

# 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 November 13, 2025

**Next Meeting (November 20, 2025, 12-1:30pm) — Italian Meatloaf at the Delta**  
**Program Topic – ICCF Community Homes**

## What's Coming

- Nov 20 – ICCF Community Homes
- Nov 27—No Meeting  
(Happy Thanksgiving)
- Dec 4 – AWRI (Robert B. Annis Water Resources Institute)

## Upcoming Birthdays

- Nov 20 **John Rupert**
- Nov 22 **Karen Kayes**
- Nov 23 **Robert Mathis**
- Nov 25 **Emma Peterson**
- Nov 26 **Craig Person**

## Caring Connections Fund



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

## Greeters This Week

Cynthia Maynard & Ivan Ivanoff

## Stage Manager This Week

Tiffany Dupont-Novak

## Reflector This Week

Andy Beulow



## RIM

## Reporting this Edition

Photographer – Mark Alpher  
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## Anchored in Honor – A Veteran's Day Salute By Mona Shores Interact

Anchored in Honor- Honoring the journeys that shaped our nation. Anchored in Honor is more than a recognition program– it is a celebration of service, sacrifice, and the shared stories that connect generations. Each of these veterans has been nominated by someone within our community-these veterans are our friends, neighbors, and family members.

At Mona Shores High School, we say “thank you” to the brave men and women who answered our nation’s call to service. Special thank you To Mr. Peter Brown for his service and mentorship of Rotary Interact. To Mr. Dave Droski for his SBN leadership. To the students behind this project, you made a difference. Mya Schlafer, Morgan Califf, Amara Bradfield, Selah Bradfield, Joe Olson, and Lucas Grigg. Check out this Google site for each of the Veterans that were submitted by community members. Anchored in Honor 11/11/25

<https://sites.google.com/monashores.net/anchored-in-honor/home>



## Muskegon HS Interact Club



Pictured above: MHS Interactors **Nolan Crumbback**, **Neve McGinn**, and **Aaliyah Jordan** are people of action working to make our world a better place.

Rotarians, please consider saving your cans and bottles to help our Interact Clubs and our El Salvador and Honduras travelers. Ask your friends and neighbors please to join our Rotary efforts over the Holidays and beyond. We have a larger number of students traveling this year who will appreciate any support we can offer for their service trips and for their Interact Clubs. Simply bring them to Rotary or call **Doug Wood** or **John Noling** to arrange pick up. Thanks to all who continue to contribute to their efforts!



Muskegon Rotary YouTube Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Video Link: 1<sup>st</sup> Half--[Click here](#)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Half--[Click here](#)

# Visitors & Guests



**Greg Borgman** with Muskegon Police Officer, Cody Merkins and West Michigan Symphony Musician, Luis Vivas



**Melissa Moore** with Read Muskegon's Development Director, Jenna Lakos



New grandfather **Sheriff Michael Poulin** with his oldest son, Army Captain Gavin Poulin who, years ago, was part of the Interact program & went to El Salvador to build homes.



**Euginnia Seyferth** with guest Linda Chatfield



**DJ Hilson** with guest and upcoming new member, Denise Sabo



**Sue Samanigo** with guest, Tina Wallace, secretary of Rotaract at MCC. Tina and her Rotaract Club are collecting food and canned goods for some of the students who may be struggling. They just finished their winter weatherization for families who may be struggling to feed their animals or keep them warm.



**Jim Fisher** with Hallmark Homecare Business Development Manager, Sarah Riley



**Camille Jourden-Mark** with guest, Jennifer Bruin, Director of Business Development at the Boys & Girls Club of Muskegon & Neal Fitness Center



**Marty Sytsema** introduced guests from Montague! Counselor Rob Patton updated the club on the great things happening in Montague. Senior Abbi Tallquist went to Rotary's Life Leadership Conference this summer & will head to Ferris to study architecture. Oliver Evans attended the World's Affairs Seminar in Wisconsin this summer & will head to Michigan Tech to pursue civil engineering.



**Doug Wood** introduced the Mona Shores Interact Club: (from left) Amara Bradfield, Connor Smillie (who just got his molars out & still made it), Selah Bradfield, Mya Schlafter, & Parker Rose. They are the group that hosted a successful trunk or treat and the Anchored in Hope (page 1) project!

