



District Governor Ed Swart, a marvelous salesman, came to Rotary to promote the upcoming District Conference in Holland on Thursday, Friday and Saturday - May 17, 18 & 19. To register, go to: www.redistrict6290.org

# Rotary Social Event Extraordinaire

**WHO:** All Rotarians, adult family and friends. Sorry... no children at this downtown event.

WHERE: Eagles Club, 621 W. Western Ave., n

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 26, 2018. 5 to 8:00 p.m.

#### WHAT?

- A night of bowling with fellow Rotarians
- The entire bowling lane to ourselves.
- Cash Bar. Burgers and fries available.
- 8 bowling lanes with teams of 5 people max.
- Teams picked randomly at the event.
- If you don't want to bowl, no problem. Come down for a great meal and beverages and cheer (or jeer) on fellow Rotarians.

#### HOW MUCH TO ATTEND:

\$2 per person per game for Rotarians, and their adult family and friends. \$2 per person shoe rental. \$4.00 for burger and fries

**Count me in**: RSVP to **Tim Lipan** at <u>lipant@comcast.net</u> or sign up at Rotary.

#### Hi Rotarians,

My name is Beth Mathews, **Don Mathews'** daughter. ... He was a longtime Muskegon Rotarian and served as President at one point in time. He no longer uses email, but I still print out the Rotary newsletter (and other items) for him. He enjoys them and remembers Muskegon Rotary Club and its members fondly. He is doing well, living in an independent senior community near me. He turned 94 in January.

Best Regards, Beth Mathews donaldmathews231@yahoo.com

# Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Mt Clemmons Rotarian Kevin Kelly; Rochester Rotarian Janet McPeet; Read Muskegon's Tish Williams (**Melissa Moore**); Safe Built Building Official Kirk Briggs (**Jeff Lewis**); MCC's Dr Mecha Crockett (**Dale Nesbury**); West Michigan Community Mental Health Director Lisa Williams (**Julia Rupp**); Pioneer Resources Specialized

Residential Manager Anna Hinton (**Jill Bonthuis**); Orchard View Schools' Simeon Frang (**Doug Wood**); True North Program Officer Tom Cartwright (**Kate Kesteloot Scarbrough**); Baker College Director of Business & IT Debra Bechtel (**Orville Crain**); and CUP Health owner and prospective member Amy West (**Adam Z**)

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Note: We will meet at the Lake House this Thursday, April 19



Above, Mary Anne Gorman, right, introduced Muskegon's newest Rotary member, Lisa Metzdorf. Lisa has come to Rotary after many years at Hackley Hospital as a nurse and nurse executive. Later she spent time with Hospice and is now a Realtor at 5 Star Real Estate. Welcome Lisa!

### **Red Star Removal**



Jim Fisher happily removed Jill Bonthuis' Red Star in less than two months in the Club. Jill actively joined the RIM, attended the new member get together, wrote her bio when she gained access to the Rotary Website.

**Congratulations Jill!** 

# **Committee Reports**

Grape Escape



Marty Gerencer proudly announced

this year's partner for *Grape Escape* is Mission for Area People.

## Last Week's Program "No Throw Away People", the Diversion Council of Michigan

### **By RIM Reporter Peg Maniates**

Muskegon County Sheriff **Mike Poulin** introduced the speaker, Michigan Lt. Governor Brian Calley.



The mental health of Michigan residents is an issue not to be ignored nor are the rising costs of

Sheriff Poulin

incarceration and the high number of people ordered back into the criminal justice system after they'd been released to the street. What's a state to do?

Governing bodies in each county must juggle the needs of the people while keeping costs under control. Michigan has created an innovative program that examines the reasons a person enters the world of

incarceration and attempts to step in before the individual's offences become habitual. The program is called the Mental Health Diversion Council.

