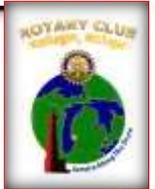




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Muskegon Harbor Holiday Inn

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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?



Program: Fred Stella “Interfaith Understanding”

MEETER / GREETER

Gene Fethke/Dan Hartman

INVOCATION

Dan Barnum-Steggerda

THIS MEETING’S MENU

Spanish Pork Loin; rice;
salad bar with 6 toppings,
3 dressings; chips, salsa
and guacamole

STUDENT GUESTS

Mona Shores Sailors

NEXT WEEK’S BIRTHDAYS

Jack Tierney	Mar 27
Chris Zahrt	Mar 28
Howard Hardesty	Mar 29

PROGRAMS/EVENTS

04/03 TBA
 04/10 Dan Gaydou MLive
 04/17 Farmers Market
 04/24 One in 21 Update
 05/01 Water Filter Experience
 05/15 Every Rotarian Every Year
 05/22 Muskegon Lake
 09/17 *Grape Escape*

This Week on Stage

The Interfaith Dialogue Association president will discuss his organization’s goals; among other things, to advance understanding of religions and ideologies by study, dialogue, and sharing about religious experiences.



Photo by Jill Montgomery Keast

The Ride

Muskegon Rotarians do great things every day. Take last Saturday. Several of our members, like Linda Juarez, left, were involved with Mercy Health’s *The Ride*, a unique, stationary bike race designed to increase the

awareness of cardiovascular fitness through exercise and healthy lifestyle choices. Teams of eight cyclists rode bikes mounted on trainers for 25-minute intervals and competed for team trophies and individual medals.

Since 2005, *The Ride* has raised over \$400,000 in support of the Mercy Health Muskegon H.E.A.R.T. (Health Enhancement and Rehabilitative Therapy) Center. Proceeds are used to purchase health educational materials and exercise equipment for the H.E.A.R.T. Center and for high school athletes’ heart screenings, to host family health fairs and symposiums for the Greater Muskegon community, and provide funding to sponsor families who have limited financial resources which may preclude them from attending health classes/programs at the H.E.A.R.T. Center.

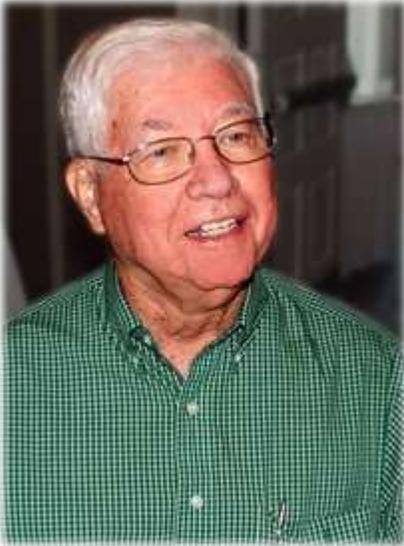
More Rotary Ride faces



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Upper left, then clockwise: Jay Wallace, Sr, Chris Burnaw, Mark Meyers, Ellen Berends, Eric Ringelberg and Bill Johanson. Not pictured but at the 1 in 21 booth: Luke Seward. The Lakes Mall was packed with onlookers. We regret any Rotary names or faces inadvertently omitted from this report.

In Sympathy One fine gentleman



The RIM is saddened to report that Rotary member **Aaron Deskins** died March 18 at the age of 85. He was a long-time member of the Muskegon Rotary Club and a generous volunteer serving the United Way, Salvation Army, Junior Achievement, and the Luge Project at the Winter Sports Complex. The visitation will be this Friday, March 21, from 5-8pm, at Lee Chapel.

It is with equal sadness that we report the passing of **Marios Demetriou's** wife Cherie, who died unexpectedly on March 18. Her memorial service will be Friday, March 21, at 1pm, at New Life Christian Center. The going-away reception for Marios originally scheduled for March 24 has been cancelled.

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Last Week's Program All In the Family: The Apprenticeship Program of Local 174

By Lee Coggin



As Rotary member **Ryan Bennett** grew up watching his father Doug work for the local plumbers and fitters union, he was convinced his life would take a different path. He saw himself one day as a CEO in the business world. So, he enrolled at Muskegon Community College and further pursued a business degree at Grand Valley State. However, as he considered that his chosen path might not bring him the career stability he needed to raise his family, he made the tough decision to drop out of college and enter an apprenticeship program for skilled trades people like his father.

That life-changing decision led Ryan, above, to the point where he now champions the efforts of West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters, and Service Trades, Local 174, to provide apprenticeship and training programs for its 861 members who serve 43 contractors in West >>>



Audience members enjoyed the show with smiles and questions.

