The RIM Newsletter

# Rotary InMotion

Rotary Club Of Muskegon

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, October 15, 2026

**October 22, 2026--NO LUNCH MEETING**
**Go to Harvest Fest at 5-8 PM—Baker College Culinary Institute at 336 W. Clay Ave**
**October 29, 2026 – Noon-1:15pm at the Lake House: Webb Chemical & Trace Analytics**

## What's Coming

**October 22—No noon meeting- --attend Harvest Fest!**
**October 29—Webb Chemical and Trace Analytics**
**November 5—AI: History, Benefits, & Ethical Considerations**

## Upcoming Birthdays

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| Oct 22 | Tiffany Dupont Novak |
| Oct 23 | Linda Juarez |
| Oct 25 | Claire Ritter |
| Oct 27 | Lisa Gatti-Arnold |
| Oct 28 | Ratan Khatri |
| Oct 28 | Jenny McNeill |
| Oct 29 | Randy Lindquist |
| Oct 30 | Paul Christie |
| Oct 31 | Dion Stumpo |
| Nov 1 | Ben Carson |
| Nov 1 | Timothy Vander Haar |
| Nov 4 | CeCe Riley |

## Caring Connections Fund

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## Stage Manager & Reflector This Week

Joanie Smith

## RIM Reporting this Edition

Photographer – Wyatt Huggett
RIM Reporter – Meredith Smillie
RIM Editor – Susan Besteman

### Muskegon Rotary Board

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**Please email Club Board Members through this link:**



**President Roger Morgenstern** is back! He gave thanks to Past President **Dave Alexander** and President-Elect **Lisa Tyler** for helping while he was gone but was questioning the concurrence of Club Coordinator **Kim Boersema**'s absence upon his return.



**Joanie Smith** provided the reflection and was our lovely stage manager this week.

Harvest Fest
MUSKEGON ROTARY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

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# Visitors and Guests




**Tim Lipan** introduces Sue Donovan and her sons, Conor and Casey




**Karen Whitehouse** introduces Shannon Haines (Owner of Haines Professional Painting)




**Kat Hyder** (back while her father watches her two-month-old) with one of her "heroes of life", her mother, Kate Witucki



These three people may all be related…. **Kris Vanderstelt** with her father, a Jazz musician, Dave Collee and daughter, Lucy (Interact President for Mona Shores)



Retired dentist Rob Terry, guest (and husband) of **Jules Terry**




Current County Commissioner Kim Simms, guest of **Marcia Hovey-Wright**



**Bill Loxterman** introduces his guests (from right) Dona Demirjian, and former members Stacey Kennedy and John Severson



**Rob Taylor** with guest (wife), Priscilla




**Nancy McCarthy** with Debra Hendrickson




**Kendrah Robinson** with guest Kennedy Hillis (GVSU senior at the public defenders' office)

(No Student Guests)

## RIM Reporting Team

Editors: Susan Besteman, Jackie Farrar, & Ginny Sprague

Reporters: Kathy Moore, Roger Morgenstern, Meredith Smillie, & Sue Samaniego

Photographers: Wyatt Huggett, Emily Morgenstern, & Roger Morgenstern

# This Week's Program:

## 2026 Winter Paralymics




Speaker: **Jules Terry**
Introduced by: **Bill Loxterman**
RIM Reporter: **Meredith Smillie**

**Bill Loxterman** introduced us to Rotarian **Jules Terry** who is an active, multi-athlete and outdoor enthusiast.



Jules is a development coach for the paralympic ski team.
Jules splits her time between Muskegon and Park City, Utah.
Jules thanked her husband and family for taking care of things in Muskegon when she spends six months in Utah working with athletes. The colors of the Olympic rings represent every color on country flags, and the rings themselves represent each continent.






The Paralympic games is an international competition that is held in the same host venue and occur two weeks after the Olympic games. Para comes from the Greek word "along" or "on the side" and runs in conjunction with Olympic games. In 1948, the Paralympics were launched. The four values are courage, inspiration, equality, and determination. They were designed to bring equity to all through sport.



