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Muskegon Rotary Club

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

Next Mtg—August 3, 2023, 12-1:30pm

The Lake House

ReWine Sat Club—Next mtg 8/3/23 5:15 pm

Walkers (in the Delta)



Aaron Maie, Director
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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?

Next Meeting (8/3/23) — Parkland Properties

"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

7/20 Stacey Kennedy & Marjorie Jones
7/27 Kelsey Rhoda & Marjorie Jones
8/3 Doug Brown & Joan Smith

REFLECTORS

J.J. Lewis
(Contact Alan Alpert if you can help)

Upcoming & Recent Birthdays

Morton Kantor	Jul 20
Richard Houtteman	Jul 20
Courtney Porrett	Jul 20
Eric Messing	Jul 23
Ryan Rozycki	Jul 23
Greg VanWoerkom	Jul 24
Don Crandall	Jul 27
Joan Schmitt	Jul 31
Jane Johnson	Aug 1
Rita Caviness	Aug 3

Caring Connections Fund

(Remember to donate \$10 on your birthday for this great cause!)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

July 27 - Boys & Girls Club
Aug 3 - Parkland Properties

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Members through this [link](#):

VISITORS & GUESTS

7/20/23



Club President Ginny Sprague
welcomed District Governor Jeff Coil



Sarah Wilson was the guest of Michael Ramsey



Jeffrey Olsen was introduced by Arlen Dean Gaddy



Candace Hemphill was the guest of Eric Messing

7/27/23



Monica Turnbull (center) introduces
guests Richard Vanderputte-McPherson
and Christina Fecher



Stephanie Tushek, right, with her
guest, Jamie Sowa of Baker College.
Jamie will be working with our Club to
reignite the school's Rotaract club!



Annette Jack with her brother/guest **Ralph Wellington** of Philadelphia. Ralph was a Rotary exchange student back in the day!

JULY 20, 2023 PROGRAM: Creating Hope In Muskegon with District Governor Jeff Coil

RIM Reporter: Susan Besteman



Our District 6290 Governor, Jeff Coil, joined the Fremont Rotary Club in 2013. After serving as his club's president in 2015-2016, Jeff served as Assistant Governor for five years. He also served as District 6290 Assistant Governor Coordinator, a member of the District Foundation Committee, a member of the District Grants Committee, and chaired the District's 50/50 Raffle Committee for two years. Jeff was the 2022-2023 District Governor Elect until June 28th when he became our new District Governor. Presently, he also serves on the District 6290 Champion Hanwash Committee and is a member of the Paul Harris Society. He was a board member for the River County Chamber of Commerce in Nawaygo for several years. He graduated from Ferris State University and then went on to sales and sales management where he worked with various data and communications equipment. He enjoys woodworking, boating, and traveling with his wife, Jan. Jeff and Jan live in Nawaygo and have two children and two grandchildren. Jan says that Jeff

has two main topics of conversation: Rotary and the grandchildren.

One of the questions Jeff gets asked quite often is "Why are you here?" or in other terms "What makes you proud to be part of this Rotary Club?" He said it took him ten years before he saw the one common theme: people love their communities and Rotary is the tool for people to serve their communities.

A couple District events are coming up that Jeff highlighted, and he finished with a short video for the 2024 District Conference on May 3-4, 2024, which will be at the Double JJ Resort in Rothbury. Our conference portion will be at the "Back Forty" just past the waterpark. The speakers currently on the list are Past Rotary International Director John Smarge from Naples, FL, and AG Fritz Pierre Louis from Leogane, Haiti.

Jeff then echoed our Rotary International President's call, for Rotarians to create hope in the world by working for peace and mental well-being. Gordon McNally, Rotary International President, urges members to engage in tough conversations and earn the trust that's necessary to realize these values. Gordon said, "The goal is to restore hope, to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves." Jeff challenged us with a few questions such as "What one thing makes you most proud of your Rotary club?" and "How is your club creating hope in Muskegon?" He stressed the importance of inviting people to help create hope with us and that we can create hope through our foundation. Brief inspirational stories of creating hope followed such as in Honduras through programs and business training to increase household incomes with the microgrants that people have donated, the continued work towards eradicating polio (100 million in Africa and India), and the Haiti National Clean Water, Sanitation, and Health Initiative (Hanwash). These stories showed how creating hope requires patience and perseverance.

Governor Jeff played a video from our current Rotary International President that emphasized creating hope in the world through service projects in our Areas of Focus but he also spent a few minutes discussing another important way Rotary will create lasting change this year by focusing on mental health. Gordon said, "People today are hurting. Many of them don't know how to ask for help." He continued, "In Rotary, we show comfort and care to each other. We invite our members to bring their whole, authentic selves. And we move beyond the simple question of 'How are you?' to ask, 'How are you, really?'" Gordon also emphasized, "So, let's work together to erase stigmas, raise awareness, and improve access to mental health services. So that together, we can support one another and our loved ones, our clubs, and our communities to create hope in the world." The Rotary Action Group came up with a poster that showed Gordon with "Don't Bottle It Up" in bold print. If you or someone you know needs help, please contact the Muskegon County 24-hour crisis line at 231-722-4357 or National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 899-273-8255 (899-273-TALK).



"Our District is blessed with awesome youth programs" according to Jeff and these include Early Act, Interact, Strive, Life Leadership, and Youth Exchange. He mentioned he felt like he was preaching to the choir because he doesn't know what our club doesn't do to create hope in youth and thanked John Noling for all he has done.

