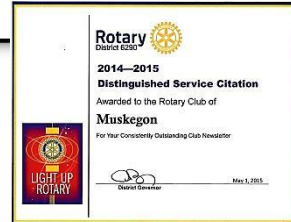


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Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916

August 16, 2018 12:00–1:30pm
Lake House Waterfront Grille
ReWine Satellite Club 5:15 - 6:30pm Holiday Inn

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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?



(Aug 16) "Segregated Sundays" Susan Harrison Wolfiss and Clayton Hardiman

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

Ken Rasp

INVOCATOR - REFLECTOR

Meredith Smillie

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Build Your Own Stir Fry Buffet -
with chicken, rice, assorted
vegetables and sauces, egg
rolls, garden salad bar, and
housemade cookies/brownies

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Asaline Scott	Aug 16
Jill Bonthuis	Aug 19
Erin Patrick	Aug 19
Venancia Avorque	Aug 21

FUTURE PROGRAMS/ EVENTS

08/16 Segregated Sundays
08/16 Retention Committee mtg
08/23 Volunteers for Dental
08/24 Diversity & Inclusion Committee mtg
08/30 Boys & Girls Club
09/06 Justice for Our Neighbors
09/07 UW Day of Caring
09/08 Roger A Andersen Gala – Country Club
09/13 Muskegon-Africa Connection
09/20 Red Project
09/27 Muskegon Heritage Museum
09/25 New Member Get Together - Lox's
10/03 Grape Escape, the Happening event
10/04 MCC Fitness Center
10/11 TBA
10/18 Lakeshore Museum Center
10/25 GROW



When we see photos like this – with expert wine pourers **Nancy** and **Don Crandall** plying their trade to full fruition – what do we obviously think of? Yes... the annual Grape Escape fundraiser on Oct 3; an event no one should want to miss.

On Stage This Week

Sunday morning remains one of the most segregated hours in American life, with more than 8 in 10 congregations made up of one predominant racial group.

And most worshipers like it that way.

Two-thirds of American churchgoers (67%) say their church has done enough to become racially diverse. And less than half think their church should become more diverse.

Those are among the findings of a study of church segregation by Nashville-based LifeWay Research. Researchers surveyed

994 churchgoers—who attend worship at least at holidays or more often—about race and the church. They also surveyed 1,000 Americans as well as 1,000 Protestant senior pastors.

Churchgoers, researchers found, are lukewarm about diversity. More than half (53%) disagree with the statement, "My church needs to become more ethnically diverse." Four in 10 agree.

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THIS WEEK WE MEET BACK AT THE LAKE HOUSE WATERFRONT GRILLE

Fellow Rotarians and Friends...

Invitations were recently mailed for the gala event commemorating the new Muskegon Rotary Roger A Anderson Lifetime Community Leadership Award and the man for whom the award is named. The event will take place at the Muskegon Country Club on Saturday, September 8, 2018, for Rotarians and other community citizens. Funds raised will equally support RI's Polio Eradication Campaign and the Muskegon Rotary Fund at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County for local projects and programs.

Hopefully, your invitation found its way safely to your address. For questions and further details, please contact Jim Fisher, jfisher@padnos.com or 231-750-4123.

PS - This next week's Rotary meeting will return to the Lake House Waterfront Grille.

No Meeting Minutes this week



Muskegon Holiday Inn

Thursdays 5:15 – 6:30pm systems

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SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 9, 2018
ANNUNCIATION GREEKORTHODOX CHURCH
PILAF DINNER
Authentic Greek Cuisine
The Agape Greek Dance Team of Elgin, IL
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Continuous Serving




Greek Folk Dancing by the Agape Greek Dance Team Drive-thru Take-Outs Available Church Tours
Byzantine Iconography

Online Pre-sale Discounted Tickets \$11.00
At the Door \$13.00

Online Greek Pastry Pre-sale



LEADERSHIP IN POTENTIAL MOTION



From left, Cathy Brubaker-Clarke (Was), Kathy Moore (Is), Linda Juarez (Will Be)

With no cameras or listening devices allowed in Tuesday's top-secret Leadership Committee meeting, only a courtroom artist was allowed to sketch and use shorthand to record those Club presidents shown – the sketch is code-named "Who Was, Is and Will Be."

Note: Was has the smile of relaxation; Is smiles with other things on her mind; and Will Be smiles believing all things ahead are bright and cheery.

Roger A Anderson Lifetime Community Leadership Award



September 8th
5:30 PM
Muskegon Country Club

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INDUCTION

President **Kathy Moore** kept us on pace throughout the very busy program last week. First and foremost, and as seen above, **Linda Juarez** was inducted as President Elect.

