

# 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, June 11, 2026

## June 18, 2026, Tacos at the Delta Program – Inbound Exchange Students

### What's Coming

June 18 – Inbound Exchange Students  
June 25 – President's Rotary Year in Review

### Upcoming Birthdays

June 19 Dom Bunker  
June 22 Annette Jack  
June 22 Peggy Scouten  
June 22 Joanie Smith  
June 24 Marj Jones



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### Stage Manager This Week

Joannie Smith

### Greeters This Week

Dimitri Poland  
Mary Boyd

### Reflector This Week

Susan Crain

### RIM Reporting this Edition

Photographer – Wyatt Huggett  
RIM Reporter – Kathy Moore  
RIM Editor – Jackie Farrar



President Dave Alexander opens the meeting

### Reflection



Susan Crain offers the reflection.

### Muskegon Rotary Board

Dave Alexander, President  
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Please email Club Board Members  
through this [link](#):

**\*\*Reminder - Meeting  
at the DELTA June 18<sup>th</sup>**

### 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

## Visitors and Guests



Ben Carson with guest Jessica Szuber



Kendrah Robinson with guest Taylor Pierce



Carla Flanders with guest Maci Shermeta



Emily Morgenstern with guest Ryan Little.



Jessie Wilde with guest Kala Paulsen



Jim Fisher with guests Tim Spoelman and Kristen Wade

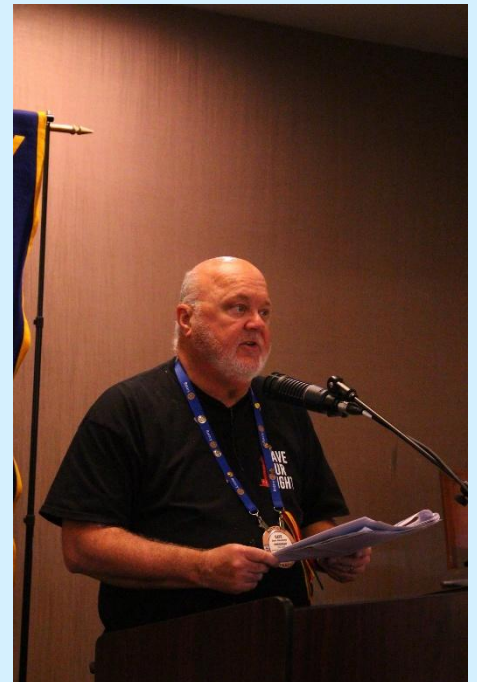


Kris VanderStelt with guest Amber Mae Petersen



Missy Horton with guest Jackie Hess

## Muskegon Minute



President Dave Alexander shares his Muskegon Minute, reviewing the Rotary Club's 2026–27 budget, including updates to dues, meal costs, and satellite club dues.

## Inductions



Lisa Tyler and Rotary inductee Beverly Thiel.

Bev has been Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity Kent County since 2019. She has dedicated her career to the not-for-profit sector and is an advocate for racial equity in affordable housing. Bev has extensive experience in operations, a strategic emphasis on administration, efficiencies and quality. She serves to provide a focus on pathways to affordable housing and sustainability to the organization.

Bev is excited to be expanding the work of Habitat into Muskegon. She looks forward to spending time building relationships, understanding the housing needs and collaborating with community to expand housing opportunities.

Bev lives in Cedar Springs with her husband Randy, has two grown children and two beautiful granddaughters.



Rotary inductee Kyle Carcamo with sponsor Greg Sischo

Kyle Carcamo. Born in Mexico City, Mexico, his family moved to Milwaukee, WI where he was raised alongside his extended family and Midwest culture. All of which prepared him for a move to Michigan after more than 2 decades, including recent move to the Muskegon area. He currently serves as Director of Operations at Pioneer Resources, where he leads a range of transportation services and community focus efforts.

With over a decade of experience in both nonprofit and for-profit environments, his professional journey has been marked by a commitment to excellence and radical hospitality. He earned his degree in Business Management and Leadership from WLC and has spent a majority of his career serving in roles that require trust and the gathering of people for a mission that is lasting and greater than self. His most previous role with SpringHill Experiences in Ewart MI saw him lead the operations of Guest Services, Accommodations, and the Medical departments.

What makes Kyle unique, however, is not simply what he does, but why he does it. He believes leadership is fundamentally about service. Whether mentoring young people, caring for guests during critical situations, supporting his staff's growth, or building partnerships within the community, Kyle is driven by a desire to help others succeed. His faith has shaped a deep conviction that people matter and that every interaction is an opportunity to serve with excellence, compassion, and integrity.

