

WHO'S THIS ROTARIAN? I found this picture the other day. Some of you know I owned Muskegon Brake for over 20 years and they were some of the most exciting and rewarding years of my life. I started in business in Muskegon in January of 1971 with just me selling Snap-On tools out of a truck and 27 years later I had started or bought a dozen businesses all mostly operating as divisions of Muskegon Brake and employing close to 100 people before I starting selling divisions of the company. I had some of the best people helping build the company and this picture was taken at one of my salesman's home...Fred, wearing the black shirt...after work one day when some would gather there for a beer. I had just gotten Fred the new truck and you can't see the fancy wheels he wanted and I bought for the truck. We all worked hard, got along and were friends. If you wanted to talk to me, the door was always open. Over the years, Muskegon Brake became one of the largest snowplow distributors in Michigan, one of the largest Corvette brake & suspension specialists in the United States and with our Plow Parts Warehouse Division, a large distributor of aftermarket snowplow parts in the United States. Oh, and there was Prestige Limousine Service, Auto Brake Sales in Manistee plus a production reline shop for heavy duty truck brake shoes and a leaf spring manufacturing/repair company. And more. But I was not a very good delegator and eventually I just couldn't take it anymore and decided to sell before it killed me. I only took one two week vacation in all 27 years. But I wouldn't trade those years for anything. I loved the business, my employees and my customers. Thanks for the memories. (That's me in the red shirt) – ???