

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

June 26, 2025

Next Meeting (July 3, 2025, 12-1:30pm) — Tacos & Cake at the Lake House
Program Topic – Passing of the Gavel to the new President

What's Coming

July 3 – Passing the Gavel to the new President

Upcoming Birthdays

July 3	Michael Apostle
July 4	Sue Samaniego
July 6	Bob Irwin
July 6	Mary Beth Ramos
July 7	Andy Buelow
July 8	Mary Boyd

Caring Connections Fund



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

Greeters This Week

Jane Clingman-Scott
Cynthia Maynard

Reflector This Week

Emily Morgenstern

RIM Reporting this Edition

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President Tim Arter opens the meeting

Reflection



Emily Morgenstern provides us with a reflection

Muskegon Rotary Board

Tim Arter, President
Dave Alexander, President-Elect
Roger Morgenstern, President Nominee
Ginny Sprague, Past President
Kristi Nagengast, Treasurer
Jane Clingman-Scott, Secretary
Kim Boersema, Club Coordinator

Directors:

Aaron Maike	Tom Palmer
Brandon Turnbull	Esther Ricco
Marty Sytsema	Lisa Tyler

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



Visitors & Guests



Mary Anne Gorman and guest Peggy Scouten



Michele Lipka and guest Marianne Bockheim-Verhil



Tom Palmer and guest Nic Stump



Jessica Kauffman and guest Katie Faber

This Week's Program: President Tim Arter, The Year in Review

Presenter: **President Tim Arter**



President Tim Arter provides the status of his goals as president over his term

Reflecting on his past year as president, President **Tim Arter** stated, "It has been a wonderful experience far exceeding my expectations." With many meetings and events, he was pleased to get to know many members better and grateful for all those who said "yes" to help achieve his one area of focus and additional seven goals this year. As an optimistic group with "Service Above Self" not viewed as just a motto, but as the framework for fairness, kindness, judgement, and respect, President Tim's year was met with great teamwork which led to OUR success.

At his induction last year, President Tim gave his one area of focus, our youth, and seven additional goals. With the focus on our youth to continue to strengthen our high school Interact Clubs, support the new Mona Shores Middle School Interact Club, bolster the restart of the Rotaract Clubs at Baker College and MCC, and continue the great leap in Muskegon area high schools attending Life Leadership. Three of our members did a great job serving as mentors and resources and after talking with the advisors, mentors, and some students, our high school Interact Clubs are stronger, more interactive, and have good plans for the next school year. Mona Shores maintained their 22 members throughout the year with many successful service projects, fundraisers, and grants to two charities and are also looking forward to gaining more members with their two Early Act clubs from Lincoln Park and Campbell Elementary. An application was even submitted for its certification as a Rotary International Club. Baker College Rotaract membership increased substantially and received the Distinguished Service Award from United Way with their several service projects, fundraisers, and grants to charities. MCC began re-establishing their club and developed a plan for new members. Life Leadership 2025 increased to a record of 33 students attending (24 in 2024) which represented about 25% of the total in attendance.

The seven additional goals also achieved this year with President Tim's lead and our teamwork were: develop the Rotarians in Action videos, increase member time networking, establish a new fundraiser to seek additional funds to help offset the loss of Seaway Run proceeds (Sustaining Partners), Muskegon Rotary Foundation (clearly distinguish our two legal entities), establishment of Executive Council, support our District Governor **Brianna Scott**, and the ReWine satellite club certification. In addition, we were able to add two director positions, amend our Bylaws, and obtain a new Record Retention Instruction Policy and systematic storage.

Without listing everyone, there were many people that he values and recognizes. He wishes to express his deepest appreciation for the trust placed in him and the support given to him and our club's leadership. Thank you for a fantastic and successful year, President **Tim Arter!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****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

Volunteer Opportunity

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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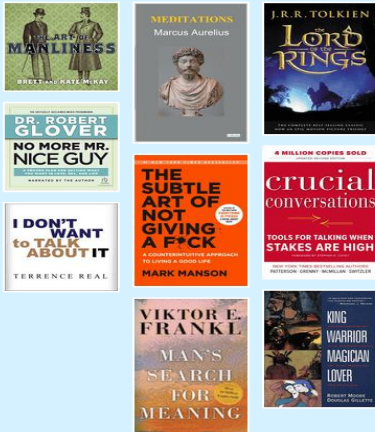
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June is Mens Health Month
To see a full list of recommended
reads [Click here](#)



Tim Lipman takes a seat after sharing he has no announcements this week

RIM Reporting Team

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Vogas, & Doug Wood

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).

Rotary In Action Mike Vogas



We spotlight the creative force
behind the Rotarians in Action video
series.

Mike Vogas reflects on his journey of
using video storytelling to highlight
the impactful work of Muskegon
Rotary members. With over five years
of dedication, Mike shares how
capturing these two-minute glimpses
into community service reveals the
often-unseen value behind every
Rotarian's contribution. From joining
Rotary after the 2016 election to
refining its visual presentation, Mike's
mission has been clear—helping
others shine while they serve.

Watch to learn how his passion for
storytelling continues to uplift an
organization devoted to doing good.

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



Mike Vogas gets a standing ovation after his RIA video is played for members

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



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Muskegon Rising Podcast S2E25: Mike Olthoff



Mike Olthoff has spent his life building more than just a business. From growing Nichols into a regional leader to launching the Muskegon Angels and supporting the arts, Mike has made purpose and people the center of his journey.

In the latest episode of the Muskegon Rising Podcast, Mike talks about risk, legacy, and what it means to invest in the place you call home. It's a conversation about leadership, generosity, and doing the work that matters.

Listen now and be inspired by one of Muskegon's most impactful voices.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/episodes/17398282-mike-olthoff>

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Lisa Tyler asks members to volunteer to help with greeting members and guests at meetings

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!



Susan Besteman is ready to celebrate her Birthday with money in hand for the Caring Connections Fund

