

Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Next Meeting (10/27/22) — Rotary Exchange Students

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

Meredith Smillie

REFLECTOR

| Darlene Collett | Oct 20 |
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| Meredith Smillie | Oct 27 |

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

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| Jenny McNeill | Oct 28 |
| Randy Lindquist | Oct 29 |
| Paul Christie | Oct 30 |
| Timothy Vander Haar | Nov 1 |
| Brandon Davis | Nov 3 |
| Roger Spoelman | Nov 3 |
| Caring Connections Fund | |

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

10/20 Milwaukee Clipper 10/27 Muskegon Rotary Exchange Students 11/3 City of Muskegon

There is no recording available of the 10/20/22 meeting. We apologize for any inconvenience.





Arlen-Dean Gaddy introduced Kathy Blackbird



Tom Ludwig brought along his wife, Sue



Marty Sytsema welcomed student guests from Whitehall HS Lola Buckner and Chase Niezurawski, along with Counselor Carrie Goodrich (center).

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Back to The Delta

Oct 27

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

S.S. Milwaukee Clipper – The Last of Her Kind in Existence

Reporter – Susan Besteman Speaker: Dennis Kirksey



The S.S. Milwaukee Clipper was built in 1904 as the S.S. Juniata. She carried 350 passengers and cargo between Buffalo, NY,

and Duluth, MN from 1905 through 1936, when she was tied up with an uncertain future. In 1940, the S.S. Juniata was purchased and was sent to Manitowoc Shipbuilding Co. to be rebuilt after a terrible fire with an allsteel superstructure. She was christened as the S.S. Milwaukee Clipper in 1941 and carried 900 passengers and 120 automobiles between Muskegon, MI and Milwaukee, WI. The run lasted until 1970 when she was pulled out of service. After 1970 the ship was saved as an attraction in Chicago. Later, she was moved to Hammond, IN, where the ship was going to be used as a casino. The Clipper was named a National Historic Landmark in 1989. The Clipper was brought back to Muskegon, MI in 1997 to be used as a museum and banquet/convention center where she sits today.



What is the Milwaukee Clipper? There were close to 200 ships launched for the American Great Lakes service and the Clipper is the last of her kind in existence today. It is an American-built quadruple expansion steam engine and is the last Great Lakes American Passenger Ship.



The engine was built in 1904 and is the last engine of this type in existence. It produces 3000 horsepower and is in great condition. At over 100 years old, she has been through a lot, but her hull is still watertight as day one. She has spent more than 60 years of her life in Muskegon and has always been a fresh-water ship.

The highly collectible furniture on board today is all the original furniture from 1941 designed by Warren McArthur. This is the largest collection of Warren's furniture (he also designed railroad car furniture as well). On board, Pullman cabinets (similar to passenger trains) are also featured (the dining table folds down to a bed and a bunk pulls down from the wall).



Dennis mentioned there are 34 state rooms, additional Captain's quarters, and crew quarters where he envisions potential overnight options like the Queen Mary along with a commercial restaurant as well. The S.S. Milwaukee Clipper also has a theater which seats 140 people where they show informational videos filled with the ship's history to this day.

Captain Bob (Robert Priefer) is the last captain for the Clipper, is 100 years old, and still volunteers to this day! The S.S. Milwaukee Clipper Preservation Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit dependent on donations and funds raised through events, on-board ship tours, and proceeds from the ship store. There are no paid positions, just dedicated volunteers, like Captain Priefer, committed to preserving the ship. The organization is governed by a board of volunteers.



If you are interested in helping restore and/or maintain the ship, <u>click here for</u> <u>the volunteer link</u>. Their goal for 2022 is to raise \$100,000 for the ship's ongoing restoration. If you would like to donate to support the restoration and maintenance, <u>click here</u>. Or, you can fill out a form on their website (<u>milwaukeeclipper.com</u>) and mail it to them at PO Box 1370, Muskegon, MI 49443.

The Caring for the Clipper campaign is currently at \$48,000. They still need to raise \$52,000 to meet their goal. Please consider donating. All contributions are tax-exempt and tax-deductible.

This Week's Spotlight: Myra Dutton



Myra Dutton recently joined our Rotary Club and serves as the CEO at HGA Support Services. She is an attorney with a background in advocating for and defending clients with disability concerns. Myra wanted to connect with more people in our community through Rotary and look for more ways to achieve goals for the people her company serves as well as goals for those working out in their homes and programs.

Myra loves spending time with her three grown children (all in their 30s) and two grandchildren. Her disabled daughter has been a great motivator in her life including helping Myra see the areas in the world where she can serve. She brings her passion of service and is excited to see fellow Rotarians with this same enthusiasm for the betterment of our community. Interact

Life Leadership Conference Reports

David Hill

Senior, Muskegon Catholic Central High School

"Thank you Muskegon Rotary for giving me the opportunity and chance to participate in the Life Leadership Conference. I learned a great many things about myself and what I need to work on through this conference. To be honest, I was quite frightened about going to a conference where I didn't know much of anyone besides two school friends, but this didn't matter, because everyone there was so affable.

I really like the structure of the conference because it gave us a packet and a planned schedule of everything we would be doing for the next couple of days. There was an abundant amount of different activities that kept all of us attendees moving and active. Every event was a teaching opportunity that I believe allowed me to grow personally.



The speakers and the staff members that the conference brought in were pretty awesome. I think they really gave off a wonderful and outgoing vibe that spread to the attendees. I believe that this allowed people to open up and express themselves, even in front of a large group of people they've never met before. I've made friends and new connections that I will treasure, thanks to the conference.

Hopefully, I can use this experience to help teach the new members of our newly formed Interact Club."



See Myra's full interview here.

Starting September 6, 2022, both Terrace St. entrances to the Market will be closed. Terrace St. is being changed into a 2-lane street. The current 2 lanes that pass south by the Farmers Market will be eliminated and replaced with greenspace. The Morris St. entrance and the Jefferson St. entrance off Western Ave. will be the only entrances to the Farmers Market.

