

The RIM Newsletter

Rotary

InMotion



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 19, 2025

Next Meeting (June 26, 2025, 12-1:30pm) — Italian Sandwiches at the Lake House
Program Topic – President Tim Arter, The Year in Review

What's Coming

June 26 – President Tim Arter, The Year in Review

July 3 – Passing the Gavel to the new President

Upcoming Birthdays

July 1 Susan Besteman

Caring Connections Fund



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Greeters This Week

Dimitri Poland
Cynthia Maynard

Reflector This Week

Darlene Collet

RIM Reporting this Edition

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*****No ReWine meeting on July 3rd due to the holiday**

Rotary ReWine

ReWine meetings are every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month

5:00-5:15pm Social time

5:15pm Meeting start time

At Core Plaza (Vault)

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

Reflection



Darlene Collet provides us with a reflection

Visitors & Guests



Amy White and guest Ingrid Olson



Melissa Horton and guest Jessi Brewer



Rob Taylor and guest Mike Steindler



Jason Piasecki and guests Donna Piasecki (mom), Annie Moss, and Barb Werner

6/19/2025 Muskegon Rotary
YouTube Video Link: [Click here](#)



Rich Houtteman and guests **Tamica Sain**, **Trevor Freideberg**, and **Katie Mason**



Greg Borgman and guest **Philip Mayberry**



Jackie Farrar and guest **Lori Stevens**



Kat Hyder and guest **Karen Kekelik**

New Member



Mehean Quinn and sponsor **Rob Taylor**

Mehean Jones-Quinn, known on air as **DJ Q89**, is a thriving community leader based in Muskegon, Michigan. He serves as the contracted Program Director for several radio stations founded by Paul PA Billings 103.7 The Beat, M106.1, 98.5 The Wire and assist in Benton Harbors Power 105.3FM, where he is engaging programming and hosts the popular evening show, "Be In The Mix" Monday through Friday from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

Beyond his broadcasting role, Mehean is deeply committed to community service. He is a member of the Board of Directors for Family Financial Credit Union, an institution that has served the Muskegon area since 1959. Additionally, he chairs the Board of Directors for the Lakeshore Legacy Project, on the Committee for Muskegon Heights Health Awareness Week Festival in The Park, and owns DJ Q89 Production, showcasing his entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to local development.

Through his multifaceted work in media, finance, and community engagement, Mehean continues in the best of his abilities to inspire and uplift the Muskegon & West Michigan area.

Muskegon Rotary Board

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This Week's Program: Summer Fun: Festivals of Muskegon County

Presenters:

Alicia Kantola, Muskegon
County Fair Association

Chase Klairter, Arts and
Drafts Festival

Jason Piasecki,
Muskegon Polish Festival

Reporter:

Ginny Sprague

Introduced by:

Melissa Horton



Melissa Horton, introduces our program speakers



Speakers Chase Klairter, Alicia Kantola, and Jason Piasecki

Missy Horton opened her introductory remarks by asking her fellow Muskegon Rotarians if we are aware that there are forty-seven festivals planned for summer 2025, and followed with another question, “Why do we enjoy our summer festivals so much?” She responded with a succinct two-word answer, “Food and beer.” Our three presenters followed with details about the festivals each represents and ways to enjoy summer fun along the lakeshore.

Our first presenter, Chase Klairter, works for the City of Norton Shores Parks and Recreation Department, who put on the Arts and Drafts

Festival. While Norton Shores lacks a dedicated downtown, the city uses the community gathering at the 12th Annual Arts and Drafts Festival to celebrate the city of Norton Shores. This year’s festival is set for Saturday, August 16 at Ross Park.

The day’s activities begin at 8:00 a.m. with the Arts and Dash, a 5K race organized by City Commissioner and Muskegon Rotarian, Jamie Sowa. The craft show, celebrating its 48th year, follows at 10:00 a.m. and runs until 5:00 p.m. The show has grown from seventy-five vendors to 125 and counting for 2025. The Arts and Wheels car show begins at 11:00 a.m. and runs until 3:00 p.m. when fellow Muskegon Rotarian, Mayor Gary Nelund will present a trophy to the car show winner.

