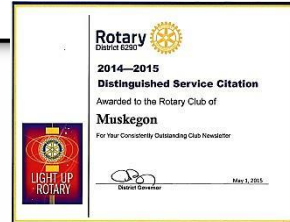


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Muskegon Rotary Club

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

March 8, 2018 12:00 – 1:30pm

Muskegon Harbor Holiday Inn

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?



(3/8) "Courtyard Concert Supporting MAPs" – Michelle Hanks

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

Dan Hartmann

INVOCATOR - REFLECTOR

Joanie Smith

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Salad Bar 6 toppings 3 dressings;
Chips/Salsa; Fajita Bar w/Beef
and Chicken; Sautéed
Peppers and Onions; Spanish
Rice; and Assorted Desserts

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Tim DeMumbrum March 11

STUDENT GUESTS

Ravenna Bulldogs

FUTURE PROGRAMS/EVENTS

03/05 Grape Escape Committee 5:30pm
03/07 New Member Get Together
03/08 Courtyard Concert
03/10 Mercy Health's "The Ride"
03/14 After Hours-Walker Arena
03/15 Medical Uses of Marijuana
03/22 Baker College Rotaract Club
03/29 Coalition for Drug-Free Muskegon
04/12 Mental Health - Lt Gov Brian Calley
04/19 TBD
04/19 New Member Get Together
04/26 CUP - Health Emp Counseling
05/03 Law Day Speeches
05/10 Greater Muskegon Women's Club
05/17 No. Initiatives Dev. Financing
05/17 Meet at Holiday Inn, not Shoreline
05/24 Frauenthal Center Update



Rotary Revelers

Great Rotary After Hours
Tuesday at Smash Wine Bar &
Bistro in the Frauenthal Center!
Great hors d'oeuvres and tasty
beverages to go with friends



getting
together!
Thank you
to our
Social
Committee
for
arranging this Night Out!
Fun! In large photo, from
left, Kevin (The Enforcer)

Donovan, Elaine Severson, Bob Scolnik,
John Severson, Nancy Crandall, and Marcia
Hovey-Wright. Inset photo: President Cathy



SPECIAL
THANKS
FROM OUR
HONDURAS
STUDENTS
AND
FRIENDS

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ROTARY REWINE

Muskegon Holiday Inn

Thursdays 5:15 – 6:30pm

Kaytie Ely Meeting Minutes

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Honduras Thanks from Students

(from Honduras Friends, next page)

As a middle-class American living in the United States, it's not hard to fall into a life of easy privilege. Most of us, especially students my age, don't realize the advantages birth has afforded us. Before I left, I was not grateful for a clean glass of water, the use of a bathroom, or a public education. I expected to have them. Returning home, I can say the opposite, for what I have always taken for granted now feels like a blessing. I am deeply thankful for the opportunity to realize this, but the simple acknowledgment of privilege does not go very far by itself, it is the catalyst by which real progress must be enacted.

During our stay at El Ayudante, our team installed several water filters and built four new latrines. Sanitary measures like cooking and washing with clean water, and having access to a bathroom, makes an incredible difference in someone's life. As we learned from speaking with the owners of water filters installed months ago, access to clean water significantly helped lessen the effects of illness. One man told us that a stomach ailment he had for seven years disappeared after he was able to drink clean water. Better health for parents means children can stay in school instead of working to help support their family, and by staying longer in school they have the possibility of higher education. For girls, this means they are less likely to be married or pregnant at a young age. Good health is a key building block to a good life, and giving Hondurans access to clean water is giving them access to a better future.

The opportunity to meet and speak to the families we helped was powerful. Knowing the story of those who you are helping, shaking

their hand, playing with their children, it makes the reality of their situation and your impact a thousand times more real. I helped install a water filter for a family with a five-year-old named Natalie. Even though we didn't speak the same language, she helped me the whole time, smiling. I'm happy to know that that water filter will provide her and her family with clean water for years. The next day, while working on another installation, we met someone who walked to us from the next mountain, to ask for a filter installation. Even though the filters cost more than a day's work for most Hondurans to buy, the impact clean water is leaving on the lives of themselves, their neighbors, and families is realized and wanted.

I strongly urge those who have the opportunity to go to Honduras on this trip in the future to do so. Besides inspiring a generation of Interact students to pursue global careers and aid projects, Rotary's work in Comayagua, Honduras has helped hundreds of Hondurans find health and happiness, and will hopefully continue to do so for years to come.