The USA paralympic team took 24 skiers to Cortina, Italy. They brought home two gold medals and two silver medals. Team USA also took home the gold in bobsled. Jules shared that these individuals are elite athletes and train year-round for competition. Jules shared that medals are printed in Braille so that blind athletes can "read" their medals. Jules spends six months in Park City, Utah training with athletes. Jules walked us through a day in her life. They have daily goals on their whiteboard that are reviewed. They then spend time on snow work. Visually impaired skiers work with their guides who lead the skiers through races via their voice commands. At the beginning of each racing season, each athlete goes through classification, which is determined via a physical examination for competition. For example, a visually impaired athlete goes through a rigorous examination to determine if the athlete is completely blind, can see peripherally or can see color. Athletes receive classification numbers based on their individual abilities and if they utilize prosthetics. Prosthetics can be fitted to their equipment and often cost $5,000 to $15,000.

Equipement
Changes yearly





Jules shared that timing is also a key component for Paralympics. Factoring involves use of classifications based on their abilities. Qualification is based on an entire racing season where you qualify based on shaving off points versus accumulating them. Jules shares she is often found at the start of a race, coaching athletes before they hit the course. Once you qualify, athletes spend the rest of the year training.



Team USA Women




Jules closed out the presentation sharing that one athlete can take as many as 15 large bags and return with even more. She shared photos of the athletes in their uniforms with many big-name sponsors. There are opening ceremony uniforms, training uniforms, puffy coats, speed suits, and tennis shoes (which sell on eBay due to many athletes do not have feet).






The Paralympians are incredibly resourceful and resilient athletes. Jules Terry is very passionate about working with these incredible athletes.






## In Memory & Honor

On October 15, the Club honored the memories of three recently deceased Muskegon Rotarians: **Ara (Doc) Demirjian**, **Kevin Donovan**, and **Ed Hendrickson**.

There was presentation during the Club meeting followed by a formal dedication of their memorial bricks at Rotary Park at 2:00 p.m.

**Honored Deceased Rotarians**

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| *Roger A. Andersen* | *Albert J. Flogge* | *Gilbert W. Lundeen* |
| *Bill Ashley* | *Kevin Foley* | *Robert McKinley* |
| *Ralph A. Austermiller* | *Ron Gossett* | *Lisa Metzdorf* |
| *William L. Austin* | *Robert Hammer* | *Vern Meyer* |
| *James Barnett* | *George Hansen* | *H. Richard Morgenstern* |
| *George Bennett* | *Kenneth L. Harris* | *William B. Oliver* |
| *Jason Bertola* | *Ed Hendrickson* | *Gary Ostrom* |
| *Joseph Beyrle* | *Franklin B. Hovey* | *Tom Powers* |
| *Ernest R. Bly* | *Michael W. Irish* | *Victor Pyle* |
| *Fred Brown* | *Bill Johanson* | *Neil Rosen* |
| *J. Max Busard* | *Carl Johnson* | *John A. Scott* |
| *John E. Bytwerk* | *E. Lavern Johnson* | *Thomas G. Shannon* |
| *Paul S. Christie* | *Leslie Johnson* | *C. Leigh Stevens* |
| *Carroll L. Cole* | *Patricia B. Johnson* | *James L. Stevenson* |
| *Orville Crain* | *Mort Kantor* | *Jack Tierney* |
| *Wilson R. Cronenwett* | *Michael C. Kersman* | *Robert Tuttle* |
| *Bob Cutler* | *Norm Kruse* | *John C. Vandervelde* |
| *John M. Day* | *Bob Landman* | *Elmer Wahl* |
| *John DeHorn* | *M. William Lang* | *Francis G. Ward* |
| *Yervant "Doc" Demirjian* | *David J. Laurin* | *Robert Wheaton* |
| *Aaron Deskins* | *Lloyd J. Lemmen* | *Sue Wierengo* |
| *Kevin Donovan* | *James Lindrup* | *Jerry L. Wiersma* |
| *Arthur R. Fielstra* | *Lewis Loder* | |
| *C. Max Fleischman* | | |