As noted by Missy, the festival includes a Beer Tent featuring live music from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The bands are 10 Years Late, West Side Soul Surfers, and Yard Sale Underwear. In addition, there is a kids activity area including a bounce house, and a water-skiing show presented by Grand City Show Skiers on Mona Lake. Complete details can be found at the Arts and Drafts website, <https://nortonshoresparksandrecreation.com/events/arts-drafts/>.

Alicia Kantola, our second speaker, is the President of the Muskegon County Fair Board, the volunteer organization that owns and presents the Muskegon County Fair. The Muskegon County Fair boasts a 97-year history of showcasing agriculture in Muskegon County. The 2025 fair will run from Saturday, July 19 through Saturday, July 26, at the Muskegon County Fairgrounds on

6621 Heights Ravenna Road, Fruitport. This large venue hosts 160 campsites ranging from primitive to full amenities. The Fair includes a plethora of events, competitions, livestock shows, a horse show, and more contests than you can imagine. Some highlighted events include a large Craft Fair to kick off the Fair on Saturday, July 19, a Livestock Auction on July 24, and a Pancake Breakfast on July 26. Go to the Muskegon County Fair Facebook page or their website for more details, <https://www.muskegoncountyfair.com/>

Ms. Kantola noted that Sportsmen for Youth and the Boy Scouts help with many of the Fair Board’s events and at fairgrounds events, too. She closed her remarks by encouraging Muskegon Rotarians to visit the Muskegon County Fairgrounds website to learn about other events happening during the summer and fall.

<https://www.muskegonfairgrounds.com>.

Batting third, Jason Piasecki began by polling our Club members to learn how many members are of Polish heritage. like Polish food, Polish beer, and would like to be a sponsor for a fun-filled community event. The newest festival, Polish Fest is celebrating its 10th anniversary on Labor Day Weekend, August 29-30, from 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Hackley Park. While Len Piasecki and Tom Sanocki founded the festival, Jason acknowledged a Muskegon Rotary connection through Tim Lipan, who shared his event planning expertise with Jason and his dad. Jason’s mom, Donna, who is the current President of the organization,

shares the family enthusiasm for this community event.

While ten percent of the Muskegon County population has Polish roots, everyone is welcome to enjoy this community event celebrating Polish heritage. There will be live music including a Polka band and dance floor. Wonderland Distilling will be serving Bloody Mary's to kick off the festivities along with both Polish and American food and beverages; Hamburger Mikey will even be offering a Polish hamburger. There will be a tent for the military along with a Polish Heritage tent presented in collaboration with the University of Michigan. To honor our military and first responders, these two groups will have free admission on Friday, August 29. Check out all of the Polish Festival offerings at its website, <https://www.muskegonpolishfest.com/>



Guest speakers Chase, Alicia, and Jason answering questions

RIM Reporting Team

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Opportunity This Saturday – Flag Day

Timeframe around one hour

This is an Unforgettable Experience
Please consider helping with putting
flags up and /or taking them down



- * Memorial Day
- * Flag Day
- * July 4th
- * Labor Day
- * Veterans Day

Details

Morning crew usually meets at/behind Frontier Mart at the corner of Seaway and Southern at 7am and put roughly 35 large flags in marked receivers in the center of the Seaway median from Southern to Hackley.

The evening crew is at 6pm, and depending on who volunteers, they either pick up volunteers at Frontier Mart and then start picking up flags in reverse order from the morning crew - drive to Hackley Rd and work their way back to Frontier Mart, or they just head to Hackley Rd at 6pm and get started.

It helps to have an SUV or pickup truck for one of the drivers, so that we have a place to store the flags as we move along Seaway.