## This Week's Program:



### Armistice Day, Veterans Day, and Muskegon Connections

Presenter: **Scott Timmer**

Introduced by: **Eric Seifert**

RIM Reporter: **Ginny Sprague**

Army veteran and Muskegon Rotarian, Scott Timmer opened his remarks with the first of the historical photos in his presentation, showing Sir Ernest Shackleton, an Anglo-Irish explorer, who led the 1914 Imperial Trans Antarctic voyage, and a photo of his ill-fated ship, the *Endurance*, depicted crushed in ice. Upon reaching a whaling station in April 1916, he asked the whalers how the war had turned out and was surprised to learn that hostilities were still raging.



The death toll from World War I was horrific, averaging 6,000 deaths a day for four years. The carnage can be illustrated by the death of 28,000 French soldiers on August 28, 1914 and 20,000 British soldiers on July 1, 1916 during the Battle of the Somme. The United States did not enter the war until April 1917 but lost 100,000 US servicemen during the two and a half years the United States fought with the Allied forces. This photo of 14,000 crosses in an American cemetery in France is a reminder of the US soldiers' sacrifice. shared with the Club a "transformational" Muskegon Lake land swap. If approved by the Muskegon City Commission, it would be the largest change to Muskegon Lake's waterfront use in decades.



In November 1918, the war was going badly for the Germans, and at 5:00 a.m. on November 11, proposed an armistice to the Allied forces to end the fighting at 11:00 a.m. on that day, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Scott explained that an armistice is different from a surrender or a treaty. In what is historically viewed as a controversial decision, General

Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces, despite knowing of the imminent ceasefire, ordered his troops to continue fighting until the hour the armistice was in force, and 11,000 Allied troops including 3,500 American soldiers were killed during the last six hours of the war. Sharing a photo of Henry Gunther, who had earlier been demoted from the rank of sergeant to private due to an Army censor reporting about a letter he had



written home about the travails of trench warfare, was told to attack a German machine gun nest. Upon firing his gun, the Germans fired back, and Henry Gunther was the last American soldier killed in the war at 10:59 a.m.

Reading the poem *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae, a Canadian physician who served in World War I, Scott noted that the poppy became the symbol of Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, as it is known in Great Britain. In 2014, the hundredth anniversary of the end of WWI, Great Britain planted 900,000 poppies at the Tower of London representing the British soldiers who died in the war.



In the United States, Armistice Day was first celebrated as a National Day of Thanksgiving and prayer in November 1919. In 1926 Congress officially recognized the end of WWI, the Great War, and in 1938 declared Armistice Day a federal holiday. In 1954, following a campaign by WWII veteran, Raymond Weeks, President Eisenhower changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor all service people whether they had participated in combat or not. In contrast, Memorial Day honors Civil War soldiers who died in service.

Turning to the Muskegon connections to Veterans Day, Scott talked about Veterans Memorial Park along the Causeway in North Muskegon. In 1924, Louis Lunsford, a WWI veteran proposed a memorial to the Muskegon County service members who died in WWI. The proposed memorial's price tag was one-million dollars and derisively referred to as a million-dollar muskrat farm. Nevertheless, 10,000 people attended the dedication ceremony on November 11, 1934. There is a plaque on the site with the names of 80 service men who died in World War I.



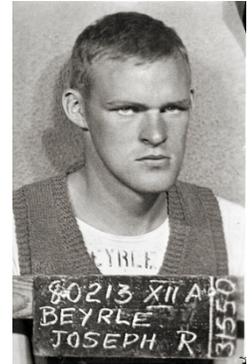
Muskegon Rotary members and guests recognized the above photo of Dr. Robert Garrison, a Muskegon physician, and a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen. Scott had the privilege of introducing Dr. Garrison for a presentation he made to the Muskegon Rotary Club about thirty years ago. At the start of WWII. Dr. Garrison applied for admittance to the Army Officer Training program and was denied admittance based on his race. Dr. Garrison wrote a letter of appeal to President Franklin Roosevelt and was a member of the small group of flag officer candidates for the Airmen. Dr. Garrison passed away in 2003

The audience also easily recognized WWII veteran Joseph Beyrle. He was a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne and twice parachuted into France to help the French resistance to the Nazi occupation prior to D-Day. Parachuting into Normandy for the D-Day invasion, he was captured by the Nazis and sent to a prison camp in Eastern Germany.



