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Women's Hall of Fame to be dedicated

(Submitted by the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club)

In the summer of 2008, the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club board adopted a proposal to establish the Muskegon County Women of Achievement Hall of Fame and offered their clubhouse as it permanent home. The Hall of Fame display, along with a future accompanying on-going women's history/vision project, is located in the 1902 tearoom on the

The Hall of Fame is now complete and ready for dedication. This will take place on Saturday, March 6, 2010, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium at the club. Following brunch and a program, everyone will be invited to the second floor to view the display. Many guests will be invited from appropriate community organizations and governing municipalities within Muskegon County.

Each of the wall displays is accompanied by a digital photo frame. One was donated by the Shoreline Victorian Ladies Society, and the other by the International Association of Administrative Professionals. The visual information on each expands the stories on the wall.

Most Halls of Fame are merely a listing of names and occasionally pictures. The Greater Muskegon Woman's Club strives to be a center for excellence. Thus, in addition to the displays and accompanying visual stories, the Women of Accomplishment honorees who are interested will be invited to participate in a vision quest relating to other Muskegon County women's accomplishments during the past 100+ years.

The March 6 dedication date was chosen because it coincides with significant women's events. March is Women's History Month, and 2010 marks the 30th anniversary of this fact. Also, in 2010, the county will be honoring the 90th anniversary of women winning the right to vote.

The groundwork for the project was established by Florence Bright, Colette Klukos and Judy VanWesten. To assure

MCC seeking distinguished alumni nominations

(Submitted by Muskegon Community College)

The Muskegon Community Collge Alumni Association is seeking nominations of deserving alumni for its annual Distinguished Alumni Award. The nominations must be received either by fax or online by Friday, February 19, 2010.

A tradition for many years at MCC, the Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor that Muskegon Community College bestows upon an outstanding alum. The award salutes the achievements of outstanding alumni whose personal lives, professional achievements, and community service exemplify the objectives of their alma mater.

The MCC Alumni Association Board of Directors selects the award recipient based on the following criteria:

- MCC college career The nominee must have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours at Muskegon Community College and demonstrate a record of excellence in academics and extracurricular participation.
- Professional achievement Such distinction may be evidenced by achievement or advancement in career, earned degrees or professional training, professional recognition and/or outstanding contributions to the field.
- Service to the community Nominee shall have demonstrated a record of community participation and involve-
- Advocacy of education and/or support of MCC. For a printed or online nomination form, go to www. muskegoncc.edu/alumni.•

its future, a liaison committee from the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club has been formed to move the concept into the future. Committee members are Dianne Buck, chairman; Cathie DeCamp, Nancy Kinziger, Patricia McKibben, and Ruth Hillman. Their tasks will vary as the project moves forward. Their first job will be to organize the March brunch and assist with details for the program that follows.

Muskegon Community College began the "Women of Accomplishment" program in 1997. It was designed and managed by Janie P. Brooks, dean of students, and MCC continues to operate the program today. Nominees are chosen for their outstanding contributions to the greater Muskegon community through their professional work and volunteer affiliations. The awards breakfast occurs at the college during Women's History Month.

The 70 names currently included in the Hall of Fame display are honorees from 1997 through 2009. More names will be added after the March, 2010 event. To assure the future of the Women of Accomplishment program. The Women's division of the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to be a liaison with MCC in the event circumstances prevent the college from

Many other women have been honored in Muskegon County for various reasons over the years. Those organizations will be invited to recognize their own on a plaque that may also be displayed in the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club. Those interested are invited to call the club at 725-9220 to discuss the matter.

The establishment of the Muskegon County Women of Achievement Hall of Fame allows both Muskegon and the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club to become members of a very special league: The National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York and our Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in Lansing, along with many others across America.

Using the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club building for the permanent home of this project is also noteworthy. Over the past 100+ years, almost two dozen Michigan women's clubs owned their own clubhouse. Today, only four remain: Kalamazoo, Royal Oak, Sturgis and Muskegon! The building, dedicated in 1903, is now 107 years old. The organization, formed in 1890, has offered 120 years of uninterrupted service to the Muskegon community. Today this is almost unheard of.

The March 6 event is by personal invitation only. However, a public open house is available on March 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. for everyone wishing to view the Hall of Fame display and the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club. The club is located at 280 W. Webster Avenue (corner of Webster and Second Street) in downtown Muskegon.



Let Chariots of Fire take you where you need to go

By Lynn and Richard Edlund and Mary Weimer

How do a retired doctor and his retired teacher / counselor wife continue to help and educate the community they live in? By educating people that their health care provider may offer a little-known service. Did you know that your insurance company might pay for your medical transportation to doctor's offices, rehabilitation appointments, occupational therapy clinics, pharmacies, and medical testing sites? Your insurance company does not want to advertise this, so most people are not aware of it.

A friend made the Edlunds aware of this service two years ago. As a result, Dr. Edlund and his wife, Lynn, started Chariots of Fire to provide that kind of non-emergency transportation to people with such insurance policies.

People who need this type of service include those who are unable to drive themselves to doctor visits and other medical appointments due to strokes, injuries, increasing age, blindness, or confinement to a wheelchair.

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