For more information, please email

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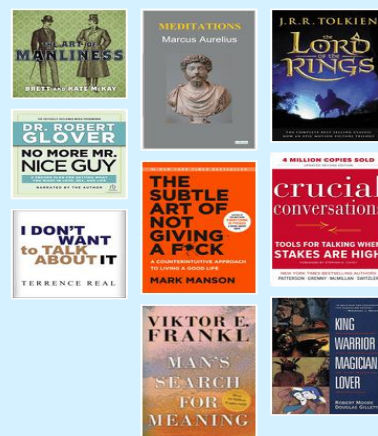
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President Tim Arter gives thanks to Dave Alexander, Jane Clingman-Scott, Roger Morgenstern, and Kristi Nagengast (on-line) for the continuous day to day communication

June is Mens Health Month

To see a full list of recommended reads [Click here](#)



Question

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the large Love Lives Here Rotary banner that is pictured below/attached?



New Dues Structure for the New Rotary Year

On behalf of the Muskegon Rotary Board of Directors, President Tim and President Elect Dave are sharing the following information on member dues:

* The 2025-26 Muskegon Rotary Club budget has an approximately 2 percent increase in quarterly membership dues.

* Starting July 1, 2025, the quarterly dues for regular members will be \$187 (\$184 dues and \$3 Paul Harris contribution).

* For ReWine Satellite Club members the quarterly dues will be \$101 (\$98 dues and \$3 Paul Harris contribution).

* At this time, the method of dues payments will remain the same. The modest dues increase reflects the reality of inflation while trying to keep club membership as affordable as possible.

* Members who elected to pay dues by ACH debit to their bank account this past year will continue to have their dues debited to their bank account quarterly.

* For any members who pay by credit card and want to avoid credit card processing fees, you can sign up for ACH payments by contacting Treasurer Kristi Nagengast (kristikn@gmail.com).



District Governor Brianna Scott acknowledged many members and thanked them for all they do for Rotary. She also appreciated all the support, encouragement, and love she received during her term as District Governor.

New Member Coffee Connect



Kat Hyder, Martha Fohlbrook and Kayla Kolbe enjoy coffee and conversation at coffee connect

Muskegon Rising Podcast S2E24: Ken Efting – Muskegon County Airport



Big things are happening at Muskegon County Airport.

In this episode of Muskegon Rising, Ken Efting shares how the airport is transforming with a \$22 million upgrade, expanding flight options, and playing a major role in driving \$58 million in economic impact for our region.

From terminal renovations and improved passenger amenities to a growing private aviation community and plans for a new restaurant, this episode highlights why flying local makes more sense than ever.

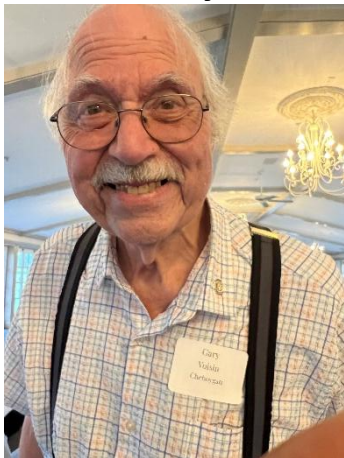
If you haven't been to the airport lately, you're in for a surprise.

Listen at:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/episodes/17352238-ken-efting-muskegon-county-airport>

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Pictures of Cheboygan and Petosky Rotarians



In my travels with Brianna we met Gary Voisin, a very interesting, wonderful young man (age 87) who is the longest continuous Cheboygan Rotary Club member, with 62 years of service! Gary and his daughter Elaine Keiser, a Petosky Club member, were in Charlevoix this past Monday at the Installation of our new District Governor, Mark Andresky.



Elaine said her dad insisted on being there to show his support for Brianna as she passed the torch to Mark. They had just visited Muskegon and were thrilled about all the changes and growth downtown. They showed me a picture of the two of them standing in front of the metal portal ring sculpture across from the Shoreline Inn where they stayed.



DEI Corner

According to a White House proclamation, Juneteenth is a federal holiday commemorating one of the most important moments in American history: the end of the Civil War and the emancipation of Black Americans.

MADL top recommended reads



[Click here](#) to see the full list

Muskegon Rotarians at RI Convention in Calgary!