Reported as killed in action, his family held a funeral for him in Muskegon.

Staff Sergeant Beyrle escaped from prison camps twice; the first time he was recaptured and tortured by the Gestapo. The second time he



successfully escaped and made it to the Russian lines and joined the Russian army. He is the only Allied soldier known to have fought Germany on both the Eastern and Western fronts. He was honored at the White House in 1994 by President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin. A former Muskegon Rotarian, Joseph Beyrle died in 2004 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

The last WWII veterans Scott introduced to us were from Grand Rapids, his father Jim and twin brother John. He noted that his dad married a Muskegon girl, his mother, Constance. After graduating high school in 1943 at the age of 17, the brothers served together in the 82 Airborne, formed during WWI, and called the All-American unit with servicemen from all around the country, signified by a double A insignia.





Jim and John Timmer were part of the second wave on D-Day but entered the fight from a ship and not by way of a glider due to less than anticipated casualties during the first wave. The two brothers fought in France, Belgium, the Battle of the Bulge, the Netherlands, Germany, and were part of the Occupation army in Berlin until the end of 1945. While fighting in the Netherlands, they were a part of the fighting in the Operation Market Garden, memorialized in the 1977 film A Bridge to Far.

Two years ago on Veterans Day, Scott posted a photo of his father's uniform, explaining what the medals and insignia represented. Following the post, a WWII Museum Director from the Netherlands contacted Scott and asked to interview him for the Museum and as the 80th anniversary of Operation Market Garden was approaching, a Dutch TV station also interviewed him about his father's service. Scott shared the video with our members.



Scott closed out his presentation by displaying his father's uniform noting the orange lanyard, the Dutch national color. The Dutch government authorized members of the 82nd Airborne division who fought to liberate the country during WWII to wear as part of their uniforms. In closing, he thanked Private Henry Gunther, Dr. Robert Garrison, Joseph Beyerle, James and John Timmer, and all veterans for their service to our country and received a rare standing ovation from our Muskegon Rotarians and guests.

### RIM Reporting Team

Co-Editors: Susan Besteman

Jackie Farrar, & Ginny Sprague

Reporters: Kathy Moore, Roger

Morgenstern, Meredith Smillie, & Sue Samaniego

Photographers: Mark Alpher, Wyatt

Huggett, & Roger Morgenstern

If interested in joining the RIM team, [click here](#) to email the editors. 😊

## INDUCTION

### Bernard Brown



Bernard Brown is in his second year as the Director of Career and Technical Education, which includes the Career Education Planning District for the Muskegon Area ISD. Before joining Muskegon Area ISD, he spent 3 years as the Director of Instructional Services / CEPD for the Newaygo County RESA. Before that, he served as the principal of the Newaygo County Career-Tech Center. Leadership experiences include Mi ASCD's Curriculum Leadership Institute, Leadership Matters, and a master's in educational leadership from MSU. He worked for five years as a Middle and High School Administrator in Battle Creek Public Schools, where he implemented transformational learning plans as the schools were designated as persistently low achieving by the State of Michigan. He taught for 8 years in CTE as a pre-engineering, pre-architecture, and industrial arts instructor at Harper Creek High School and Loy Norrix High School, after graduating from Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in industrial arts with an occupational endorsement, from his

industry experience at Parker Hanifin, Jarvis Pemco, and WMU Physical Plant.

His “why” is “to make a profound impact on the lives of others,” and his past service work includes being a youth sports coach and developing a travel soccer team to support access for kids in his prior community who could not travel or afford to play in larger cities for higher-level competition. His wife, Mary, of 23 years, is an oncology nurse and supports these endeavors as they work to ensure youth have access to healthy meals and activities. Lately, their son, Raleigh, a sophomore at Rockford High School, keeps them busy with high school events and sports, as well as refereeing with Bernard on the weekends to ensure youth sports continue to run smoothly. Bernard is sponsored by **Megan Byard-Karaba**.

