

The RIM Newsletter

Rotary

In Motion



Club 16 (2809) District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
<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, July 23, 2026

July 30, 2026, Chicken Marsala at the **Delta**
Program – RI Director Marty Helman

What's Coming

July 30 – RI Director Marty Helman

August 6 – Outbound Students

Upcoming Birthdays

August 3 Rita Caviness



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Stage Manager This Week

Joan Smith

Greeters This Week

Mary Anne Gorman

Susan Crain

Reflector This Week

Jamie Hekker

RIM Reporting this Edition

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Muskegon Rotary July 23rd

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President **Roger Morgenstern** opens the meeting.

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Reflection



Jamie Hekker offers the reflection.

Visitors and Guests



Greg Borgman with guest Chase Kolberg.



Cathy Brubaker-Clarke with guest Bailey Lofgren.



Will Snyder with guest **Kelly Powers**.



Roger Morgenstern, **Chase Kolberg**, and **Greg Borgman**.

Immediate Past President **Dave Alexander** opened the program by thanking **Missy Horton**, co-chair of the Programs Committee, along with the committee members, for their dedication in providing timely, informative, and engaging programs throughout the past Rotary year.

Dave then introduced guest speaker **Veronica Campbell**, Executive Director of the **USS Silversides Submarine Museum**.



Mary Anne Gorman with guest **Kathy Rohlman**.

This Week's Program:

Dry Docking a Submarine

Presenter: **Veronica Campbell**

Introduced by: **Dave Alexander**

RIM Reporter:
Kathy Moore



Veronica Campbell, Executive Director of the **USS Silversides Submarine Museum**, shares the successful completion of the **USS Silversides'** first dry-dock preservation project in more than 50 years, highlighting the historic restoration and what it means for the future of the museum.



Roger Morgenstern shows off a special gift from the recent Rotary International Convention.



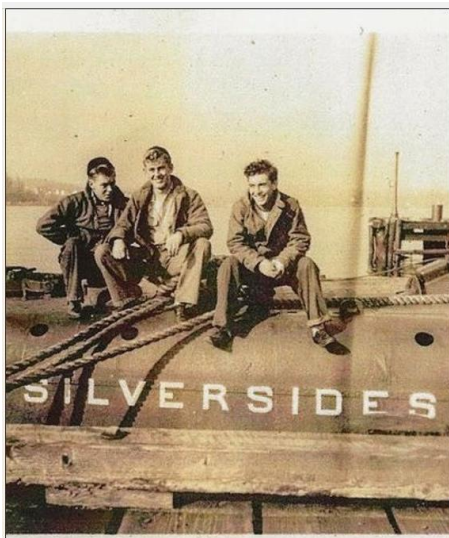
Dr. Emma Schroeder with guests **Sherri Hill** and **Andria Yost**.



Dave Alexander introduces our program speaker.



Veronica shared the remarkable history of the USS *Silversides*, which was commissioned just two weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor and became one of the most decorated U.S. submarines of World War II. During 14 war patrols, the submarine sank 23 enemy ships, earned 12 battle stars and a Presidential Unit Citation, and is now recognized as a National Historic Landmark. Even more significant than its military accomplishments is its extraordinary human story, having completed all 14 patrols while losing only one crew member.



Today, the USS *Silversides* serves as a memorial honoring World War II submariners, a hands-on classroom where history comes alive for students and visitors, and a powerful connection to the courage, ingenuity, and sacrifice of those who served. Visitors experience firsthand the confined living quarters, control room, and torpedo tubes, gaining a deeper appreciation for the challenges faced by submarine crews.

Veronica emphasized the urgent need to preserve this historic vessel. Although the submarine remains remarkably well preserved after more than 80 years, significant deterioration below the waterline cannot be fully assessed while it remains afloat. Last week, the USS *Silversides* was towed across Lake Michigan to Wisconsin for its first dry-docking since 1954. The restoration project includes hull cleaning, sandblasting, comprehensive structural inspections, steel repairs, and the application of protective coatings and paint.

The estimated cost of the project is \$3.5 million, with \$2.7 million already raised through a combination of private donations, corporate and foundation support, and a \$750,000 Save America's Treasures grant. Veronica explained that the project is about much more than preserving a historic vessel—it is about protecting an irreplaceable educational resource that supports school and Scout programs, STEM and engineering education, overnight learning experiences, and a treasured community landmark. She concluded by noting that preserving the USS *Silversides* strengthens both the region's cultural heritage and its economic vitality, demonstrating the lasting value that arts, history, and culture bring to a community.

Additional information about the campaign is available at www.SaveOurLight.org



Veronica Campbell answers questions.



Arn Boezaart participates in Q&A.



Bill Erickson participates in Q&A.