Greetings from Calgary! **RIM** staffer **Roger Morgenstern** will provide a convention summary in a future **RIM** but for now, here's your four Muskegon Rotarians just after the Sunday June 22 Opening Ceremony: **President Elect Dave Alexander**, **Asaline Scott**, her daughter **District 6290 Governor Brianna Scott** and **President Nominee Roger Morgenstern**. They are among more than 15,000 Rotarians from 140 countries attending the convention. **DG Brianna** reports more than 30 Rotarians from our district are attending. We promise to bring back new ideas for all of our clubs!

Rotary In Action

Karla Buchan



Karla Buchan is a veteran Interact Advisor at the Reeths-Puffer High School Interact Club.

She coordinates and inspires projects to give students a chance to experience the joy of participating in their community by offering service and kindness.

Thank you for what you do, Karla.

To watch her video, click [here](#).

Greeters are Needed for the next Rotary year!

This is an easy and great way to meet your fellow Rotarians. We ask for a one-month commitment to greet our members and guests, check them off, scan badges, and ask guests to fill out cards for our information.

* We usually have two people at each meeting.

* We currently need people for these months: July, August, September, November, March, April, and May.

Again, we ask that you commit to a month, as much as possible. Once the schedule is set Lisa will send out instructions; Kim Boersema usually helps find new members to assist the main greeter for the month.

Any questions, please reach out to Lisa Tyler!



Here are some thoughtful and inspiring comments from three of them:

Cole Terhaar, Orchard View HS Interact Club



(Cole is pictured with legendary conference speaker Howard Oesterling)

Truth be told when I first got there I just wanted to go home, but I grew to like it, and by the very end I did not want to leave! I learned so many great things that I can apply to my life, for the rest of my life!

This experience brought me out of my comfort zone, taught me many lessons, and introduced me to so many great people who I can now call friends.

The conference has so far been the best and most life changing experience that I have ever had and I am very grateful to all the people who made that possible, including you, so thank you for allowing me to experience such a life changing opportunity!

District Governor Induction



BUILDING FUTURE LEADERS TODAY

Muskegon Rotary sponsored 33 area students for the District 6290 Life Leadership Program held at Ferris State University June 11-14.

Skyler Villegas, Ravenna HS, Youth Exchange Outbound to Brazil



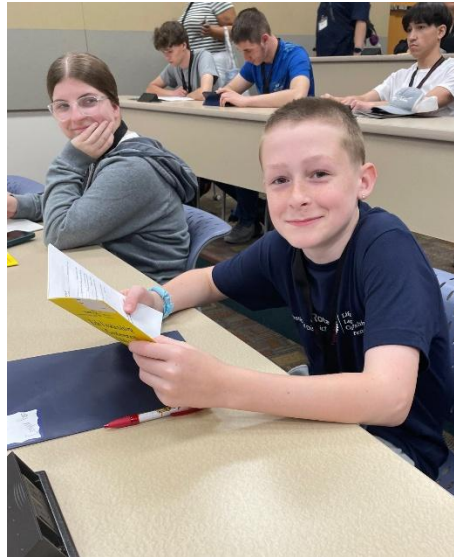
At the conference, I learned about the power of paradigm shifts and the importance of choosing a positive attitude.

I am inspired to be more of a positive influence on those around me. This will be helpful during my upcoming youth exchange in Brazil.

Another thing I learned more about is Service Above Self. This is a great value I will continue to use here at home and also in Brazil.

It is important to be part of something bigger than one's self. I will continue to do so for the rest of my life and encourage others to do the same.

Cooper Ross, Reeths Puffer HS Interact Club



I am going to use many things that I learned at the LLC now and in the future.

This conference taught me valuable lessons I'll carry forward, especially the importance of stepping out of my comfort zone to build new friendships.

I am also going to be a better volunteer in my interact club because the conference taught me many new ways to help others.

Overall, I am going to be a better person because of this conference and all of those that spread their messages, teaching me how to become a better leader not only for others, but for myself as well.



Thanks to all
who assisted
with the
Planning
and
Preperations
for the
Conference!