RED STAR REMOVAL



Kathy Betts had her red star removed by sponsor **Nancy Crandall**. Kathy has been a very active member since coming back and has played a significant role in helping our biggest fundraiser of the year. (**Grape Escape**)

GRAPE ESCAPE

Ginny Sprague announced that more items are needed for the silent auction portion of the event. Please consider contributing to our most influential fundraiser of the year. Contact **Ginny** directly remsleep1@comcast.net or bring items to a weekly meeting.

Jay Wallace, Sr, ticket chairman for the *Grape Escape*, announced that the tickets had been released. He has **50 tickets** and Star Tickets has **650 tickets available**. Tickets are **\$50 each**. Please see Jay or contact Star Tickets [here](#) to help get a jump start on a record-breaking event.

ROGER A. ANDERSEN

Jim Fisher reminded people to RSVP for the upcoming gala event celebrating the service of **Roger Andersen**

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Joanie Smith announced that hosts are needed for the Youth Exchange from September through December. If you have interest to host an incoming student or know someone else in the North Muskegon area, please reach out to **Joanie** joan.hilles@gmail.com.

DAY OF CARING

John Noling announced that volunteers are still needed for the United Way Day of Caring. We are looking for team leaders who can facilitate helping as many veteran homes as possible. Breakfast and lunch are included. Please contact **John** or visit United Way on the Lakeshore to sign up for the [Sept. 9th event](#).

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Brianna Scott needs people to help with the next community service project. Please contact [Brianna](#) about ways to contribute and help execute the next "Love Lives Here" event.

POLISH FESTIVAL

David Manley is recruiting for volunteers for **The Muskegon Polish Festival** and requesting more Rotarians to have a giving presence at this up-and-coming event. Please visit the [website](#) to sign-up for specific shifts and tasks. The 3rd annual festival needs as many great people as we can find. Please share with your Rotaract



and Interact Clubs to help make this the best year yet.

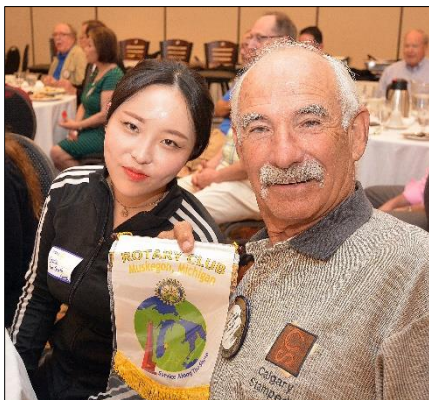
CHILI COOK OFF

John Noling announced that next year's Chili cook off will be on February 7th 2019 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Muskegon. Please consider sharing your Chili skills or feel free to invite a fellow Chili cooker to join the friendly competition. The fundraiser helps support our youth and their upcoming trip to Honduras. There will be raffles and all sorts of fun, bring the family!

GUESTS

We were extra blessed to have a visiting Rotarian from Reno, Nevada. Joe Murin also brought along a former Youth Exchange student from South Korea. President Kathy exchanged Rotary flags and we were pleased to see them take the time to visit.

Ava Bentley, Bella Lindsay, and Erica Pletcher (**John Noling**), Jonathan Browning (**Myrna Olsen**), Lisa Cooper (**Eric Messing**) Chandler Nichols, Carleigh Wilson (**Chanda Cregg**)



(Above) GeUai Oh (Joe Murin- Past President Reno, Nevada)

ROMANIA YOUTH EXCHANGE



Carleigh Wilson (**Chanda Cregg's daughter**) is getting ready to take off on her outbound journey to Romania. She was very excited to share her experiences thus far while preparing through a short PowerPoint presentation. Carleigh highlighted what she's learned through her experiences preparing with other Youth Exchange students via social media and her experiences with Rotary's Life Leadership Conference and events. She has created some promising relationships already and hasn't even departed. Best of luck to her and we look forward to hearing all the great stories during her trip, and upon her return.

PROGRAM:

El Salvador

Reporter: Susan Holkeboer

Presenters: John Noling, Esther Ricco, Ava Bentley, Bella Lindsay, and Erica Pletcher

Rotary C club members enjoyed a presentation about the Rotary Interact international service trip to El Salvador in April 2018. El Salvador is located in the middle of Central America on the Pacific Ocean. It is surrounded on the north by Guatemala and Honduras, and touches Nicaragua on its east borders.



The group was led by D6290 Interact Chair Doug Mealey. This was Doug's 18th trip taking Interact students to El Salvador and his third year with a Michigan contention since his retirement from his previous home in New

Hampshire. Those participating in the trip flew to El Salvador on March 31 and returned on April 10. From our Club and area were **Esther Ricco**, Haley Knight, and **John Noling** from Muskegon Rotary ReWine Club. Hailing from **Mona Shores Rotary Interact** was Ava Bentley, Sydney Feters, Erica Pletcher, Elizabeth Zuidema, Emily Mann, with Autumn Skantz. Angela Lindsay, Bella Lindsay, and Garrett Poulin from the **North Muskegon Rotary Interact**. Riley Tuttle, Brady Bowen, and Tommy Shawl were also representing the **Orchard View Rotary Interact Club**.