Announcements



President Roger Morgenstern shares a bevy of announcements:

- * The next **Rotary ReWine** meeting is August 6 at the Bistro at the Shoreline Inn
- * Thanks to **Kendrah Robinson** and her husband, **Da Kidd BBQ** will host a Rotary fundraiser on August 13 at Pincrest Bar & Lanes
- * Next week's Rotary meeting will be held at **The Delta Convention Center**.

RIM Reporting Team

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Celebrate Muskegon Lake's Remarkable Comeback.

One Day. Two Great Events.

AUGUST 15, 2026

Sun, Fun, and a Lake Restored

9 AM – 2 PM

Celebrate Muskegon Lake's comeback with family fun, food, activities, and waterfront adventures.

📍 Grand Trunk Pavilion

Back to the Lake: An 80s Celebration

7 PM – 10 PM

Celebrate the decade when restoration began, with an 80s-themed night of music, dancing, food and fun!

📍 S.S. Milwaukee Clipper



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ReWine Meeting Schedule

5:00pm social time - meeting starts at 5:15pm

Thursday August 6 at Bistro at the Shoreline Inn, 750 Terrace Point Blvd.

Thursday August 20 at Motu Wine Bar 1208 8th St.

RSVP by Wednesday at 5pm prior to each meeting by contacting Kaytie Drake at kaytieeely@aol.com

(Total # attending including guests)

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 26.

Volunteers will meet promptly at 7:30am for a short safety talk, then head out on the road to pick trash. (We will finish no later than 10am, 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, estherricco@hotmail.com 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!

RIM Newsletter Volunteers Needed

- * Reporting – Overview of meeting
- * Taking Pictures and writing captions
- * Rotation is once every 4 to 6 weeks
- * Bonus is - you get to work alongside a GREAT group of Rotarians

This week's Birthday Slide



Rotary Fundraiser

Dakidd Bar-B-Que & Catering is fundraising for the Rotary Club Of Muskegon



Rotary Club Of Muskegon

A portion of all proceeds will be donated to the Rotary Club Of Muskegon

Location
Pincrest Bar & Lanes
6571 Airline Rd, Fruitport, MI 49415

Time 5:30pm-8:30pm **Date** August 13, 2026



Muskegon Rising

Rotary in Action Life Leadership Mom Liz Smith



Liz Smith, mother of Life Leadership Conference participant Tristan Smith, shared a heartfelt testimony about the conference's impact on her son. She said the experience gave him "a sense of confidence that he hadn't yet experienced in a different setting," challenging him not only to excel but to "be a creator" rather than simply complete assigned tasks. Liz noted that the conference inspired him to bring that same spirit of leadership back to his peers and community. Reflecting on Rotary's influence, she said Muskegon Rotary is "intentional about not only demonstrating and creating opportunities for young people to lead but also helping them identify the characteristics within themselves that create the best part of themselves." She concluded, "That's what Rotary has done for my son."

Watch the full video [here](#)

Message From President Roger:

Our Club is looking forward to being RI Director Marty Peak Helman's first District 6290 stop on her Impact Tour!

Marty began her two-year tour of every RI District across Zones 28 and 32 on July 1. The Tour is spanning Alaska, all of Canada, the northeastern United States and Bermuda. She will be meeting with members, attending service projects and sharing Rotary's story of humanitarian impact firsthand.

While in Muskegon this coming Wednesday and Thursday, Marty will visit our Club's successful Microforest projects and Rotary Park. She'll also be our speaker at our noon lunch Thursday at the VanDyk Convention Center. The only other Club in our district she'll visit is Traverse City in early August.

Designed to strengthen connections, celebrate club achievements and elevate Rotary's visibility in local communities, this tour — aptly named the "Impact Tour: From Barrow to Bermuda" — embodies Rotary's spirit of service and fellowship. As she visits each district, events will highlight that our members are people of action who create a lasting impact on the world around them.

Learn more about Marty's impact tour: [here](#).

Rotary After Hours Event

Tour the Corner Muskegon's Newest Multi-Purpose Venue

Wednesday August 5, 2026 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Who: All Rotarians and their families - kids & grandkids encouraged to attend.

What: Join us as we tour one of the most unique venues in Muskegon. The Corner houses the following:

- The Stage at The Corner is the performance venue where live events happen.
- An Art Gallery
- Play Muskegon
- Little Miss Green Thumb
- Heal From Within
- Mi Little Cooks
- Actors Workshop of West Michigan
- Discover Dance

Want to learn more about these unique spaces — join at this family-oriented outing.

Where: The Corner - 280 W. Muskegon Ave — on the corner of 3rd Street and Muskegon Ave.

When: Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 5:30pm – 7:00pm.

What Do I Receive?

- Appetizers
- Adult beverages, water & soft drinks
- This will be a great opportunity for networking and socializing with fellow Rotarians in a relaxed setting
- Learn about the variety of experiences inside the venue.

How Much Does it Cost: FREE

How to sign up: Please sign up on Sign-up Genius.

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