### Muskegon Rotary Board

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

### Rotary ReWine Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays each month  
5:00-5:15pm Social time  
5:15pm Meeting start time at the Core Plaza (Vault)

Contact **Kaytie Drake** at [kaytieely@aol.com](mailto:kaytieely@aol.com) for more info

## Muskegon Minute By President Dave Alexander



I have never been so proud of the Muskegon Rotary Club and downtown Muskegon than this

past Saturday. The day for me began with a Saturday morning International Storytime in the upstairs children's department of the Hackley District Library. There were 17 Rotary exchange students from around the world in Muskegon for a weekend District fall conference. Thanks to **Dom Bunker, Kristi Pawlak** and their team on exceptional leadership locally and nationally with Rotary international youth exchange.

Then there was Saturday evening with two events sponsored by the Muskegon Rotary Foundation and the Muskegon Rotary Club. Our foundation was a major sponsor of the Muskegon Young Black Professionals Shades of Excellence Awards event at the Frauenthal Center. Thank you to **Arlen-Dean Gaddy** for representing Rotary in presenting the Trailblazer Award and to all the Rotarians who attended a fabulous event.

Just down the street at Unruly Brewing was a sold-out blues performance by Detroit's Thornetta Davis. A group of Rotarians led by **Eric Seifert** along with **Judy Hayner, Tim Lipan, Brad Hastings, Bob Lukens** and others have created an informal local blues society supporting Whitehall's Steve Slater and his Killer Blues Headstone Project to place headstones on famous blues artists' unmarked graves. More to come from this group. Thanks to all the Rotarians

who packed Unruly for Thornetta Saturday night, including **John Noling** who was thrilled to have Thornetta teach him a new term, "wang dang doddle" as in wang dang doddle all night long. Wang dang doddle is a Mississippi Delta slang for an after-hours wild, good-time dance party. Thanks to all who made Saturday memorable. Muskegon showed well.

## Rotary In Action Marcia Hovey-Wright



In this heartfelt interview, Muskegon County Commissioner and Rotarian Marcia Hovey-Wright reflects on her journey with Rotary and the profound community impact of the “Love Lives Here” initiative. Sparked by a disturbing act of racist graffiti and hate imagery in 2019, Rotary’s DEI Committee—including local leaders and law enforcement—mobilized within minutes to respond with compassion and unity. Their campaign of yard signs, letters, and public affirmation became a symbol of Muskegon’s shared commitment to respect, understanding, and love. Marcia’s emotional recollection underscores Rotary’s mission of Service Above Self and the power of community action to counter hate with humanity.

Watch the video [here](#).

# Announcements



## Harvest Fest Success



Harvest Fest Co-chair **Roger Morgenstern** reported that this year's Oct. 23 event raised more than \$23,100 for the Muskegon Rotary Foundation. This net income came after the Foundation set aside \$2,500 for the Culinary Institute of Michigan's student scholarship fund and \$1,000 for the Baker College Rotaract Club. Both the student chefs and Rotaractors were important parts of this third annual event's success! Roger again thanked the sponsors, volunteers and attendees for another great evening for a great cause.

Save the Date! The 2026 Harvest Fest will be Thursday Oct. 22!



## Brave Rotarians— Where in Muskegon is Dave Alexander?



**Meredith Smillie** delivered the bad news to **Jules Terry** and **John Rupert** on the elimination from this fall's Brave Rotarian contest, "Where is Dave Alexander?" featuring a spinning wheel (thanks, **Mike Vogas!**)

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives close to home and around the world. By giving to the Annual Fund, you make these life-changing projects possible so that together, we can keep Doing Good in the World!

Meredith Smillie often gets asked; what are these Brave Rotarian contests you run? These contests are a great way for Rotarians to fulfill their strongly suggested requirement to donate to the Muskegon Rotary Foundation yearly and potentially win a coveted Paul Harris Fellow Award. **November is a special time of the year as we celebrate our Rotary Foundation and the impact**

that we are having around the world. And our impact is significant!

The **Muskegon Rotary Foundation** is the philanthropic arm of the Rotary Club of Muskegon.

