



# Muskegon Rotary in Motion



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## Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 216 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916

June 19, 2014 12:10pm

Watermark Conference Center

<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>



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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: "Rotary's STRIVE Program" Judy Johnson

### MEETER / GREETER

Linda Zolman

### INVOCATION

Dan Sawka

### THIS MEETING'S MENU\*

New Orleans style muffetta sandwich wedges; smoked turkey sliders; chopped salad; Austrian cheese and Asian orange chicken soups; tartlets

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Annette Jack Jun 22

### PROGRAMS/EVENTS

06/19 STRIVE

(meet at Watermark Banquet Center)

06/26 Downtown Muskegon Now

(meet at Lake House Waterfront Grill)

07/03 New Rotary Year Program

07/10 Drug Abuse/Awareness

07/17 Vege Van, YMCA

07/24 Disability Diversity (tentative)

07/31 Muskegon Lake Update

08/07 W Michigan Therapy (tent.)

08/15 Rotary's *Party in the Park*

08/21 West Michigan Symphony

09/17 *Grape Escape*

### **This Week on Stage**

STRIVE, or "Students taking renewed interest in the value of education," is the Club's program with mentors and mentees, and a whole bunch of caring folks helping kids in real need of education assistance. Come listen to become more STRIVErsant.



← Here was one of the fabulous sites awaiting Susan Cloutier-Myers and Orville Crain during their recent RI Conference in Sydney. "Thank you, Muskegon Rotary, for the experience of a lifetime," Susan said. "It was extremely motivational to hear all of the wonderful things fellow Rotarians are doing around the world and in their own communities. It was inspiring to hear from

### Can you volunteer for this special



### July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend celebration?

Help is needed with beverage service, ticket sales, at the gate, with courtesy carts, and with guest services. To sign-up, go to [www.salutemuskegon.com/volunteer](http://www.salutemuskegon.com/volunteer)

### **Parties in the Park**

Friday, August 15

"It's never too early to sign-up"

(Linda Zolman <[zolman1@aol.com](mailto:zolman1@aol.com)>)

### \*This Mtg's Extended Menu

Courtesy of Hearthstone Catering

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youth leaders and what interact and retroact youth are doing. We can do so much more and we need to publicize all of the cool things we are doing here in Muskegon County." The duo will have more to tell us on June 26.

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### Watermark Center This Week

## Last Week's Program

### Miss Michigan Contestants



### Wow Rotary

By Mike Walsh

In his invocation tailored to our pageant guests, **Bill Loxterman** thanked the Lord – not once, but twice – not only for the meal, but also for the “beauty, the wisdom, and the talent of the Miss Michigan contestants” who joined Rotarians in what is an annual pre-event tradition. Bill was so right.



**Haley Williams**, left, Miss Michigan 2013, said the annual pageant primarily is a scholarship event but also an opportunity for women's empowerment. The four-pointed crown worn by each contestant symbolizes scholarship, success, style, and service.

For Ms Williams, her year as Miss Michigan allowed her to brand herself as “someone who really stood for women, for empowerment,” she said, “to be able to market yourself in the best way.”

Haley described her year as service-oriented and “really cool,” and said the event allowed her to graduate college debt-free.

Contestants represent various communities throughout Michigan. Each has a talent such as singing, dancing, and playing a musical instrument. The contestants also focus on an area of interest, called a “platform.” These include areas such as early childhood education; promoting women in scientific, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers; and agricultural education.

Often, contestants' platforms come from intensely personal and emotional experiences. Ms. Williams' platform was grief counseling for children – an area that resonates with her because of a family loss. While she “can't prevent the loss of a loved one, I'm trying to prevent the negative side effects of that loss” when experienced by

children.

**Victoria Lines**, right, Miss Saginaw County, now works with children around the importance of vehicle seat belts. Her interest stemmed from meeting a family who experienced multiple losses because of a vehicular collision.



Her talent: Irish dancing.



**Nicole Miller**, left, Miss River Raisin, told how her interest in pre-school education helped a little girl isolated by deafness and reinforced her career decision. Ms. Miller grew up with American Sign Language (ASL) because her older brother is deaf.

