

Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? (9/7) "MAISD/ County Education" John Severson

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

Heidi Sytsema INVOCATOR - REFLECTOR



Robin Hard Henshaw THIS WEEK'S MENU

Honey Mustard Chicken Buffet; served with a garden salad bar; herb roasted redskin potatoes; a roasted vegetable; cookies & brownies

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

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Jonathan Wilson September 9

FUTURE PROGRAMS / EVENTS

09/14 Food for Health
09/21 District Governor Ed Swart
09/28 Steelcase Wellness Program
10/04 *Grape Escape*

10/05 Muskegon Co Youth Millage 10/12 Mexican Heritage Here 10/19 Atlanta Attendees Update

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Cherchi, front and center, from Sardinia, Italy. At Gerald R Ford Airport Tuesday to greet Benedetta ("Benny") were, from left, Jackie Fisher; John Noling; host brother Jackson Crow; host sister, Eliza Crow; host parents Dakota

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Above, Muskegon Rotary welcomes Rotary Youth Exchange student, Benedetta

and Annah Crow; and Hanna Scofield, Life Leadership conferee from Ravenna High School who is interested in becoming an outbound Youth Exchange student next year. An exciting adventure has begun. We look forward to a great year with Benny!

- John Noling



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On Stage The Week

Please join us to learn about how our schools are becoming trauma informed and are using the ACES survey results to guide our work around the whole child.

Find out about our collaborative efforts around improving literacy, career and college readiness, and celebrate some key successes right here in Muskegon County.

Last Week's Program Life Leadership Conference changes the lives of local students

by Peggy Maniates

Nine diverse local students discussed the

value of the Life Leadership Conference with the Club last week. The students stated the camp meant different things to each of them. Some enjoyed the food while others appreciated the games and the speakers.

One student stated she was "skeptical" before attending but felt like it has changed her life for the better. While another student indicated her parents thought she was a different person upon returning. The attendees were of one mind when it came to the outcome-we have grown and we will become great leaders. When asked how this could happen; many of the students told of the insightful speakers whom presented at the camp. The speakers encouraged the group to be their best and to try new things -"it should make you nervous". Another young lady spoke of a poem read to them by one of the speakers about the difference between a leader and a boss (click below). https://www.happypublishing.com/blog/theboss-or-the-leader/

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Above, LLP students, from left: Blake Jonassen, Fruitport Ilana Weiler, Whitehall, sponsored by Orville and Susan Liz Isom, Catholic Central Hanna Scofield, Ravenna Emilia Tallent, Mona Shores Shantele Wilkinson,

West Michigan Christian Lauren Gale, North Muskegon Brittany Bosset., Holton Jayme Brantsen, Reeths-Puffer

Auction Asks Your Help

Rotary's 2017 Grape Escape's



Silent Auction Committee is seeking additional Rotarian donations. Please consider contributing

to this, our biggest fundraiser annually. We are looking for anything that strikes your fancy that will, in turn, appeal to *Grape Escape* attendees. For examples of what's needed, click here:

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ROTARY REWINE

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



President Cindy passing out tokens of appreciation to program presenters.

Visiting Rotarians and Friends

A 'had to add an extra table or two" attendance last meeting made it unreasonable to list all visitor's names here, keeping you from that important thing the boss needs this afternoon. Help the boss first and if you still desire to see our guest list (that doesn't exist) call the RIM Newsroom (which also doesn't exist). Moral of the story: If you want something done (that list, for example), consider doing it yourself.



About Life Leadership

District 6290 conducts the Life Leadership Conference each year for top student leaders. Beginning in 1949, it is the longest continually running Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program in the Rotary world. The Life Leadership conference is held at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan. Taking place on a small wooded campus designed especially for leadership training.

The agenda includes motivational and thought provoking speakers. Discussion groups explore the intellectual, ethical and emotional aspects of leadership. International Students who attend lend global perspective on issues. For more information please see...

http://ridistrict6290.org/SitePage/informatio n-for-life-leadership-chairs

My Wonderful Experience

By Randle A Green

Ed Note: The following is a recent letter from the 2017 LLC's Conferee of the Year to his sponsoring Rotary club. It could easily have been written by a Muskegon attendee.

Good Afternoon Comstock Park Rotary,

I would first like to apologize for my tardiness in addressing the 2017 Rotary Life Leadership Conference, at the Kettunen Center this past June. My summer has been bombarded with various opportunities to grow as a leader and help build a better community; which has postponed me sharing my discoveries and experiences. Furthermore, I would love to describe the enlightenment I have uncovered.

Markedly, entering the RLLC, Rotary Life Leadership Conference, I knew a bit of information on what the Rotary did, but not as much as I do now. The conferees were welcomed with the warmest smiles, before receiving our t-shirts and assignments for families. The families were the break-down groups in a sense. When we would have a speaker or go through activities, shortly after our families would meet in our designated areas to synthesize, process and analyze the task or assignment we've experienced prior. For example, we went through an exercise where a boss figure constantly yelled and screamed at their workers to work more efficiently. Yet, when any member of the team would ask for a solution to the >>>



Randle Green, top row, second from left, is a Kenowa Hills HS participant in this summer's Rotary Youth Life Leadership Conference. He was voted Conferee of the Year.