Kevin Donovan 1957-2026



- Talented and devoted musician, community leader, true public servant on many Boards
- President of Muskegon Irish American Society, Irish Music Festival, and member of the Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame
- Loved his role as Sergeant of Arms for our Rotary Club
- Purposeful school board leader who led with integrity and a fierce advocacy for students
- Known for his hard work, strong opinion, quick wit and sly humor, and good will for all he met.

Ed Hendrickson 1939-2026



- World traveled chemical engineer and human resources professional for Dow Chemical for 31years
- A true Renaissance man and gentleman devoted to Service Above Self in Rotary for 50 years
- Served honorably as our club Sergeant at Arms
- Violin maker and "Clock Doctor" who helped many in our community
- Ever curious, inquisitive experimenter and inventor
- Lived with integrity, humbleness, honesty and kindness

Ara "Doc" Demirjian 1935-2025



- Talented and highly respected Administrator for Muskegon County Wastewater System and later as an Environmental Consultant
- Proud Armenian heritage coming to US in 1957
- World traveler, superb chef, vintner, and UM fan
- A man of faith who faithfully served his church
- Known for his intellect, wit, and charm














# Paul Harris Fellow Awards



Three Paul Harris Fellow awards were given to Priscilla Taylor, **Rob Taylor**, and **Ara "Doc" Demirjian** (pictured above, his son **Brad Demirjian** & wife Dona accepting)



**Meredith Smillie** presents the awards





**Nancy Crandall** shared about our Paul Harris recipients—**Rob** and Priscilla **Taylor.**



**Bill Loxterman** helped present the award for **Doc Demirjian**

# Announcements

***No Lunch Meeting on Oct. 22nd—Attend Harvest Fest!**

**Thurs., Oct. 22nd at 5 – 8pm**
**Baker College**
**Culinary Institute of Michigan**
**336 West Clay Ave., Muskegon**
Harvest Fest 2026 Tickets Eventbrite

Ticket includes admission to the event, one complimentary drink ticket, all-you-can-eat food, and a surprise gift to take home at the end of the evening!

**Harvest Fest**
**Beverage Bundles Raffle***
$20 for one ticket
$35 for two tickets
$50 for three tickets
**Each bundle is valued at more than $150 up to $199!**

The Harvest Spirits Raffle drawing will be held at 7:30 p.m. during Harvest Fest. You do not need to be present to win.

Volunteers Needed—CLICK HERE



**Carla Flanders** encourages Rotarians to get their tickets for Harvest Fest and donate to the cause!



**President Roger Morgenstern** reminds the club of no lunch meeting on October 22nd so all can attend Harvest Fest at 5-8pm! We're back at the Lake House on October 29th and then on November 5th, we'll begin meeting at the Delta again.



## Accuracy Testing Begins Oct 19th

**Karen Whitehouse**, Muskegon County Clerk, announced the public is encouraged to attend and witness the opportunity to see the election process take place at 1903 Marquette at the Student Center. On October 24th, the early voting process begins at 10am in Muskegon County through Sunday to the election.



## Enviro+Sustainability Committee



### Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve Microforest help needed Oct 17th & 24th

**Pete DeBoer** announced: Rotary and Rotaract Volunteers are very much needed for October 17th and 24th, anytime between 9 am and Noon, at the Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve Microforest, 2529 Lake Avenue in North Muskegon. (Left turn at end of Causeway)

This is a fall work bee to plant strawberry plugs, weed around existing trees and shrubs, spread new cardboard and bark chip a beautiful extension to the existing microforest.

We could use up to 20 volunteers Please let **John Noling** (click here to email John) or **Doug Wood** know if you can join us. Please bring family or friends who love the idea of planting a new forest for the planet.