With the pre-school teacher's permission, Ms. Miller took the child aside and began teaching her ASL, starting with colors. Seeing the child blossom, Ms. Miller is committed to early childhood education. “I want to help as many children as I can,” she said. Her Talent: Dance.

Of the 34 contestants, the average age is 20. The two oldest contestants are 24; the youngest is 17. The group's favored talent is dance with 15 performing jazz, ballet, or other dance style. Vocal is next with 12

singers. Five play instruments such as piano, trumpet, and harmonica. Two others resist categorization: A martial arts presentation and a theatrical performance.

Other contestants, their represented regions, platforms, and their talents:

- **Tori Juenemann**, below, Miss Southwest: Suicide prevention and awareness. Talent: Vocal; she sang “Somewhere” from West Side Story.



- **Breanna Gabrielle Davis**, Miss Monroe County: G.I.F.T. (Giving Is Forever Timeless) The Final Gift Fund. Talent: Tap dancing.

- **Ashli Maser**, Miss Iosco County: The American D.R.E.A.M. Talent: Instruments - piano and harmonica.

- **Kelly Gooch**, Miss Spirit of the State: Motorcycle Safety and Awareness. Talent: Dance.
- **Taylor Bretzke**, Miss Danish Festival: Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Talent: Vocal.
- **Shelby McPherson**, Miss Lawrence Tech University/Shelby Township: Promoting Women in STEM Careers (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). Talent: Trumpet.
- **Erin Jenkinson**, Miss Great





Kelly Gooch, left, helps start the contestants' self-introductions. For Kelly and several other contestants, this was not their first time in Miss Michigan competition.

>>> Sarah Suydam, Miss Pride of the Peninsulas: Fire Safety and Prevention. Talent: Vocal.

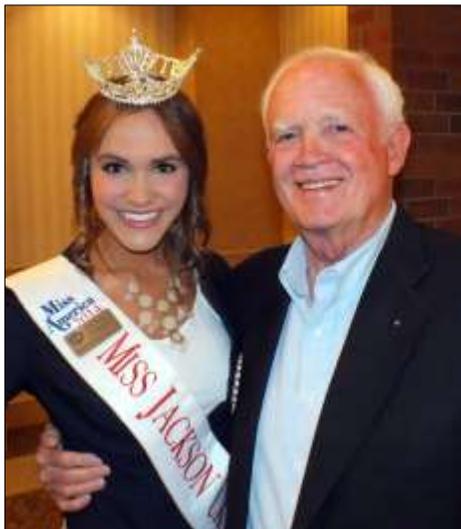
• **Abbie Reed,**

Miss Allegan County: Promoting Literacy. Talent: Ballet.

- **Charlotte Squires,** Miss Tip of the Mitt: "Service to and through Animals." Talent: Vocal.
- **KT Maviglia,** Miss Washtenaw County: Advocating for those with Hearing Disabilities. Talent: Dance.
- **Jaeleen Davis,** Miss Auburn/Midland: Promoting Positive Self-Esteem in Children. Talent: Vocal.
- **Shelby Gardiner,** Miss West Michigan: Sexual Assault Education and Prevention. Talent: Dance
- **Morgan Stocker,** Miss St Clair Shores: Leadership Development in Today's Youth. Talent: Dance.
- **Emily Smith,** Miss Greater Kalamazoo: Creating A Bully-Free Community. Talent: Vocal.
- **Katelyn Mlujek,** Miss Bay County: Girls in Motion. Talent: Dance.
- **Mallory Rivard,** Miss Stateline: The Value of the Volunteer. Talent: Vocal.
- **Mollie Smith,** Miss Downriver: Genetic Cancer Awareness. Talent: Vocal.
- **Christina Besh,** Miss Wayne County: Blood Donation. Talent: Vocal.
- **Paige Lewandowski,** Miss Sunrise Side: Raising Youth's Potential. Talent: Instrument – Piano.

Lakes: Generational Foster Care-Breaking the Cycle. Talent: Martial arts.