Outside of work, he serves as a Wilderness Guide, guiding youth programs, camps, and continues to invest his time focused on creating life impacting experiences. His passion for the outdoors, combined with a variety of training, reflects his commitment to serving in challenging environments.



Welcome new Rotarian Kyle Carcamo.

Outside of work and volunteer service, without a wife and kids, Kyle enjoys spending his personal time coaching soccer and traveling to support his favorite club, Real Madrid. As a member of the Rotary Club, his passion is to bring relationship building and service-driven initiatives that strengthen the community. Kyle's commitment aligns closely with the ideals of Rotary: service above self, leadership through action, and investing in the well-being of others. Please welcome him with us today.



President Dave Alexander inducts our newest members.



The newest Rotarians in the world and their sponsors!

### RIM Reporting Team

**Editors:** Susan Besteman, Jackie Farrar, and Ginny Sprague

**Reporters:** Kathy Moore, Roger Morgenstern, Meredith Smillie, Sue Samaniego, and Ginny Sprague

**Photographers:** Wyatt Huggett, Brock Johnson, Emily Morgenstern, and Roger Morgenstern

### New Potential Members

Jack Russell who is the President of Rolar Products. Jack is sponsored by Mike Vogas and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Jack will be inducted soon.

Tammy Tompkins, Executive VP of Family Financial CU. Tammy is sponsored by Andrew Zahrt and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Tammy will be inducted soon.

Please welcome back former member Debra Bechtel. Debra is employed with the Muskegon Lakeshore HS & Career Center.



Introducing the program, **President Dave Alexander** first explained that the passage of the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000 significantly changed the ownership and stewardship of many historic lighthouses across the United States.

The Act enabled the federal government to transfer (via sale or abandonment) most of the US lighthouses to qualified nonprofit organizations and local entities for preservation purposes. Dave stated that “local governments were given the first rights to obtain their community lighthouses” but the “City of Muskegon declined ownership” of both the Muskegon South Breakwater Light and the South Pierhead Light when the National Park Service made them available in 2008.

### This Week’s Program:

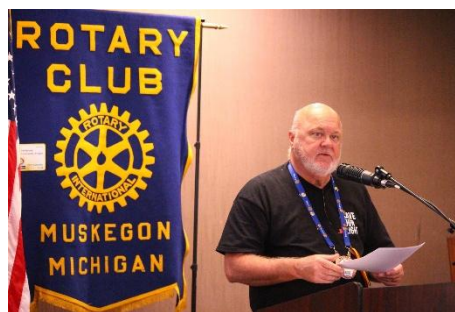


**Presenter: Kim Lange**

**Introduced by: President Dave Alexander**

**RIM Reporter: Kathy Moore**

The Michigan Lighthouse Conservancy successfully applied for and obtained both Muskegon lighthouses in 2010. Dave shared that, since 2015, a dedicated group of volunteer lighthouse keepers have contributed hundreds of hours to preserve these historic beacons, provide tours to visitors, and share the rich maritime history of our community. Then Dave introduced guest speaker Kim Lange, volunteer Muskegon Lights Operations Manager, and referenced her passion and storytelling skills to help others understand and appreciate the historical and economic value of the lights.



President Dave Alexander introduces today’s program.



Kim Lange shares the history of the Muskegon South Breakwater Lighthouse.

Kim Lange presented a short historical overview and a fascinating story of the lights which highlighted the importance of preserving and restoring the historic Muskegon South Breakwater Lighthouse. The lighthouse has served as an iconic symbol of Muskegon’s maritime heritage since 1931 and continues to be an important navigational aid and community landmark. Ms. Lange highlighted the significant structural deterioration caused by decades of exposure to Lake Michigan’s harsh weather conditions, including rust and corrosion that threaten the lighthouse’s long-term viability.



Program speaker Kim Lange is ready to go.

