

The RIM Newsletter

Rotary InMotion



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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

May 29, 2025

Next Meeting (June 5, 2025, 12-1:30pm) — Italian Meatloaf at the Lake House
Program Topic – Fresh Coast Alliance

What's Coming

June 5 – Fresh Coast Alliance

June 12 – Panel representing our
LGBTQ Community

June 19 – Summer Festivals

June 26 – Tim Arter The Year in Review

July 3 – Passing the Gavel to the new
President

Upcoming Birthdays

June 8 Irma Carney

Caring Connections Fund



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

Greeters This Week

Dave Alexander
Martha Fohlbrook

Reflector This Week

Tom Palmer

RIM Reporting this Edition

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5/29/2025 Muskegon Rotary
YouTube Video Link: [Click here](#)



President Tim Arter opens the meeting.

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Reflection



Tom Palmer offers the reflection.

Visitors & Guests



Ammy Seymour introduces her guests Kelly Ross and Amber Wallace.



Jason Paisecki's guests: **Amber Vlietstra**, **Cindy Huston**, and **Danielle Webb**.



Lisa Kraus introduces her guest **Kathleen Ayers**.



Michelle Gravlin and guest **Patty Breen**



Cece Riley and guest **Quinn Fowler**.



Kristi Pawlak introduces a family trio of Rotary Youth Exchange participants: **Trine**, **Liva**, and **Cornelius Redhead**!



Trine, **Cornelius**, and **Liva Redhead** – all participants in the **Rotary Youth Exchange** program!

This Week's Program: Celebrating Harbor Hospice & Poppen Residence

Presenters:

Ammy Seymour and **Susan Houseman**

Introduced by:

Roger Morgenstern



Roger Morgenstern introduces our program speakers from **Harbor Hospice**.

Roger Morgenstern introduced our program today. Roger is Chairmen of the Board at Harbor Hospice. Ammy Seymour is the director of development and communications at Harbor Hospice. Susan Houseman serves as president and CEO of Harbor House and Harbor Palliative Care.



Susan Houseman from **Harbor Hospice** talks about the multitude of services they offer.

Susan and Ammy are both Rotarians. Today, they shared the impact that Harbor House provides for children and families impacted by serious health issues. Susan noted that they are divided into four sections: Harbor Palliative Care, The Leila and Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence, Harbor Hospice, and the Bob and Merle Scolnik Healing Center.

At the Healing Center, professionals assist individuals with grief counseling and provide support groups. These services are free of charge. The Healing Center meets individuals where they are and walk alongside them during their grief journey.

Children and adults are welcome at the Healing Center. Camp Courage is at Pioneer Trails and helps children honor the ones they lost; children share their feelings with other campers and skilled counselors. This three-day healing experience allows children to truly work through their grief and ask the challenging and why questions. Camp Courage sponsors approximately 45 youth each year, costs only an application fee of \$10 (can be waived as needed) and helps youth establish connections to others who have also experienced grief and loss.



Ammy Seymour of Harbor Hospice shares about resident care and their upcoming campaign.

The Poppen House allows individuals to reside in their home for up to six months while receiving holistic services for their physical, psychosocial and spiritual needs in a home like setting versus dying in a hospital. Harbor Hospice is celebrating the 20-year anniversary of the Poppen Hospice Residence. Many hospice patients move to Poppen

when their care becomes too complex for family to continue to care for them at home. The Poppen House is the only residence (14 rooms) along the lakeshore. It is supported by contributions and donors. Poppen House provides quality and highly skilled care for residents.

Community support has been the cornerstone for Harbor Hospice. It was built by the community for the community. On June 26 and 27, 2025 the Harbor Hospice Poppen House will be providing tours and cordially invite us to take a tour of the home and to learn more about the Poppen Campaign. The Poppen Campaign needs to raise \$1,000,000 for infrastructure upgrades to the Poppen House, including a new roof, hot water tank, commercial kitchen upgrades and new hospital beds.

