us as we move forward together to make Muskegon the healthiest community we can be! We're on our Way to Wellville!

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From the Grapevine

Absent from Club following her father's passing last week, **Deni Hunter** asked that all *Grape Escape* Committee members* be recognized for the amazing work they're doing to make GE a success this year, and also to again encourage members to purchase tickets (**John Noling** is offering a prize to the person selling the most tickets), and to donate to the Silent Auction.

* **Mary Beth Ramos, Chanda Nichols-Wilson, Pam Babbitt, Susan Crain, Tom Powers, Bob Lukens, Eric Ringelberg, Eric Gielow, JD Wallace Sr, Diane Van Epps, Nancy Crandall, Steve Olsen, Jeff Fortenbacher, Jerry Wiersma, Dan Hartmann, Julia Koch, Roman Marciniak** and anyone we might've missed despite our best efforts to include everyone.





One of Muskegon Rotary's most popular annual publications became available last meeting. Our *Membership Directory*,

under the professional supervision of **Secretary Pam** and **Cosmetic Director Bill Johanson**, lists members as of August 24 with facial portraits and updated data from ClubRunner personal profiles.

Member comments are welcome. Correctable profile information, including photos, should first be updated in ClubRunner and then possibly e-discussed with **Secretary**

Pam before next year's directory goes to press.



Last Week's Program

US Rep Bill Huizenga

by Kathy Moore

It has to be difficult for a party-affiliated politician to deliver a non-partisan presentation, but U.S. Rep Bill Huizenga gave it the "ol' college try." The program started with a slightly humorous introduction from **Adam Zuwerink**, right, who commented on the congressman's "poster perfect" family Christmas pictures, then transitioned into some serious background information.

Congressman Bill Huizenga



represents the 2nd District of Michigan, which stretches from Kentwood to the lakeshore and up the coast of Lake Michigan from Holland to Ludington. Huizenga was first elected to Congress in 2010 and is currently serving in his third term. He made his first real estate investment during college, and worked in the private sector as a realtor and entrepreneur.

After sharing his secret to the Christmas card picture (giving all of the credit to his beautiful wife), Rep Huizenga provided a family update about his kids, including his younger daughter's web-based business. The congressman also shared that he recently visited numerous sites across West Michigan, including our own Tanglewood Park that very morning. He has also met with several local leaders to discuss gang-related issues in Holland.

Yes, the 114th Congress is busy at work and much more happens behind the scenes than is reported. The House of Representatives passed 190 bills this year... the Senate passed 32. Huizenga

entrepreneurialship, the Mortgage Choice Act, and increasing transparency with the FORM Act.

Specific involvement has included EPA charges to the huge

Ludington Pumped Storage Plant for electricity sold during high use days but not credits for electricity bought to fill the massive three-mile-long reservoir at night and during off-peak times. He's

also very interested in the bank bailout controversy; money from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund not used for harbor maintenance; the Iran nuclear "deal" and the impact it's having in the Middle East; and the US Senate putting off dealing with the national debt and again "kicking the can down the road." His two most significant issues are fixing the tax code and our difficult regulatory environment.

Rep Huizenga provided a sneak peak of "The Road Ahead" which included fixing our roads and bridges (Michigan is 47th in states



retrieving money for such projects from the feds), debt ceiling votes, and much more. There were some interesting perspectives and related chatter regarding recent media highlights around potential presidential prospects.

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Committee Reports

Orville Crain highlighted the continuous need for new members and thanked everyone, especially Recruiting Committee members, for keeping the guest list flowing. Over the past two years, Club membership has netted only +2 annually, with people coming and going, so continual recruiting is important if only to keep membership even.

Grape Escape, Grape Escape, Grape Escape... you know what needs to be done... buy your tickets already (just a paraphrase of **Julia Koch's** report.) We still need approximately 30 volunteers for the *Grape Escape* event; please sign up.

Gary Ostrom announced that a New Member Orientation session will be held on Wednesday, September 2 at 8:00am "over there" (pointing to a vague somewhere in the Lake House compound).

Jane Clingman-Scott invited members and anyone interested in becoming members of the End Polio Now Committee to meet on Thursday, September 17 after our regular meeting.

Gwen Williams thanked **John Noling** for teaching a "We Be Jammin'" class which helped to raise over \$200 for End Polio Now.

"Will those who've bought Grape Escape tickets please stand up." And believe it or not, this group almost got fined by Finemeister Donovan, who recanted by collecting a buck from the other group on the way out. That's fining at its most confusing.

JAMMIN' Continued

At the end of Thursday's meeting, we'd netted \$235.85 in profit, from participants & sales of jam (and a donation by **Doug Wood** of his 50/50 winnings!)

Nine people attended the class with \$360 in revenue from that. Costs totaled \$197.91 with much of that going toward Kitchen 242 rental (\$75), which supports the Farmer's Market kitchen too. >>>



>>> The party included leader **John Noling, Julia Koch, Nancy Crandall** (our MVP of KP), **Pat Walstra** and Ann Alderman chopping jalapenos for the blueberry jam recipe that included jalapenos, Sarah Lambrix, Elizabeth Marks and Lynnette Marks (measuring & cooking – non-Rotarians but interested in supporting the cause!)

And there was a regular assembly line for canning that included Dr. Ramona Wallace (another non-Rotarian) along with others including myself. Let's see if we can squeeze in a couple of photos below - **Gwen Williams**



Look for another Canning Class in a couple of months. Any suggestions for a dish to prepare?