Its primary purpose is to **fund programs and projects** primarily within **Muskegon County** for the betterment of its citizens.

- **Funding:** The Foundation's grants are typically derived from annual earnings and various fundraising efforts like Harvest Fest and Parties in the Park. Grants often range from \$5,000 to \$15,000.
- **Priorities:** They look for fresh, innovative approaches to community needs that align with the Rotary Four-Way Test (Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?).
- **Impact:** The Foundation supports a variety of local charitable and community organizations, focusing on creating broad, sustainable impact in the Muskegon area.

Essentially, it is a dedicated source of funding for community improvement initiatives driven by the values of the Muskegon Rotary Club.

Rotarians are encouraged to donate to the Muskegon Rotary Foundation for a combination of personal commitment, local impact, and alignment with the global mission of Rotary.

Here are the key reasons why Rotarians should support their local foundation:

### 1. Direct Local Impact in Muskegon County

The Muskegon Rotary Foundation is the primary engine for the club's local service projects.

- **Funding Community Projects:** Your donation provides the capital for the Foundation to issue grants (typically \$5,000 to \$15,000) directly to local non-profits and community groups.
- **Addressing Local Needs:** It supports initiatives that specifically align with the needs and values identified by

the Muskegon Rotary Club, such as education, civic improvement, and fresh approaches to social challenges in the greater Muskegon area.

- **Tangible Results:** Donating locally allows you to see the tangible results of your charitable giving in the community where you live and serve.

### 2. Upholding the Rotary Value of Service

Rotary's core mission is "Service Above Self." Contributing to the Foundation is the financial component that makes this service possible.

- **Leveraging Fundraising:** Donations from Rotarians complement the funds raised through club activities like Harvest Fest and Parties in the Park, maximizing the total pool of money available for good works.
- **Sustainability:** Your contribution helps build the Foundation's endowment, ensuring a steady, long-term source of funding for future projects, making your impact last beyond your tenure.

### 3. Financial and Recognition Benefits (Part of Rotary International)

As a component of the broader Rotary movement, donations offer specific recognition and tax benefits:

- **Tax Deductions:** Donations to the Foundation are typically tax-deductible (consult a tax advisor).
- **Donor Recognition:** Contributions can count toward various recognized giving levels within Rotary International, such as being a **Paul Harris Fellow** or a **Sustaining Member**, which acknowledges your personal commitment to the cause.

In short, donating to the **Muskegon Rotary Foundation** is the most direct way for a Rotarian to financially support the club's mission to "**Do Good in the World**"—starting right here in Muskegon.



## Paralympic Games 2026



**Jules Terry** is leaving us for a while to work with the US Para Alpine ski racing group next week. But she will be keeping us posted because at the end of February, they will be representing team USA in the Paralympics!

## Caring Connections



**Tom Palmer** reminded all to share member illnesses, hospitalizations, or other updates with him, the board, or the Caring Connections team members. Thank you 😊

## New Member Orientation

**Doug Wood** shared that the next New Member Orientation is being moved a week later than usual to Dec. 10. It will still be at the Shoreline Inn from 8-9:30 a.m.

## Young Rotarians Update

With over 150 EarlyAct, Interact, and Rotaract Rotarians that are 17 years old and younger, **Doug Wood** and **John Noling** could use more of our help and involvement. Contact Doug ([click here for his email](#)) to be a part of these young leaders' lives. They will have their first meeting on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the Chamber building.

## Muskegon Rising Podcast S2E45: Kris Vanderstelt - AgeWell Services



Food insecurity in Muskegon County is at a crisis point. In this urgent episode of Muskegon Rising, host Aaron Maike talks with AgeWell Services' Kris Vanderstelt about the shrinking supply of charitable food, the surge in demand following federal shutdowns, and the growing strain on seniors, students, families, and local pantries.

Kris shares how 211 calls for food assistance have jumped 300%, federal support has dwindled, and organizations like the Supper House are seeing record-breaking need. She also highlights how groups like United Way are stepping up with rapid-response efforts—and how all of us can help by donating or volunteering.

It's a sobering but hopeful look at a community under pressure and ready to pull together as the holidays approach.

