

The RIM Newsletter

Rotary InMotion



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<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>



Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Celebrating the people, events, and actions of the Muskegon Rotary Club

August 21, 2025

Next Meeting (August 28, 2025, 12-1:30pm) — Italian Meatloaf at the Lake House
Program Topic – Hackley Park Statues

What's Coming

August 28 – Hackley Park Statues
September 4 – Public Defender Office
September 11 – Lumber Queen Play
September 18 – PFAS in Muskegon County
September 25 – Muskegon River Assembly

Upcoming Birthdays

August 29	Kayla Kolbe
September 2	Kimberly Taylor
September 3	Jon Gale

Caring Connections Fund



[Click this link to donate \\$10 on your birthday](#)

Greeter This Week

Jonathan Scouten
Kat Hyder

Reflector This Week

Parker Aerts

RIM Reporting this Edition

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President Dave was suntanned and relaxed after a 2-week vacation with **President Elect Roger Morgenstern** and other family and friends on Beaver Island and Drummond Island. This second photo is proof **Dave** and **Roger** were on Beaver Island (anyone who's ever been to Beaver KNOWS they're standing in front of the Whiskey Point Lighthouse!). *RIM* has inside information that the two actually did Rotary work when they had a WiFi connection and Zoomed in on both meetings they missed! Many thanks to **Immediate Past President Tim Arter** and **President Nominee Lisa Tyler** for running the meetings in Dave's absence.



Visitors & Guests



Greg Borgman introduces his guest **Stanley Shank**.



Larry Fife introduces his niece, Muskegon Big Red alumna **Carroll Fife**, who now lives in California. Larry is looking forward to her coming home when she retires!



Nancy Crandall introduces her guest **Aniesa Williams**.



Marjorie Jones introduced one of our Outbound International Exchange Students, **Ziyah Ochoa**, who will be leaving soon for Brazil!



Mary Anne Gorman introduces her two guests, from left, **Jeffrey Dana** and **Dr. Darlene Lee**.

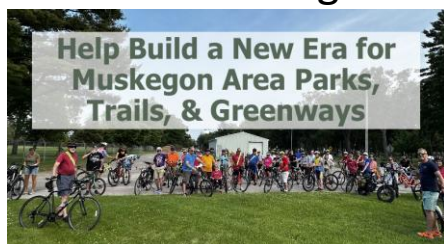


Robert Mathis introduces his guest **Jacqueline Glueck**.



Carla Flanders introduces her guest, **Maria Secord**. And in a classic "Carla 2-fer," she happened to mention Maria works for **Betten Chevrolet Buick GMC**, which just signed on as a Gold (\$3,000) sponsor for **Harvest Fest**!

This Week's Program:



Presenter:

Aaron Bodbyl-Mast

Introduction:

Bob Lukens



Bob Lukens introduces our program.



Our speaker, **Aaron Bodbyl-Mast**.

Aaron started off the presentation with a question "Why Park and Trails". He shared information on Economic, Ecology, and Social Infrastructure with a lot of great pictures.

Aaron talked about the positive impact outdoors has on our social, physical, and mental health. He even shared some personal stories.

He went into detail on an interconnected countywide network of parks, amenities, and ecological spaces.



Ways we can make this happen.

- * Having a community vision
- * Public investment
- * Private support
- * People power

Below are ways we can support or volunteer at Muskegon Area Parks & Greenways Coalition

Volunteer Program – See Sign-up Sheet!

- Ambassadors • Greenway Crew • Park Monitors
- Beach • Greenways at Home
- Trails • Clean-ups • Stewards



**Introducing:
The Muskegon Area Parks &
Greenways Coalition**



For more information email Aaron at bmastfamily@gmail.com or call 616-499-3472

8/21/2025 Muskegon Rotary
YouTube Video Link: [Click here](#)

**Muskegon Rising Podcast
S2E33: John Stephenson
USS LST 393 Veterans
Museum**



This episode of the Muskegon Rising Podcast takes you aboard the USS LST 393 Veterans Museum with John Stephenson.

LST 393 is one of only two World War II landing ships in its original military configuration. It stormed Omaha Beach on D-Day, carried Detroit cars across Lake Michigan as a freighter, and now stands in downtown Muskegon as a floating museum.

From the D-Day battle flag that flew over the ship to thousands of personal artifacts donated by local families, every corner of LST 393 tells a story. The museum also hosts community favorites like yoga on deck and free summer movie nights.

Listen to the episode: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/episodes/17698525-john-stephenson-uss-lst-393-veterans-museum>

Plan your visit: <https://lst393.org>

[CLICK HERE FOR ALL PODCASTS](#)

***Rotary In Action*
Mary Anne Gorman**



In this inspiring episode, longtime Rotarian Mary Anne Gorman reflects on her 34-year journey with Rotary, highlighting how her club embodies the qualities of an “Irresistible Club.”