The Save Our Light campaign seeks to raise approximately \$1.6 million to complete restoration efforts and establish long-term maintenance funding. Restoration work is being led by the Michigan Lighthouse Conservancy with specialized contractors experienced in lighthouse preservation.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE MEMBER, MARC HOEKSEMA

Then we viewed an inspiring short video that featured commentary and messages of support from several fellow Rotarians, as well as others, whose dedication and advocacy underscore the community-wide commitment to preserving the treasured landmark for future generations. Jeff Shook, President Michigan Lighthouse Conservancy, exclaimed *“We gotta do this restoration, and we gotta do it now!”* Past Club President **Don Crandall** commented *“That lighthouse has been a symbol and a part of Muskegon for approaching 100 years. It’s important for the general community to support this effort so that we can maintain that symbol of who we are.”*



Next, **Dave Alexander** introduced **Denise Sabo**, a lifelong Muskegon resident and active volunteer who serves as Co-Chair of the Save Our Light capital campaign. Denise shared her reasons for getting involved and noted that she was recruited by her husband Terry Sabo, former member of the Michigan House of Representatives, to help co-chair the campaign.



**Denise Sabo** discusses the Save Our Light campaign and its public effort to restore Muskegon’s historic lighthouse.

We learned that the project extends beyond preserving a historic structure; it also supports tourism, economic development, education, and community identity. Any funds raised beyond restoration costs will be placed into an endowment to ensure future maintenance and accessibility improvements.

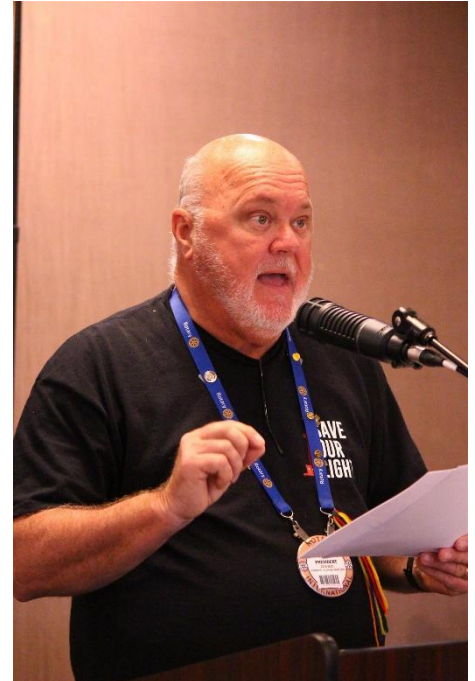


Program speakers **Denise Sabo** and Kim Lange

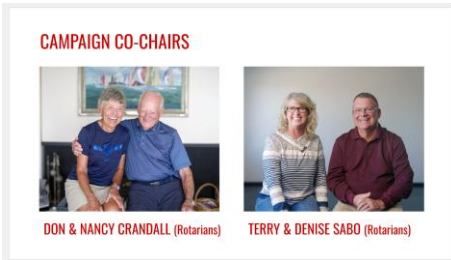


Kim Lange participates in Q&A.

## Announcements



**President Dave Alexander** shares a bevy of announcements: Rotary ReWine meets June 18 at The Vault; Parties in the Park generated more than \$9,300 for the Muskegon Rotary Foundation thanks to volunteers and Chair **Andrew Cutler**; and members are encouraged to volunteer for the community-wide American flag display honoring our nation's 250th anniversary.



*Grand Haven Rotary Foundation, Inc.*

### 2026 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT 2 DOOR RAFFLE



Proceeds go to Grand Haven High School Aquatic Center Enhancements

Drawing to be held at  
Central Park Place, 421 Columbus Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417  
**July 6, 2026 @ 12:30 PM**

**TICKET PRICE: \$100**

Contact any Grand Haven Rotarian to purchase tickets or to purchase online, please visit [grandhavenrotary.org/product/jeep-wrangler-raffle](http://grandhavenrotary.org/product/jeep-wrangler-raffle)

If 400 tickets are not sold the drawing will revert to a 50/50

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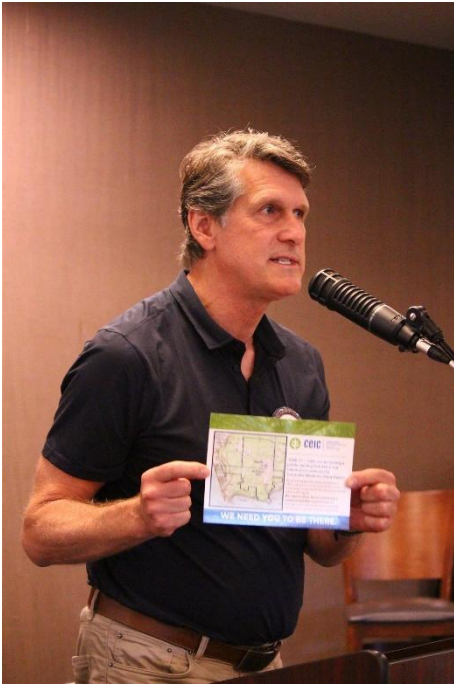
In closing, President Dave Alexander recognized and honored members of the Campaign Steering Committee: Co-Chairs **Don and Nancy Crandall**, Co-Chairs Terry and **Denise Sabo**, Marc Hoeksema, **Roger Morgenstern**, **Dave Alexander**, **Don Kalisz**, Ron Matthews, and **Bob Lukens**. And pointed out that 7 of the 10 listed are Muskegon Rotarians, noting that “we do get involved and support our community.”