- **Carleigh Rowley,** Miss South Central: Celebrating Being "YOUnique." Talent: Dance.
- **Emma Martin,** Miss Ludington Area: Caring for the Fatherless: Bringing Awareness to Orphans. Talent: Dance.
- **Heather Kendrick,** Miss Sanilac County: Advocating for and Advancing Arts Education. Talent: Instrument - electric violin. >>>



"Old Friends" ... well, maybe not exactly. Bill Johanson, above, was honored to judge last January's inaugural Miss Jackson Crossroads Pageant. Quinn Fischman was the winner and, had there been enough time, the two could've shared even more happy inaugural memories.

- **Quinn Fischman,** Miss Jackson Crossroads: Heel to Heal. Talent: vocal, dance.
- **Darynn Robinson,** Miss Heartland: What Defines You? Talent: Theatrical presentation.
- **Emily Kieliszewski,** Miss Mid-Michigan: Adopting America's Children. Talent: Dance.
- **Allison Adams,** Miss Lighthouse Coast: Digging Deeper into Low Self-Esteem. Talent: Dance.
- **Makayla McCoskey,** Miss Oakland County: Promoting Eye Health. Talent: Vocal.
- **Cameron Learman,** Miss Bridge Fest: Alzheimer's Association and neurological research. Talent: Vocal.
- **Camille Bridges,** Miss Greater Grand Rapids: Overcoming Childhood Obesity. Talent: Instrument – classical piano.
- **Jodi Beckman,** Miss Shoreline: Brain Injury Awareness and Support. Talent: Dance.
- **Tiffany Rogers,** Miss Capital City: Agriculture education. Talent: Vocal

## Heroes Schedule of Events

**HERE'S TO THE HEROES**  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS  
July 3 - 5  
Heritage Landing

Visit [www.southwestmichigan.com](http://www.southwestmichigan.com) for more info

**Thursday, July 3rd**  
7 - 9 pm Salute to Michigan Night... Free admission to the public, view the Chrysalis and enjoy musical entertainment in the beverage tent

**Friday, July 4th**  
4:00 pm Doors open at Heritage Landing  
6:00 West Side Food Services  
8:35 Mega BFFs  
10:30 Community Fireworks Celebration

**Saturday, July 5th**  
8:00 am - 5 pm Doors open to public at Heritage Landing  
9:00 Military Tribute activities and entertainment  
9:00 Dev Hunter and the Horse Trainers  
7:15 Union Square  
8:00 Santa Harsh  
10:30 Military Tribute Fireworks

**Additional Chrysalis Events**  
Wednesday, July 2nd 7:30 pm - Chrysalis parade down Western Avenue to Downtown Hastings.  
Sunday, July 5th 1:00 pm - Chrysalis parade down Marquette Park to the U.S. Silverdome. Moment to celebrate the opening of the permanent exhibit to Mustang World War II Veteran Joe Bayle

**CASH EVENT - NO CREDIT CARDS**

**Additional Sponsors:** HINES

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**'Round  
Rotary's  
RIM**



President-Elect Brianna Scott took control of the meeting for the vacationing President Don. Things went smoothly and, despite the huge and rowdy crowd, we even adjourned 10 minutes early.



If we've missed any announcements or guests in this RIM, let us know and we'll make it up to you somehow.

Joan Schmitt is hosting one of those fabulous New Member Wingdings on June 19, 5:00-7:00pm at her Bel-Aire Motel, 4240 Airline Road. New members and other members are asked to RSVP very soon to Pam Babbitt at [pbabbitt@babbittsonline.com](mailto:pbabbitt@babbittsonline.com) or 231-206-3311. Please park in the rear.

Jane Clingman-Scott reminded us that a Father's Day donation to Polio Plus would save many men from getting one more horrible tie, while advancing the cause. Contact Jane pronto.



And then, Ron Gossett shows up...