Since retiring, Mary Anne has been deeply involved in fostering leadership continuity, launching new service projects, and supporting member engagement.

She discusses the value of mentorship through the club’s navigator program and emphasizes the importance of inclusive outreaches especially to manufacturing, retail sectors, and communities of color. Her message encourages active participation and connection within Rotary’s evolving membership landscape.

Watch the entire video [here](#)

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Welcome Our Inbound Exchange Students

Muskegon Rotary is excited to welcome three inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students for the 2024–2025 school year.



Dede from Italy – attending **Oakridge Schools**, hosted by the **Buchner** family.



Simon from France – attending **Mona Shores High School**, hosted by the **Roult** family.



Ella from Brazil – attending **Reeths-Puffer High School**, hosted by the **Hower** family.

We are grateful to our host families for opening their homes and for helping create meaningful cultural connections. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth, and friendship with our inbound students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary ReWine Schedule for September & October

5:00-5:15pm Social time

5:15pm Meeting start time

At Core Plaza (Vault)

September 4th

September 18th

October 2nd

October 16th CANCELLED

Contact Kaytie Drake
at kaytieely@aol.com for more
information



Carla Flanders reminded us that Harvest Fest tickets are for sale, just \$85, same price as last year! We've sold eight tickets and we need to sell many more! Volunteer sign up information will be announced next week and we've cracked the half-way mark of our goal to raise \$30,000 in sponsorships. Thanks to everyone who is helping make the Oct. 23 event a success for our Muskegon Rotary Foundation!

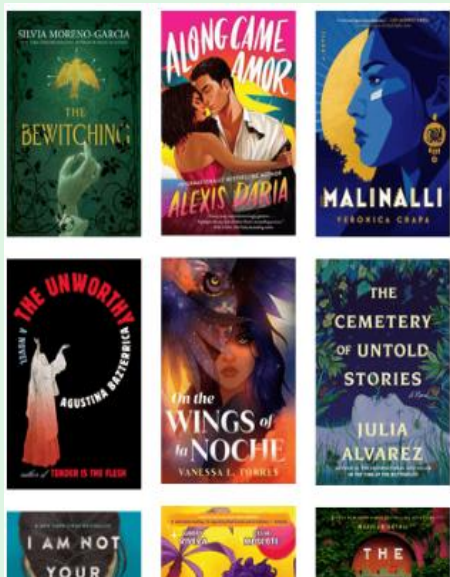


Larry Fife thanked Rotarians who have already signed up to play in the Johnny O. Harris Golf Outing Sept. 6 at Chase Hammond. Spots are still available! "You don't need to be a good golfer, remember it's a fundraiser," Larry joked. The proceeds will make continued improvements to Johnny O. Harris Memorial Park in Muskegon Heights, named in honor of the slain Muskegon Heights police officer.

DEI Corner

September is Hispanic Heritage Month

For more information [Click here](#)



Andy Buelow and his envelope showed up to collect \$5 donations, reminding Rotarians the updated Love *Still* Lives Here yard signs are available!



The signs are already appearing in yards like this one in downtown Muskegon, showing Rotary's support for love, peace and understanding in these challenging times.

Adopt-A-Highway Program

Looking for Volunteers

Our next pickup for the Muskegon Rotary stretch of highway on I-96 will be on Saturday, September 27.

Volunteers will meet promptly at 8:45am for a short safety talk, then head out on the road to pick trash. (We will finish no later than 11:00am, sooner if we get a lot of help 😊).

I am also looking for two drivers to drive along with the volunteers who are picking trash. If you can help, please contact Esther Ricco, riccoe@gvsu.edu or 616-283-1810 and she can provide you with details.

Be a part of keeping our adopted stretch clean and taking action to protect our environment!

Muskegon Rotary Board

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Please email Club Board Members through this [link](#):



Marcia Hovey-Wright does her best "Vanna" impersonation to show off the yard signs.

**Please welcome
potential new members:**

Marianne Bockheim-Verhil who is the Volunteer Coordinator for Catholic Charities W. Michigan. Marianne is sponsored by Michele Lipka and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Marianne will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Amy Deming, Manager with Brickley DeLong, PC. Amy is sponsored by Tim Arter and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Amy will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Ivan Ivanov who is a Senior Electrical Engineer with Barr Engineering Co., Ivan is sponsored by Bill Loxterman and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Ivan will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Ronald Koehler who is retired. Ronald is sponsored by Randy Lindquist and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Ronald will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Brock Johnson who is the Director of Operations at MCPI. Brock is sponsored by Greg Borgman and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Brock will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Stephanie Miletich who is the Director of Human Resources with OAM + IMove. Stephanie is sponsored by Marcia Hovey-Wright and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Stephanie will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Jessie Wilde who is the Director of Business Development with Kindred Marketing. Jessie will be sponsored by Don Kalisz and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Jessie will be inducted in the next few weeks.

A Few Highlights from Parties in the Park!