**Sincerely,
Fiona Nic
President of Grand Haven
Interact Club**

Will never forget

When people inquire about my trip to Honduras, my mind is flooded with memories, images, and descriptions that I could use in an attempt to abridge the experience. However, the only thing that I can manage to say is, amazing! This is a point of frustration for me, as I wish I could share more than just a glossy adjective with those around me. While this trip was in fact amazing, it was above and beyond this single word. Each new day introduced a humbling experience that exposed me to the vast contrast between life in the USA,

and life for some in Honduras. I feel so extremely blessed to have had the chance to meet all the people that we met, whether it be families in the mountains, or members of the amazing El Ayudante staff. The lessons that I will take from this trip are (but are not limited to); gratitude, hard work, and joy. I fully intend to implement the values that I have witnessed along this trip in every aspect of the rest of my life. I will never forget this experience, and I am extremely grateful for everyone who contributed to making it happen, and everyone who participated as well.

**Leah McKenna
Catholic Central High School**

Life-changing experience

Before going on the trip to Honduras, I had no idea what to expect. I was excited, but I did not expect such a life-changing experience. During the trip, I learned numerous lessons from the Honduran people. They had so little, yet they were so happy; this is far from American culture. I am blessed with the life I have and the things I possess, but I did not truly understand how blessed I was until seeing them. I learned that I need to be grateful for the things I have and what I am given. Even though they did not possess a lot, they were extremely proud of what they did possess. For example, one young girl I met loved and was proud of her goat, so she wanted to have her picture taken with it. This showed me I need to appreciate what I have more. I am super thankful I was able to experience this eye-opening trip, and I hope many more people are able to experience something like it.

**Thank you,
Hannah Tyler
Mona Shores HS Rotary Interact**

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US

What an amazing week we had with your team! You gave us encouragement and support in this new year. Just to name a few highlights: as a team, you provided pure drinking water for 39 families through water filter installations and checks. You also installed 4 latrines, mixed and poured flooring for Sagrario's house, and began the addition of an adobe house.

Your awesome hearts shone through all that you did - full of joy, ready to serve and love others. It was a privilege to host your team at El Ayudante. Thank you. Come back and serve with us again soon!



← Here's a 2011 photo we'd like ID help with. Who are the two ??? folks and what's the occasion? Tell Bob Scolnik.

L-R: Grace Mathews, ???, Kenna Loxterman, Don Mathews, Bill Loxterman, Steve Dix, Judi Dix, Dave Ellis, ???, Ara "Doc" Demirjian

RIM Tip: We like photos in our publication, like this one; hope you do, too. We rely on members, friends and Facebook for shots to grace our pages. If you missed seeing your face or event in RIM, did we receive your photos? If not, please don't complain of seeing the "same ol' faces."



12 Muskegon area Rotary Interactors, plus Haley Knight, Esther Ricco, and John Noling need just a little more help to build a complete multi-generational home in El Salvador. Total home cost is \$3000 and we are at \$2800 so far from available Chili Cook-Off

proceeds and a recent Rotary member family donation. We need to buy cement, concrete prefab posts and wall sections, plus the steel roof materials. This is a much needed home which the family will help us build in Talnique, El Salvador. We are almost there! We only need \$200 more to reach our goal.

This District sponsored Interact trip is part of a much larger Interact/Rotary project (72 of us from 5 states) working to build at least 8 new homes in Talnique between March 31 and April 10. Your donation in any amount will be greatly appreciated by our team. Please contact John or Esther in the next week or so, if you would like to help in any way. Thank you Muskegon Rotarians!

Grape Escape Partner Applications

The Muskegon Rotary Grape Escape Committee is seeking applications from eligible 501(c)3 organizations to be our 2018 charitable partner and the beneficiary of \$10,000 in funds for direct service programs in Muskegon County that show evidence-based outcomes.

The cover letter and application are in links below. Applications are due Friday, March 16, 2018 by 8:00PM ET. The successful applicant will be notified by Friday, March 30, 2018.

Please share this application with Muskegon County charitable organizations.

Thanks very much,
Marty Gerencer and Diane VanEpps
Rotary Grape Escape 2018 Co-Chairpersons

<http://bit.ly/2oJpEvc> - Cover letter

<http://bit.ly/2oJaVAD> - Application

On Stage This Week

Courtyard Concerts is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the encouragement and promotions of musical events. The concerts are free to the community with the help of individual donations and corporate sponsorships. One of the missions of Courtyard Concerts is to provide music education and enjoyment to children. The organization was the vision of a handful of people who believe in the power of music. The power of music to bring a community together. The power of music to provide a common ground. The power of music to provide joy. The power of music to heal. We seek to support northern Ottawa & southern Muskegon counties.

Community Grants Deadline

Fellow Rotarians and Friends...