>>> problem automatically they would be terminated from their "job". The flip scenario to this incorporated a leader figure, who despite all the mishaps continually assisted every member of the team and brought together the aspect of cohesiveness. There were an array of other exercises throughout the leadership conferences as well, yet my favorite activity was the seminars like #flipyour20cent. A wonderful lady named Molly Kennedy spoke with the conferees on what it is like to deal with your "stuff," and diverged into the ideology that everyone has "stuff": both adults and adolescents. Therefore, as human-beings, we must change our view on that "stuff," flip your 20 cent.

With the last day shortly approaching, my family and I worked on the presentation for the last day. The presentation displayed the various qualities of leaders. Perseverance, passion, diligence, responsibility and much more. On the last day as well, the entire camp nominates a conferee of the year. The conferee of the year as someone the camp believes displays character, skills, relationship and ultimately believes in service above self. Humbly, I am proud to say I was awarded the conferee of the year. Learning more and more about Rotary really has intrigued my mine. I want to start building an Interact club here at Kenowa. Ostensibly, the Rotary Life Leadership Conference opened my eyes to what a Rotarian does. A Rotarian is someone who defiantly against odds.

serves people from all walks of life. A Rotarian leads with kindness, integrity, and heart. A Rotarian knows the things they think, say, and do: derives from the truth, is fair to all concerned, builds goodwill and better friendships and will be beneficial to all concerned.

Again thank you for this experience,

Randle A. Green

Announcements and Committee Reports

The 2017 -2018 Muskegon Rotary Membership Directory is available. You can pick up one at Club. Major players in the Directory's production were **Nancy Crandall, Bill Johanson** and MAISD's **Amy Gustin**. Others were involved as well, and we'll leave a list of those names in the RIM Newsroom, where you can always find such lists.



Our Club is now on Twitter! Go to the app store and download the twitter app so you'll always be up-todate on the latest Rotary News.

https://twitter.com/MuskegonRotary

Grape Escape is October 4, at the Frauenthal Center. 88 volunteers are needed. The committee is collecting Silent Auction donations. Please contact Ginny Sprague at 231-740-0916 with your donation. Please note—any wine donations will be used as part of the Silent Auction.

Rotarian magazines are wanted by the Public Relations Committee to distribute to our Rotaract clubs and prospective members. A box will be available during Club meetings starting on the second Thursday in September. The committee would like to collect about 100 copies.

New Paul Harris Fellowships at Last Meeting \longrightarrow

Muskegon Rotary was pleased to honor three people with two Paul Harris Fellowships for their contributions to our community. Don Crandall introduced State Senator Geoff Hansen and lauded his dedication to improving the quality of life for Michigan families and working in a bipartisan manner to help stimulate job growth, protect valuable local jobs, establish high standards in education, and support early childhood development programs.

Susan Crain honored Barb and John Hermanson for their tireless effort to build a sculpture of the schooner Lyman M. Davis, called "Sails Ablaze". The schooner was the fastest and last commercial schooner on the Great Lakes. The sculpture is located in the center of the traffic circle on Terrace Point Drive near downtown. This site is near where the Lyman M. Davis was built in 1872, one of verv few ships ever built in Muskegon. Barb Hermanson said, "if you have a dream, a vision for Muskegon, run with it."



Above, Governor Rick Snyder with the announcement of the world headquarters of KL Outdoors in Muskegon on Muskegon Lake last week. Rotarians to the very right are **Frank Peterson, Cindy Larsen,** and **Dave Alexander** –Holly Hughes



Paul Harris contingent, from left, Ginny Sprague, Susan Crain, Barb Hermanson, John Herman- son, Senator Geoff Hansen, and Don Crandall. Seated is Jackie Fisher.

Bob Scolnik, below, removed Judge **Annette Smedley**'s Red Star after only three months.



Annette told the club how much she appreciated Bob's guidance and stated "This is a great entrance to a special group of people." She found the process to be a lot of fun, especially the New Member Get Together.

Marcia Hovey-Wright of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee gave the Club a tentative date of September 11, 5:00pm for a rally in Hackley Park. The rally is being set up to counteract hate messages in our community and will have the theme of "Love Lives Here". More information will be provided at this week's meeting.

Do you know anyone interested in joining Rotary? Invite them to the New Member Orientation on Wednesday, September 6, at 9:00 am. The meeting will take place at the Shoreline Inn.

John Wahlberg received a jar of Trader Joe's peanut butter last week, thus removing him from the Brave Rotarians competition. Four Rotarians are still in the running for the Paul Harris Fellowship.



Ed's Moving On

Ed Garner has led Muskegon Area First as President/CEO for the past 10

years. Ed has chosen the next step in his career and will begin work with the SBDC this next week. Best to you, Ed.

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REMEMBER, BENNY'S WELCOME POT LUCK PARTY TOMORROW, SATURDAY AT DAKOTA CROW'S. SEE YOU THERE.