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests**  
Natural Wellness

Alliance President Laura Lyons (**Doug McKibben**); Salvation Army Cadet Brandon Lewis (**Dan Sawka**); Rotary spouse Chuck Larsen (**Laurie Larsen**); Rotary spouse Connie Nesbary (**Dale Nesbary**); Rotary daughter Chloe Nelund (**Gary Nelund**); Rotary spouse Kay Ostrom (**Gary Ostrom**); Downtown Muskegon Now Executive Director and prospective member Jonathan Seyferth, and Rotary spouse J'nai Wallace (**Jay D Wallace, Jr**); and Revel exec Sarah Powers (**Jason Piasecki**);

**A Member Shares**

**What's In A Name**

Ed Note: Today we again hear from guest columnist Dan Barnum-Steggerda in a RIM "getting to know me" format available to any Rotarian desiring to submit copy. Dan tackles the sensitive issue of living with an uncommon name. Your editor can relate. "Johanson" was strange in my early family's Indiana farm community tho' not in South Chicago from where we'd emigrated. I was typically called "Johnson," "Jonason" or, in one creative instance, "Johamsandwich." Happily, my name-embarrassment lessened in high school when Swedish boxer Ingemar Johansson defeated Floyd Patterson to win the World Heavyweight Championship (1959) and, much later, when film actress Scarlett Johansson became well known and popular. I'm thinking that a lot of us have interesting stories about our name and/or heritage (care to RIM share?); meanwhile, please sit back, relax, and enjoy Dan's.

Many things form and inform our identity: vocation, education, family, friends, nature, nurture – just to propose a few! Our names also are a part of our identity. When we are born, we are given our names. When I was born on August 31, 1957 – my parents named me "Daniel Scott Steggerda". I was their first child...their only son. My mother and father raised me, introducing me to the Steggerdas and the Davidsons (my mother's family name). I learned that "Steggerda" was of Dutch origin. I used to be so thrilled when we would go to Holland – Michigan, not the country – because when my father would leave our name at a restaurant for seating purposes, he never had to spell it. He/we always had to spell it in the Chicago area. Yes, my name was Daniel Scott Steggerda. I was baptized with that name. I was confirmed with that name. I graduated from Lyons Township High School, Valparaiso University and Bethany Theological Seminary with that name. I was ordained into the Christian ministry with that name. To be sure, I was the only "Steggerda" in high school, at the university, and at the seminary. Indeed, I was the only "Steggerda" ordained into the Christian Ministry within the United Church of Christ denomination.

**Then, something changed.**

In 1988, my name changed. If it wasn't long enough and hard enough for the first 30 years of my life, then these last 26 years have been harder, to be sure. I married Lucinda Kay Barnum on June 18, 1988 (please, no gifts!). Because we were both a little older than other couples – I was 30 and Cindy was 29 – we

decided that we wanted to retain our named identities. We also felt strongly that we should have the same last name should we be blessed with children. And, so, by noon on that beautiful June day, I became known as DANIEL S. BARNUM-STEGGERDA. When trying to explain my unusual name, I usually tell folks that it's the circus (Ringling Brothers and



Barnum and Bailey Circus) and a dinosaur (Stegosaurus).

Of course, this is in jest. I'm really quite proud of my name. In 1988, hyphenating names was really quite progressive!

My name IS part of who I am as a man, as a human being, as a person. It hurts me when people poke fun of my name. It hurts when people continually mispronounce my name, even after correction. In fact, it makes me a little miffed. And, so, I have coaxed you to read all of this so that I may offer a lesson in pronouncing my name. Yes, this feels like shameless self-promotion, doesn't it? In fairness, I've already paid a \$5 fine to our esteemed Secretary!

So, here's the lesson. Folks can usually figure out the first part – BARNUM. Thank you, P.T.! You have saved me a lot of grief. Mr. Dinosaur, you, on the other hand, have caused me much grief. STEGGERDA – as I mentioned, is a name of Dutch origin. Because of this, the accent is on the first syllable – STEG-ger-da. Yes, I know that our incredibly simple English language (please read with extreme sarcasm!) would place the accent on the second syllable – steg-GER-da. This is incorrect! As are all other stumbles, mumbles, etc.! I try hard to pronounce names correctly and feel awful when I get them wrong. I hope that you will try equally hard as well!

... And, so, what's in a name?

What's in MY name?

ME!

Dan Barnum-STEGgerda.

Pleased to meet you!



July 15 at noon in Traverse City our next District Governor, Al Bonney, will be inducted. You are most welcome to join Rotarians from around the District for this celebration.

Cost for lunch is \$15 (it's a meeting make-up). **Register online** at the District website.