Our Muskegon Rotary Community Grants Committee is announcing that we are seeking applications from charitable, 501(c)3 organizations to be our beneficiaries from our Community Grants Funds. These funds are derived from annual earnings held in the Muskegon Rotary Foundation and various fundraising activities, including Grape Escape, Parties in the Park, and the 50/50 raffle held at weekly club meetings.

Muskegon Rotary provides funding for programs and projects primarily in Muskegon County. Our priority areas for funding are based on priorities established both by Rotary International (global areas of interest) and Muskegon Rotary's 2013 Visioning Process (local areas of interest).

The Muskegon Rotary Community Grants Committee will meet this March and grant making decisions will be made at that time. Applications must be completed and submitted online at Rotary's website;

<http://muskegonrotary.org/our-club/grants/grant-request/>.

Application deadline is March 17.

More than \$400,000 has been granted out over 24 years for programs that impact our community.

– Josh Wallace

New 32 Brave Rotarians

Betting the Big Dance

	LAST
1	Alexander
2	Arter
3	Babbitt
4	Bell
5	Brubaker-Clarke
6	Clingman-Scott
7	Crain
8	Crain
9	Crandall
10	Cregg
11	Dix
12	Hardesty
13	Jourden-Mark
14	Juarez
15	Lindquist
16	Lohman
17	Moore
18	Olsen
19	Peterson
20	Piasecki
21	Pollock
22	Roach
23	Robere
24	Schaub
25	Scolnik
26	Silvis
27	Smedley
28	Smith
29	Sytsema
30	Van Woerkom
31	Wallace, Sr.
32	Wheat

Win or lose depending on results from the upcoming NCAA Tournament's final 32 games, Rotarian combatants, left, with teams they didn't pick, realize that luck of the draw, more than anything, will gain them a Paul Harris Fellowship. Their contribution is \$100; their odds are 3 in 32. The winning NCAA team creates one Fellow. After, two draws among the 31 "losers" adds two additional awards to the mix. Even better, all proceeds go to the RI Foundation to continue its good work.



Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Remax Lakeshore agents Anthony Johnson and Mark Bestaman (**Andrew Cutler**); Robert Gustafson (**Martin Asplund**); New York Life Retirement Specialist Vanessa Crosby & Financial Services Professional Renee Johnson (**Kathy Moore**); prospective members Edward Jones Financial Advisor Adam Carlson and Schneider Risk Management Blue Horizons Wellness President Vicky Schneider (**Dawn Johnson**); Five Star Real Estate agent and prospective member Lisa Metzendorf (**Bob Chapla**); and Visiting Middleville Rotarian David Lee. Student guests from West Michigan Christian HS.

From Charlotte Johnson

FRESH LOCALLY GROWN FOOD

You interested? With Community enCompass McGrows' CSA with the McGrows Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, you are not just buying fresh local food, you are also helping local youth, creating work experience programs, helping fund programs creating pathways to better health, and feeding your neighbors.

A representative will be at this week's meeting offering additional information and a chance to sign up. Delivery is possible if at least five sign up.

More YEP on the next page...



From Heidi Sytsema: A New Member Get Together scheduled: Thur - Apr19, 5-7pm at Doug and Cathy Brubaker-Clarke's home

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LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

YEP --Turning Energy into Positive Action

by RIM Reporter Robin Hard

Charlotte Johnson's passion and commitment to Community enCompass's Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) elicited a standing ovation from Rotarians. The YEP program teaches youth to master their natural skills and abilities by building self-confidence. YEPs are youth leaders, ages 15-20, who are learning together and creating a better community through Leadership



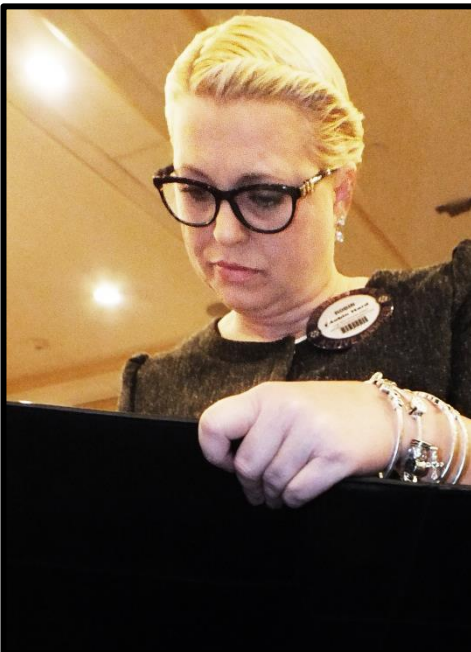
Development, Work Experience in Lawn Care, Home Rehab, Summer Camp, Academic Coaching, and Urban Farming. YEP's build skills to prepare them for college and jobs through volunteerism, service projects, and the arts.

