

# The RIM Newsletter

# Rotary

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*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

July 17, 2025

**Next Meeting (July 24, 2025, 12-1:30pm) — Pasta Buffet at the Lake House**  
**Program Topic – Observations on Eastern Europe**

## What's Coming

July 24 – Observations on Eastern Europe

July 31 – Kids Food Basket

## Upcoming Birthdays

July 24 Greg VanWoerkom  
July 27 Don Crandall

## Caring Connections Fund



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

## Greeters This Week

Greg Borgman  
Jonathan Scouten

## Reflector This Week

Rich Houtteman

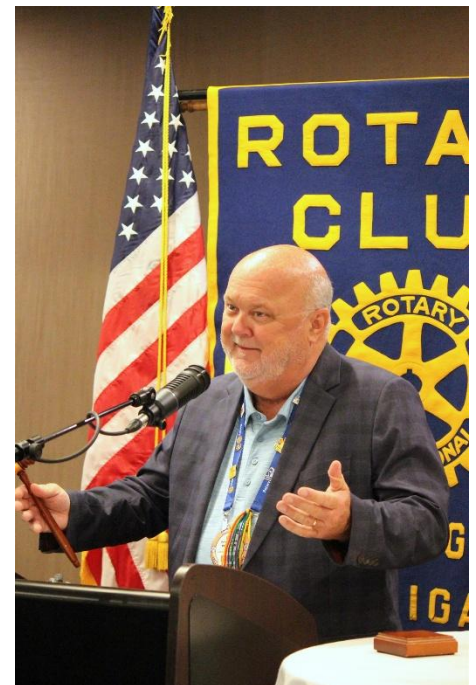
## RIM Reporting this Edition

Photographer – Wyatt Huggett  
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## Reflection



Member **Richard Houtteman** gives the reflection.



President **Dave Alexander** opens the meeting.

## Visitors & Guests



**Greg Borgman** and guest **Brock Johnson**



**Melissa Horton** and guest **Dan McKean**.





**Rita Caviness and guest Diana Wright**



**Cathy Brubaker-Clarke and guest Alice Moore**



**President Dave Alexander** delivers his "Muskegon Minute," highlighting Bike Week!



**Andrew Zahrt and guest Deb Dietz**



**Emma Peterson and guest Allison Dile**



**Dave Alexander, Will Snyder, and Chris McGuigan**



**Annette Jack and guest/husband John Jack**



**Rachel Gorman and guest Grace Sytsema**

### **Muskegon Rotary Board**

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## This Week's Program: State Legislative Updates

Presenter:

**State Representative Will Snyder**

Introduced by:

**Rachel Gorman**



**Rachel Gorman** introduces this week's speaker



State Representative Will Snyder addresses the club



State Representative Will Snyder discusses how appropriate funds are making real changes in Muskegon

Legislative updates from State Representative Will Snyder, 87th District

*Note: State Representative Greg VanWoerkom, 88th District, was also invited to present today, but was unable to come. He will have a chance to provide a future program.*

Second term State Representative Will Snyder provided a brief update on the state of the budget process.

The Governor provided her recommendations in February. The Senate passed it to the house on time in May. The House has not yet presented their budget, and their deadline of July 1 has passed. The Governor stated that the School Aid Budget presented in June was not a realistic proposal. Another meeting on this was scheduled but subsequently cancelled.

Because the "Big, Beautiful Bill" passed at the Federal level will have a \$5 billion impact on the state budget that it is not reasonable for the state to back fill, the School Aid and Omnibus Budgets need to be presented together.

There is also work on a long-term road funding solution. A lot of work has been completed on the state trunklines, but local infrastructure needs to be addressed. Some solutions have been proposed but without new revenue sources. Some ideas for revenue sources being discussed include: 1) new gaming revenue, 2) increased fees on heavy weighted trucks using roads, and 2) increased excise tax on marijuana sales.

Next, Representative Snyder provided a recap of project funding (\$120 million) that he has been able to bring to Muskegon County. Those discussed included:

- Muskegon Heights Schools debt relief
- Shaw Walker redevelopment
- Broadway Ave. reconstruction
- Hackley Administration building wall repair to save the building for historical renovation
- Roofs and Porches at the Hackley and Hume Homes
- Muskegon County Airport and Terminal renovation
- Muskegon Winter Sports Complex
- Access Health Funding
- Hackley Community Care relocation of Muskegon Heights facility
- Grants for water safety and water lines in Muskegon Heights

- Boys and Girls Club
- Low Income Housing tax credits

#### Audience Questions:

- With the cuts in federal funding and massive needs, what are your priorities?
- Essential services like childcare, health and education. Hopefully infrastructure, too. We have a meeting next week to discuss how this will affect us (the state). We cannot back fill all of these funds.
- Want to hear all of the questions and responses or get more detail? Watch the meeting video on our YouTube channel.



**Dave Medendorp and Susan Crain** engage in Q&A



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Tom Palmer** speaks on the importance of “Service Above Self” in our great club—encouraging members to join a committee, give to Caring Connection, and find ways to get involved



Muskegon Rotary Foundation’s premiere fund raising event is Thursday evening, Oct. 23, at Baker College’s downtown Culinary Institute of Michigan and tickets are on sale.

You can purchase them by simply clicking on the Calendar/Events tab on our clubs website (Muskegon Rotary dot org) or click [here](#).

Tickets are the SAME PRICE as last year, \$85. You’ll have unlimited delicious creations from the CIM students, a seasonal gift provided by Barry’s Greenhouses and Landscaping plus a free drink ticket.



**President Dave Alexander** thanks State Representative Will Snyder for attending

### RIM Reporting Team

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Enjoy an evening with great food and drinks, live music, a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and more!

Harvest Fest volunteers will be able to purchase up to two discounted tickets for \$45 each. Stay tuned on how to sign up to volunteer.

Harvest Fest will raise money for the great programs the Muskegon Rotary foundation funds, plus scholarships for CIM students and support for the Baker Rotaract Club.

Sponsorship information is also available at the same website tab.



## Rotary ReWine

ReWine meetings are every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month

5:00-5:15pm Social time

5:15pm Meeting start time

At Core Plaza (Vault)

Contact Kaytie Drake  
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## Rotary In Action Howard Hardesty



In this insightful interview, Howard Hardesty, a long-time Rotarian and IT lead for one of the nation's largest Rotary Clubs, shares how technology—and now artificial intelligence—is transforming communication within large volunteer organizations. With over 250 members in the Muskegon Rotary Club, Hardesty emphasizes that the true challenge isn't just adopting new tools but guiding members to embrace change and recognize the value these innovations bring. As AI continues to evolve, Hardesty sees it as a powerful opportunity to enhance collaboration and efficiency in service organizations. To watch his video, click [here](#).

## Muskegon Rising Podcast

### S2E28: Kathy Moore Muskegon County Health Department



Kathy Moore has been at the front lines of public health in Muskegon County for over a decade. As Executive Director of the Health Department, she led with strength and compassion during one of the most challenging times in our history.

In this episode, Kathy joins host and fellow Rotarian Nancy Crandall to share what it was like making tough calls during the pandemic, how she transitioned from a career in finance to public health, and why collaboration is the key to protecting our most vulnerable.

They dive into youth mental health, vaccine hesitancy, opioid use, and the hard truths about shrinking budgets. It's an honest, thoughtful look at what it means to lead in times of uncertainty—and why public trust matters more than ever.

Listen now to Season 2, Episode 28 of Muskegon Rising.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/episodes/17515597-kathy-moore-muskegon-county-health-department>

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