Additional information about the campaign is available at [SaveOurLight.org](http://SaveOurLight.org)

To see the full video presentation [CLICK HERE](#)

## ReWine Meeting Schedule

\* Thursday June 18 at the Vault  
RSVP by Wednesday at 5:00 pm for the meeting on Thursday. Contact Kaytie Drake at [kaytieely@aol.com](mailto:kaytieely@aol.com) to RSVP. (Total # attending including guests)



**Scott Roodvoets**, representing the Sustainability Committee, encourages members to attend an upcoming meeting at Nelley B. Chisholm Middle School and participate in efforts to address environmental concerns related to the former DuPont site.

**If you see Dimitri  
be sure to  
Congratulate him  
– He got married!**



Celebrating Flag Day with 48 flags out from Southern to Sherman



**Tennille Woodward**, representing Kids' Food Basket, invites Rotarians to volunteer at the organization's next event on July 7th at 10:00 a.m.



**Muskegon Rising**



**Greg Borgman**, speaking on behalf of the Caring Connections Committee, encourages members to keep the committee informed about significant life events and happenings within the Rotary family.

**Social Committee Event -  
Evening Cruise on the  
AquaStar**



Able to take up to 140 participants.  
More Information coming your way!



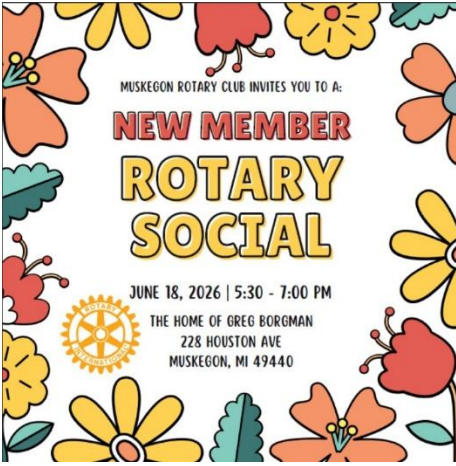
**Missy Horton** invites members to the next New Member Rotary Social, hosted at the home of **Greg Borgman**



**Andrew Cutler** shares the success of Rotary's Parties in the Park, which once again proved to be a great fundraiser for the club.



**Tim Lipan** and Homer.



**Muskegon After Hours Event  
 Clippers Baseball Carload Party**



Homer showing off for the crowd!

**ReWine  
 Members & Rotarians**

RSVPs for this week's meeting are due no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, June 18, 2026.

Since the group is meeting at a restaurant (BoDock's) this week, it is imperative you send your RSVP to guarantee there will be a spot for you at the meeting.



**Tim Lipan** promotes the Clipper Carload Game and welcomes Homer, the Muskegon Clippers mascot, to help spread the word

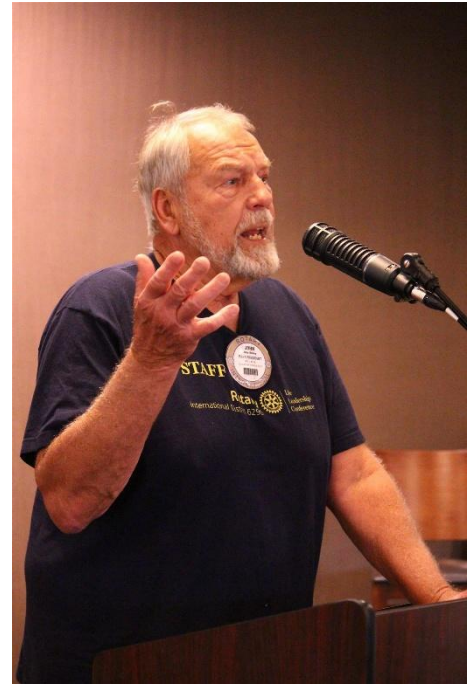
**77 Rotarians and their families show up at the Clipper Carload Party on Sunday!**



**Kat Hyder** throwing out the ceremonial first pitch on behalf of Rotary



**Jessie Wilde**, her daughter and Homer, the Clipper mascot.



**John Noling**, speaking for the Life Leadership and Interact Committee, shares that the committee has raised \$15,000 to help students attend the Life Leadership Conference. He also highlights fundraising efforts for a student in need and encourages Rotarians to bring in their pop cans to support the cause.