Johnson's official job title is YEP coordinator; more appropriately, she is a one-woman army. Her dedication and commitment to investing in the lives of the youth is a breath of fresh air. She is a woman of action. She shared how many of these youth live in poverty and struggle daily. The obstacles they must overcome and how these children succeed despite their circumstances speaks to the effectiveness of her approach and the YEP Program. She shared that her



family lived in poverty. She taught her children to not let poverty define their capabilities, and she shares that wisdom with the YEP kids.

Johnson invests her time in YEP kids and speaks self-confidence into their lives. She believes that time is the most precious asset you can give youth. Johnson said, "If you build their self-esteem and connect them to their community, you can change their behavior, outlook, and attitude." >>>



WHILE THE REST OF US RELAX AND ENJOY OUR SPEAKERS EACH WEEK, HARD-WORKING RIM REPORTERS LIKE ROBIN HARD, ABOVE, MAKE SURE THE WORDS LIVE ON.

>>> In fact, her approach works so well, that 86% of YEP youth attend college. Impressive!

According to Johnson, left, the risk is too great not to get involved with youth. She witnesses teens from all socio-economic back-grounds experience loneliness.

"Poverty can be linked to depression," she said, "which leads to homicide. Wealth can be linked to depression which leads to suicide." She asks,

"What is the connection?" Her answer is loneliness.

The youth feel like they are not a part of the community because they are not involved. If we can

connect youth to their communities, value their contributions, and build self-confidence, we will positively impact their future.

YEP youth meet every Wednesday after school at Community encompass. If you would like to share your knowledge, skills, and abilities to empower YEP youth to impact change and use their voice, contact Charlotte Johnson. The invitation is open.

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CHARLOTTE JOHNSON

NEWS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS— PRESIDENT



Red Star Removal—**Dave Alexander** removed **Ken Rasp's** red star

President Cathy pointed out a great article in *the Rotarian* about Rotaract. You can read in the article seven things you don't know about Rotaract on p.30-45.

NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS— COMMITTEE MEMBERS; OTHERS



Above, **John Noling** thanks **Darlene Collet** for the uniforms that she collects and donates to the children in Honduras. These children are so grateful for their uniforms. Also a big thank you to **Orville Crain** for donating the money to purchase books for the learning center in Honduras.

Marty Sytsema—New Member gathering Wednesday night, 5-7pm, March 7 at their home. If you cannot make this meeting, the next one is April 19.

Howard Hardesty— New Member Orientation at Shoreline Inn on March 7 at 8:00pm. It will last about 90 minutes.

Alan Alpert—if you would like to participate in Invocation/reflection, and didn't get to sign-up Thursday, today, please send Alan an email.



Tim Lipan—Next "Rotary After Hours" is at The Lumberjacks game on March 14. Everyone's invited. Tickets are \$10.00.

Below is an announcement link to a special program at the USS Silversides Submarine Museum on March 14. We annually honor a special African-American veteran who has come home and continues contributing to the West Michigan area. This year, it's Billy Walker, Jr. Director **Peg Maniates** and I met him the other day; his nomination which led to his winning this year is outstanding. A dedicated group of community folks sit in on the process; truly grass roots decisions. Click the link below for more information and reservations.

Click here: <http://bit.ly/2EUPVka>

Weekly Socks Winer

Look closely this Norton Shores mayor's attempt at non-partisan footwear – one sock representing a major political party, the other sock



representing the other. No one said that **Gary Nelund** doesn't know what not to say; in fact, it turns out he was the one who didn't say that. Hey, we can't make up that kind of thing.

Support Muskegon Rescue Mission

JOIN US: <http://bit.ly/2olq2Rw>



Baker College and your local Muskegon Rotary are coming together to raise funds for the Muskegon Rescue Mission (MRM) this year!



Baker College and your local Muskegon Rotary are coming together to raise funds for the Muskegon Rescue Mission (MRM) this year!

The MRM provides food, shelter, clothing and spiritual direction to the less fortunate and homeless people of West Michigan.

Rotarians **Nancy Crandall**, **Linda Juarez** and **Ginny Sprague** will be participating as team "The League of Extraordinary Guessers" in a trivia battle on March 22nd, 2018 and have a goal to raise the most money! The winning team will contribute their winnings to Muskegon Rotary Club and the remaining proceeds from the competing teams will go to the Muskegon Rescue Mission!

If you wish to donate, please do so by THURSDAY MARCH 15th to:

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