>>> Michigan. For many like Ryan, these training programs provide an alternative pathway to a career that does not require a bachelor's degree but offers a middle class lifestyle.

The training programs provided by Local 174, with its headquarters in Coopersville, require 840 classroom hours, 8,500 on-the-job training hours, and 50 community service hours. This intensive training is provided at no cost to taxpayers and union members completing the program are paid for their time in the classroom. "The program is 100% privately funded," Ryan said. The training budget was \$700,000 last year and is supported by a portion of union members' dues.

Those in the program may choose between Building Trades, like plumbing or pipe fitting, and HVAC, which includes electrical, heating, and refrigeration. The program graduated 20 students last year, and the Local 174 hopes to see at least 20 more this year.

In addition to the apprenticeship program, Local 174 sponsors career days, actively recruits women into the skilled trades, and promotes minority participation in the trades at a rate nearly double the national standard set by the Department of Labor.

Does the program work? Ryan offered his own testimony as proof the apprenticeship program changes lives, and under his leadership it will continue to do so for many years to come.

Alan Alpert, in regular touch with **Don Mathews**, says Don and Grace still read their RIM in Georgia, so... Hi Don! Hi Grace!



'Round Rotary's RIM



Red Star Removal

New member **Jason Flanders**, left, completed his new member orientation and had the red star from his name badge removed by **Doug McKibbon**. During his orientation, Jason enjoyed lunch at multiple tables in order to meet many members, served as a greeter, and joined the new committee focused on providing mentors for young business people.



New Member Induction

The Club welcomed two new members. **Jenna Blamer**, sponsored by **Kathy Moore**, is a graduate from Mona Shores High School and Western Michigan University, where she earned her degree in health education. She now works for the Public Health Department as a WIC supervisor and volunteers regularly for Habitat for Humanity, Kids Food Basket, and the Muskegon Boxing Club, among other organizations. **Matt Tennison**, sponsored by **Jay Wallace Jr**, is a graduate of Reeths-Puffer high school and Muskegon Community



Above, l-r, **Matt Tennison**, **Jay Wallace Jr**, **President Don**, **Kathy Moore** and **Jenna Blamer**.

College. He works as an accountant for Entre Computers and volunteers for Habitat for Humanity when he is not enjoying off-roading with his Jeep or kayaking.

10 Brave Rotarians

The winner of the latest edition of "10 Brave Rotarians" was crowned Thursday at the Club meeting. The final contest came down to **Kathy Moore** and **Sylvia Precious**. And the winner was... **Kathy Moore**. Each participant will donate \$100 toward a Paul Harris Fellowship that will be presented to the winner. Congratulations Kathy!

And...Speaking of Paul Harris Fellows...



President Don, above left, presented newest Paul Harris Fellow **Darlene Collet** with her plaque and pin for winning a recent edition of "10 Brave Rotarians." Darlene won the contest, but her contributions to Service Above Self make her a deserving recipient of the coveted Fellowship. Don told how Darlene collects school uniforms for children in Honduras which are then delivered by those travelling there each spring to install water filters. Congratulations Darlene!

Announcements

President Don announced that the 2014 Thirsting to Serve Water Conference will be held Saturday,

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This publication, **Muskegon Rotary in Motion (RIM)**, is intended for the private use of our members and friends. The deadline for RIM announcements is Thursday noon for the following week's issue. Submit brief announcements in writing to one of the RIM Correspondents listed above.

April 26, 2014, from 8:30am to 3:30pm, at the Prince conference Center at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Members can register at the District web site.

Deni Hunter brought along applications for non-profit organizations wishing to be the beneficiary for this year's **Grape Escape** fundraiser. Those with questions may contact her about completing the application.

Olivia Fox from the Interact Club of Mona Shores announced participants and sponsors are needed for the Club's "Color Run." The Color Run is a 5k event, and different colors are splashed on participants along the route. The run will be April 26 at Mona Shores Middle School.

Judy Hayner announced the Muskegon Museum of Art is proud to be involved in On Tap, an event to promote local breweries and art. The event will be May 2, 2014, and tickets cost \$25 in advance. For more information, go to... www.muskegononartmuseum.org.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

were: Middleville Rotarian Gregg Granger and his guest Rob Train; Interactors Julie Jones, Olivia Fox and Clair Jennings (**John Noling**); prospective member Kirk Hallman (**Judy Hayner**); presenter's guests Nathan Phillips, Mark Mangione, and Jim Cox (**Ryan Bennett**); and Holton High School students.