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Trine, Cornelius, and Liva Redhead talk about their generational experience in the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

Muskegon Rising Podcast S2E21: Nancy Westgate - Wesco



On the latest edition of the Muskegon Rising podcast, Nancy Westgate, COO of Wesco, shares the story behind one of West Michigan's most recognizable brands. From a single store in North Muskegon to 56 locations across the state, Wesco has grown without losing its family-first mindset.

We talk about what it takes to lead a people-centered company, invest in local communities, and stay competitive in a changing retail landscape.

Listen to the full episode here:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/episodes/17236543-nancy-westgate-wesco>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Kevin Donovan talks about the Muskegon Clipper Carload Party at Marsh Field on June 10th at 5:30 PM.

Rotary In Action Don Crandall



Retired surgeon Don Crandall has devoted years to Rotary International service as a volunteer in projects offering clean water to those mired in disease. He and his wife, Nancy, have traveled to Central America numerous times to install water filters and manage the development of a water service network that is inspiring. Students and other initiatives now follow in their footsteps and experience the value of contribution to others. You are invited too.

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



Susan Crane discusses **Muskegon Rotary Club's DEI Committee** participation in a **Pride March** on **June 7th**.

RIM Reporting Team

Co-Editors: Susan Besteman & Jackie Farrar

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John Noling thanks **Muskegon Rotary Club** for supporting the **Life Leadership Youth Conference**, noting that we are sending **30 young men and women** this year! Also volunteers are also needed for **Microforest weeding on Mondays!**

Microforest Mondays

8:30 -10:30

Forest is growing well!

Fun weeding!

Refreshments

Even an hour if you can spare

Marquette Ave at US 31

See John or Doug Wood for more info

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

On June 5, 2025, ReWine is having a "field trip" to the Fab Lab and we would like to open the invitation to

anyone that may wish to join us for the tour.

In lieu of the regularly scheduled ReWine meeting on June 5, 2025, ReWine is hitting the road, and will be taking a tour of MCC's Fab Lab (thank you for organizing this tour, Carim!) Please plan to arrive at the Fab Lab (388 W. Clay Avenue) at 5:15 pm. We will meet at the left door facing Hackley Park.

If you wish to join us for this tour, please RSVP to Kaytie Drake kaytieely@aol.com, or text your name and RSVP information to (231) 729-9168) no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, June 4, 2025. There is no cost to attend. The tour will last one hour.

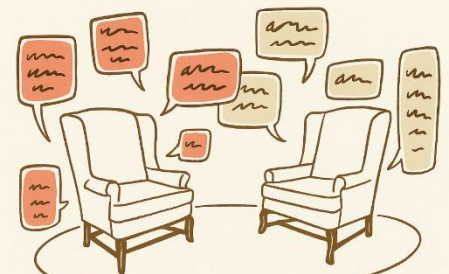
DEI Corner

May is Mental Health Month:
For more information Click [here](#)

Upcoming Community Conversations

Beyond Polarization Making Conversations Possible

community conversation series



Join us in person for free workshops with Braver Angels, designed to help you navigate differences, build understanding, and connect over meaningful conversation (and food).

Depolarizing Ourselves
May 29 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
White Lake Community Library

Skills for Disagreeing Better
June 3 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Hackley Public Library

Families and Politics
June 4 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
MADL Norton Shores Branch

For more information and to register visit www.orgcommunity-conversations



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Memorial Day 2025

Rotary honors the men and women who have given their lives in service to our nation.

The weather was perfect on Memorial Day as Sue and John Noling, Tobias Melton, Carim and Sally Calkins and Aaliyah Jordan put out and later took in 35 flags between Southern and Hackley Avenues.

A large amount of litter and debris was cleaned up as well along Seaway Drive.



Next Flag Day is on June 14th. Please contact Carim Calkins if you would like to join the Rotary Flags Team.