The Council, chaired by Lt. Governor Calley, right, is charged with "... reducing the

number of people with mental illness or intellectual or developmental disabilities (including comorbid substance addiction) from entering the corrections system, while maintaining public safety." The Council officially adopted the action plan created by its original workgroup, which outlines specific goals, strategies and recommendations to improve diversion of those with mental illness and developmental disabilities. Members are currently working to accomplish all of the outlined goals and milestones. http://www.michigan.gov/mental health)

Muskegon Rotary was delighted to host Mr Calley as he discussed inroads the state has made regarding mental health and the promise they hold for our state's residents.

"We don't want them to just go to jail," Calley told the audience. "We want them to get the help they need so they can return home as productive members of society." He went on to say, "a health issue below the neck can be treated by many specialists, but there's often a stigma when the problem happens

> above the neck." Calley acknowledged how difficult this can be; still, but the Michigan program is notably successful.

Officers typically are first on the crime scene so it's imperative they understand what they are facing. Making split-second decisions during

the worst of circumstances is often their responsibility. The state is attempting, through education, to provide officers with clues on how



better to recognize if a perpetrator is suffering from some form of development disability, to then more accurately assess the situation at hand.

The earlier that intervention occurs. the more opportunities exist to help someone not become part of the penal system. Diversions can occur as early as booking and follow clients through their entire process. Calley commented that, in certain counties where this is practiced, jail overcrowding is no longer an issue as many people receive the mental help that they desperately need. "Recognizing jail as the worst clinical setting for mental illness," he said, "we have reduced recidivism rates from a high of 47% to a low of 28%."

Additionally, Calley stated, "there are no throw away people." We much recognize each person's situation and give them the opportunity to get better. # # #

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# <u>NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS –</u> <u>PRESIDENT AND OTHERS</u>

## March Madness

Proud overall winner **Camille Jourden-Mark** pulled the names of two additional winners of Brave Rotarians March Madness. The lucky winners of a Paul Harris Fellowship are **Susan Crain** (her sixth PHF) and **Jane Clingman- Scott!** 

Heidi Sytsema reports that the next New Member Gathering has been moved to May 3 (not April 19) ... still at Cathy Brubaker-Clarke's home... 5-7pm.



Muskegon Holiday Inn Thursdays 5:15 – 6:30pm Meeting Minutes 3/29/18 <u>http://bit.ly/2HhqyKL</u> Meeting Minutes 4/5/18 <u>http://bit.ly/2IEkQzE</u>

Representing the Public Relations Committee, Orville Crain, left, and J Griffith show off our new borrowable vests with photo-bomber Susan Crain squeezing into the shot.



Rabbi Alpert informed the Club about the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies – Muskegon



Edith Maniker, Kindertransport survivor, above, will speak in Muskegon, April 15-16

Edith, as a young child was a Kindertransport survivor who escaped Nazi persecution during World War II, will be the guest presenter at the 2018 Shoah Commemoration Service at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 15.

There's a related community event on Monday, April 16, from 6:30-8 p.m. in Muskegon Community College's Sturrus Technology Center, 388 W. Clay

Ave., in downtown Muskegon.

Events are free and open to the public.

During the day on April 16, Maniker will be participating in an outreach program for Muskegon County High Schools from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies – Muskegon.

Born in Leipzig, Germany, Maniker, along with a hundred other children, was placed on a train in 1939 that transported the youngsters from Germany to England and away from the Nazi horrors. A few years ago, Maniker returned to Germany – something she vowed she would never do – for the first time since her remarkable escape.

The Kindertransport (German for "children's transport") was an organized rescue effort that took place during the nine months prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. The United Kingdom took in nearly 10,000 predominantly Jewish children from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and the Free City of Danzig. The children were placed in British foster homes, hostels, schools and farms. Often, they were the only members of their families who survived the Holocaust.

For more information on the events, please contact Trynette Lottie-Harps at (231) 777-0559.

# This Week: Lake House Waterfront Grille

(don't let no one tell or email you differently, don't matter how much you may love and respect him)