They worked in partnership with El Salvador Rotary: Club Rotario San Salvador Noro Este (North East) and Club Rotarian San Salvador Cuscatlán. Altogether, there were 72 participants in 2018 (51 Interactors and 21 Rotarians, Rotaractors, and many Interact Alumni). Several Interact clubs were represented: Muskegon had three clubs with 12 students, and Houghton Lake had 18 students. Ada Cascade; Allendale; South Kent; Charlestown, NH; Keene, NH; Keene Elm City, NH; and Corning, NY also sent representatives.

Since 2000, there has been one student trip per year, 138 homes have been built, known as "Rotary Town", they have remodeled the Child Care Center, built a medical clinic in a neighboring town, had \$300,000 in hospital donations, and 20 major clothing donations.

They have also started a chicken farm, three bakeries, three sewing trade shops, supplied seven elementary schools with

school supplies and athletic equipment, provided computers (not new, but in great working condition) for an orphanage, along with rebuilding its existing structure.

Our presenters were **John Noling** and **Esther Ricco**, Rotarians from ReWine and trip chaperones; Ava Bentley, Mona Shores Interact President; Erica Pletcher, Mona Sores

Interact VP; Bella Lindsay, daughter of **Zabrina Santiago**, and VP of North Muskegon Interact.

They spoke about their experiences working on houses in Tanique which is

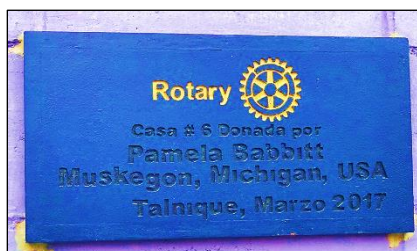


about an hour by bus from their hotel, the Hotel Alamo. Everyone helped with the house building. They split into different teams in order to serve and be most effective. On Monday, April 2, they worked on four different houses, they being 60 El Salvadoran Interactors and there Rotaractors from Noro Este. Some local clubs arrived to help them out, so with their 70 people, there were at least 133 workers plus the families receiving the house, all more than helpful and extremely hard workers.



They didn't experience fear of anything negative. The area was overtly safe, but they did have a military escort. The people were happy to see them again and greeted them with smiles and hugs. All the Interactors mingled, worked and slept well, and had fun.

In the area of town where most of the work was done, the locals refer to it area as Rotary Town.



It was a life-changing experience for the participants. They were amazed at how happy people could be with so little, and



experienced cultures very different from what they were used to. Many fun things were not quite what they expected and not understood until cast in the middle of it. They found the people amazing, warm and inviting, and always ready to help. The families they were building the houses for are required to work a certain amount of time. But they found not just the families, but extended family, friends, and neighbors were out in the heat ready to lend a hand. Even the children worked hard.

They made their lunches at the hotel (peanut butter and jelly sandwiches) and ate lunch at the worksite. After work one day, they went back to the hotel and got cleaned up and went to the home of the president of the Noro Este Rotary Club for a pizza party with the 70 of them and 30 Rotary Interactors from San Salvador. They had Coke, water and nuts. They danced and sang. It was a great international event.

Regarding food, they generally had breakfast (scrambled eggs with ham, refried beans, rolls, three kinds of cereal, yogurt, orange juice and coffee) and dinner at the hotel. One day their meal consisted of pancakes, cereal, yogurt, orange juice, rolls and, of course, some real New Hampshire maple syrup complements of one of the other Interactors; separated were baked potatoes, steamed veggies, chicken breast, rolls, and beverage. The food was terrific.

Another experience they had was a visit to the girl's school, one morning. They made crafts with the students and a

group of the girls performed a dance and then they danced together. The girl's school was a heartwarming experience that was unforgettable. The dances, games, crafts, communications and the bonds that were built with the young children of different culture was very emotional. Then lunch was on the bus while traveling to Tainique.

Along with all the hard work they got to have cultural exposure. They got to go to the ocean one day, a waterfall another day, and the Mayan ruins in a museum another day. They had a chance to visit them all and some of them got a chance to get ice cream there.

Many of them developed strong bonds with the kids over the week which made for very emotional goodbyes. The friendships that they made and the



experiences they had were amazing.

All this work helped them understand new things. They learned what real work there is in building houses. It shows them how lucky they had been throughout their lifetime. The kids there have to work. From age 5, they are shoveling mortar. They are very strong. That only from lifting Plex of cement, but they are they are mentally and emotionally strong as well.

They found everything they are in El Salvador amazing. The food was amazing and they were very thankful for the amazing trip that they were on and many of them want to return in future years