Listen now: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/226972/episodes/18175130-kris-vanderstelt-agewell-services>

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## Please welcome potential new members:

Danielle Smith-Walker who is employed with Mona Shores Public Schools as the Director of Guidance and Counseling. Danielle is sponsored by **Marty Sytsema** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Danielle will be inducted soon.

Jennifer Bruin who is with the Boys and Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore. Jennifer is sponsored by **Camille Jourden-Mark** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Club Board. Jennifer will be inducted soon.

Logan Metcalf who is an Associate Wealth Advisor with Braeburn Wealth Management. Logan is sponsored by **Dimitri Poland** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Club Board. Loganne will be inducted soon.

Benjamin Carson who is a Realtor with ReMax. Benjamin is sponsored by **Greg Borgman** and has been

approved by the Muskegon Rotary Club Board. Benjamin will be inducted soon.

Gavin Poulin who is currently in the United States Army and employed with Sanborn's Jewelry. Gavin is sponsored by **Michael Poulin** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Club Board. Gavin will be inducted soon.

## Annual Meeting – Dec. 11

The club annual meeting will be on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> when the membership will vote on a slate of officers and new board of directors who will take office on July 1, 2026.

## Holiday Lunch – Dec. 18

Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, Rotary will serve a holiday celebration luncheon. This will not be a formal meeting but a social time to share fellowship with Rotarians, their significant others, and guests. More information to come later in the upcoming RIM editions.

### NEW TEAM MEMBER BONUS!

**Don't miss out on these offers for you and your household members!**

- Free, Full-access Day Pass
- Waived Member Initiation Fees  
Save \$50/membership

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- Seasonal Waterfront Boating & Fishing

## By-Laws Amendment



The Board this week established some important dates for the end of the calendar year. There will be a membership vote on a club by-laws amendment at the Thursday Dec. 4 meeting.

Muskegon Rotary Club members:  
Please see the attached proposed by-law amendments to allow for co-presidents. Co-presidents were proposed by the Nominating Committee and supported by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has approved the by-law amendments and is now sending them on to the membership for review and a final membership vote at the club lunch meeting on Thursday Dec. 4, noon at The Delta. Please reach out to Muskegon Rotary Club President **Dave Alexander** by phone or text for any questions or clarifications.

## Muskegon Rotary Foundation Grants

We are happy to announce the 2025-26 round of Muskegon Rotary Foundation Grants. These grants are available to Muskegon area non-profits for activities and projects that are consistent with the Muskegon Rotary Principles and Priorities.

Muskegon Rotary Club bylaw amendments approved by the board 11/11/2025, published and shared with members for a membership vote at the Club meeting on 12-4-2025. Amended language is underlined.

### Article 2— Board

**Section 1—** The governing body of this Club shall be the Board of Directors, consisting of thirteen members of this Club, namely eight directors, elected in accordance with Article 3, Section 1, of these Bylaws, and the president, president-elect, president-nominee, treasurer, and the immediate past-president. With co-presidents, there would be 14 members of the board and in the case of a tie vote, the outcome of that vote would be determined by the immediate past-president.

### Article 4— Duties of Officers

**Section 1— President/Co-Presidents**

- (a) It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the Club and the Board and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of president.
- (b) The Nominating Committee shall have the option of nominating, and the members shall have the option of electing, two (2) co-presidents in any Rotary year. Each co-president must meet the requirements of the office of president, and both will move through the progression of president nominee, president elect, president and past president. Each co-president will be a member of the Club Board of Directors through the presidential progression with each having individual votes on the board. The sharing of presidential duties will be determined by the co-presidents between themselves, but may be subject to approval by the Club Board of Directors, and any disagreements between the co-presidents shall be resolved by the Club Board of Directors.

The Grant Guidelines and Timeline are attached and can be found on our Website - [MuskegonRotary.org](http://MuskegonRotary.org) - in the Our Club tab. Please contact us at [muskegonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:muskegonrotary@gmail.com) with any questions or clarifications.

Please pass the word on to any Muskegon area non-profits who may

need support in the good work they are doing in our community.

The Letters of Inquiry are due on Friday, December 19, 2025, at 5:00. If the letters are accepted a completed grant application will be due on Friday, January 16, 2026.