Jeff concluded his time inspiring us to continue to look for ways to create hope in our community through any personal interest. He brought interest cards to fill out and he will pass them along to our club president, **Ginny Sprague**.

JULY 27, 2023 PROGRAM: Boys and Girls of the Lakeshore Update

RIM Reporter: **Kathy Moore**

Speakers: **Monica Turnbull, Rachel Fawcett, Richard Vanderputte-McPherson**

The program speakers were introduced by D.J. Hilson, who has served as the volunteer board president of our local Boys and Girls Club chapter since its inception nine years ago.

Monica Turnbull – Chief Executive Officer began the presentation with a brief history of the organization and an outline of where they plan to go in the future. She emphasized that the club is for everyone, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, family income, school district, etc. Their mission is to inspire all young people to reach their full potential. The Boys and Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore was founded in 2014 and opened their first site with 30 students. Now they have a total of 9 sites with 1,200 unduplicated youth participants. Rachel Fawcett – Chief Operations Officer explained the BGC's five pillars of focus is a proven process that entails 1) character and leadership, 2) education and career development, 3) health and wellness, 4) arts, and 5) sports, fitness, and recreation. She mentioned that one of the many benefits of the youth gardening program is that the youth are

more willing to eat the fruits and vegetables that they grow. Rachel also explained that the Clubhouse is an inclusive place for all with a community component of supporting health and wellness and shared the Clubhouse Community Impact Model. "Think about what we can change in our community. 50% of our health is made up of our health behaviors, 20% is genetics, 20% is your environment, 10% is access to medical care - so we can change and impact 80% of our health; creating a model that will improve our individual and community health outcomes." The Clubhouse is a community asset for all of us...a place to create, learn, grow, and become. In conclusion, Richard Vanderputte-McPherson – Resource Development Director provided an update on the much-anticipated club house renovations and reopening of the beautiful clubhouse and fitness center on the lakeshore. "We get a lot of questions about the pool, specifically 'Is it going to be re-opened?'" The answer is "yes, but not just yet". Targeted for spring 2024, possibly sooner. But they are still short \$3 million in capital campaign fundraising – mostly due to increased construction costs (which no one could have projected). The pool will be one of only two pools in the community that will be available to the public. The Clubhouse programs will start back up in September and memberships to the Neal Fitness Center will become available in

October. Richard then outlined the many ways to easily be involved and support the Boys and Girls Club: follow them on social media, become a volunteer, join the Neal Fitness Center, and contribute to the capital campaign. He also invited the audience to attend the upcoming community open house and ribbon cutting ceremony on August 24th. For more information, visit clubhousemkg.com.

New Member Induction Dr. Jerry Kuester



*Dr. Jerry Kuester (I) with sponsor **Bill Loxterman***

Dr. Kuester received a B.S. in Biology from Wayne State University and a masters and doctorate from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. He grew up in Detroit and has lived in Boston, Washington, DC, and North Carolina. He moved back to Michigan six years ago.

Jerry has worked as a scientist with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service. After leaving government service, he worked as a consumer advocate with the Public Citizen's Health Research Group and the Center for Science in the Public Interest. Later, he started his own business doing information research for plaintiff's attorneys and doing investigations for criminal defense attorneys. Currently, Jerry is working as a substitute teacher in various Muskegon county school systems.

Dr. Kuester has many years of volunteer services. He has served as a Boy Scout leader, a fund raiser for his



*(l to r) **Monica Turnbull, Richard Vanderputte-McPherson, and Rachel Fawcett***

church, and a chaplain in prisons and hospitals. Currently, he is a volunteer with the North Country Trail Association and on the tall ship, Friends Good Will, out of South Haven.

In his free time, Jerry enjoys hiking, golf, and painting.

This summer Jerry plans to make an educational video for the Third Grade Michigan History curriculum, pertaining to Native Americans in Michigan. He will be visiting various historical sites and will be interviewing tribal elders.

Sockathon 2023

Gary Nelund wore the golf socks. Bob Scolnik was adorned with Mr. Perfect socks. The winner is...?



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ReWine Updates

ReWine met July 20, 2023, at Walker's in the Delta. President Ginny Sprague updated them on the Rotary Foundation donations and other initiatives from the District Governor's visit which included the Haiti Hand Wash, Mental Health Initiative, Bringing Hope to the World, and Empowering Girls.

John Noling provided a United Way Day of Caring update which includes Interactors and Rotarians working together on September 8 to help prep the micro-forest that will be planted on Marquette Ave near the US31 overpass.

The next MDOT highway cleanup is scheduled for September 23.



Carim Caulkins showed off the latest ReWine logoed gear produced by Trophy House. You can purchase any shirt from Trophy House or elsewhere and have the ReWine logo added.

The next ReWine meeting is **August 3**, at Walker's in the Delta.

August 18, many slots available!

Rotary needs your help! The Parties In The Park is one of our annual fund-raising events that help support the Muskegon Rotary Club and its mission in the community. We need your help to make this a fantastic event! Click the link to pick a slot to volunteer and have fun with us at a great event.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48a5ac2aa7facf8-party#/>

It's going to be a great party!

New Member Get-Together held at the USS Silverside Museum on July 19

Photographer: Mark Alpher



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