**Jessie Wilde and Don Kalisz**



**Susan Crain** announces a World Community Service Committee Strategic Planning Day on July 10th.

## Rotarians participating in the Pride Parade



Muskegon Rotary Club was well represented at the **Rotary International District 6290 Leadership Recognition, Celebration & Installation**, held June 6 at Crystal Mountain Resort & Spa.



We celebrated the busy and successful year of **District Governor Mark Andresky**. Mark, from the Charlevoix Club, was very engaged with Muskegon Rotarians during his term (which officially ends June 30). In addition to attending a lunch meeting with us March 12, Mark was at the March 27 Literacy Summit we organized along with the Grand Haven and Spring Lake Clubs and helped lead our Club Strategic Visioning session held May 2. (More information soon with those strategic outcomes as a great committee led by **Brandon Turnbull** is hard at work!)



We also heard from one of our own, Muskegon Past President and **Immediate Past District Governor Brianna Scott**. Brianna, who worked tirelessly on the District's Strategic Plan during her 2024-25 term, will now serve as the District's new Membership Committee Chair.



**Tennille Woodward** is next to **Brianna** and the gentleman on the other side of **Brianna** is Dan Fleetwood. He is a member of the Grand Rapids club.



Our new **District Governor Julie Schumaker** was installed and looks forward to a busy year to create at least two new clubs in the district and to work on joint district projects and gatherings. Julie, from the Frankfort Club, also attended our Strategic Visioning session.

Also recognized at the event were Muskegon Rotarians **Tennille Woodward, Ginny Sprague** and **Roger Morgenstern**, all who take on new roles July 1. Tennille will become District Treasurer and Ginny, a Past President of our Club, will be an Assistant Governor for the Muskegon River Region, which includes our Club as well as Allendale, Coopersville, Holland and Spring Lake. Roger is becoming Muskegon Club President July 1.

## Adopt-A-Highway Program Looking for Volunteers

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



Our next pickup for the Muskegon Rotary stretch of highway on I-96 will be on Saturday, July 11.

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](mailto: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!

## A request for volunteers from President Elect Roger Morgenstern

As I have shared at our Club meetings, as your incoming President I would want my first order of business to put about **200 American Flags** along Seaway Drive from Southern Avenue south and east to Green Street down by Mona Lake. Many of our more seasoned Rotarians will remember when a collection of service groups, including Rotary, did this several times a year. As service club participation decreased, so did the number of flags.

We need volunteers to bring a SUV, pickup truck or minivan where flags can be loaded in the back. We also need folks who will put the flags in the concrete bases along Seaway Drive and others who will pick up litter to make the median look great! Remember many hands make light work.

**We'll have two shifts, morning, beginning at 7 a.m. and the evening beginning at 7 p.m. Please meet behind the Frontier Mart, 631 W. Southern (at Seaway Drive). We have the flags stored in a semi truck cab right behind the building.**

Here's what we need.

--5 Drivers with SUVs, minivans or pickup trucks (two shifts, morning and evening).

--5 people to help install flags. They will ride in the vehicles (two shifts, morning and evening).

--5 people to pick up litter. We will provide buckets and pick up "tweezers." They will be dropped off and picked up by the vehicles. (two shifts, morning and evening).

Click the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44AFAA2CABFFC16-64461730-4thofjuly>

## Rotary in Action Andy Buelow



**Andy Buelow** is the President/CEO at West Michigan Symphony and a member of the Muskegon Rotary Club since 2018. For the past 25 years, Andy has been an executive director or chief executive officer (CEO) of different orchestras.

Dedicated to building strong community connections, Andy stated that his desire to bring people together and break down barriers and silos really drives his work in the club. He said that one of the things he particularly values about the club is the wide variety of opportunities for involvement.

Andy chairs the DEI committee and also participated in the Peace Builders activity. *"Rotary brings people together, otherwise we tend to just get stuck in our little bubbles. But you can't stay in a bubble if you are a member of Muskegon Rotary."*

[Click here](#) to listen to the entire interview