This is our big chance to get everything ready for winter. Gloves, tools, and refreshments provided. One hour service or more welcome!

Muskegon Rotary is a solid partner with the Muskegon Lake Lake Nature Preserve non-profit for this Environmental Stewardship initiative.

## The 3rd Street Wharf Project—

the City of Muskegon is looking for public input: https://engage.zencity.io/muskegon-mi/en-US/projects/new-park



**Claire Root-Benson** encouraged all to consider helping with the Chispa Project (see more below).

## Honduras Trip – Mar. 13th



Interested in learning more about the Rotary's Library Build Project with Chispa in Honduras March 13-20th? Trip details/registration can be found here: https://www.chispaproject.org/lago You have a chance to hear from Sara Brakhane, Chispa's Director, on Oct 20th at 6 PM for a zoom call as she reviews the upcoming trip and answers your questions. Sara will also be Muskegon Rotary's program speaker on November 12th.

Link to Oct 20th virtual meeting: meet.google.com/oqj-tksi-tah
Deadline to register for the Honduras trip is Nov 30th. Questions? Talk with **Linda Juarez**, **Susan Crain**, or **Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga.**




## Help Us Tell Roger Morgenstern's Story – Brave Rotarians Contest

Following our Harvest Fest Fundraiser, we're kicking off the fall Brave Rotarians Contest—and we're looking for storytellers! Share a brief memory, anecdote, or reflection about Roger Morgenstern. Whether your story is inspiring, meaningful, or simply captures what makes Roger memorable, we'd love to hear it. Help us celebrate Roger's impact by sending your story to Meredith Smillie at meredithasmillie@gmail.com. To participate in the Brave Rotarians Contest, make a $100 gift to fulfill your suggested contribution to The Rotary Foundation. Your entry could win you a Paul Harris Fellow Award! More details, including sign-up sheets, are coming soon. Questions? Contact **Meredith Smillie** at meredithasmillie@gmail.com or call her.



## El Salvador Trip – March 31st



Our Club is looking for Rotarians and Interact students to attend two service trips: Honduras from March 13-20 and El Salvador from March 31-April 8. Your Club's board has approved contributing $500 for any Rotarians attending their first overseas trip, as well as $500 for any Interactors wanting to go. Please spread the word! For more information, see **Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga** about Honduras or **Esther Ricco** about El Salvador.

## DEI Committee – Know Your Voting Rights




See **Brad Hastings** for questions.




## Searching for Life Leadership Students

**Tenille Woodward** is looking for more high school students for the Muskegon Student Leadership Conference which is a pre-emptive event to Life Leadership in the summer. Only one student has signed up so far so if you know of any high school student, please nominate them to Tenille for the conference on Friday, November 20th.




## ReWine Meeting Schedule

5:00 p.m. Social Time
Meeting starts 5:15 p.m.

**Thursday, November 5th** Lake Effect Bistro & Lounge (Shoreline Inn)
750 Terrace Point Dr., Muskegon

**Thursday, November 19th**
Muskegon Museum of Art, 315 West Clay Avenue, Muskegon

**Thursday, December 3rd** Lake Effect Bistro & Lounge (Shoreline Inn)

**Thursday, December 17th**
MOTU Lakeshore Wine Bar
1208 8th St, Muskegon

**RSVP by Wednesday at 5pm**
prior to each meeting by contacting Kaytie Drake at kaytieely@aol.com
Total # attending, including guests



# Rotary Youth Exchange News




**Congratulations, Olivia! Muskegon Rotary Celebrates Our Newest Outbound Exchange Student!**

The Rotary Club of Muskegon is thrilled to announce that Olivia Yonkman, a student at Reeths-Puffer High School, has officially been accepted into the Rotary Youth Exchange Program at the district level for the 2027–2028 school year!

Following a competitive interview process through Rotary District 6290, Olivia will have the incredible opportunity to spend an academic year abroad, immersing herself in a new culture, attending school, and serving as a young ambassador for our Muskegon community.
Olivia brings an adventurous spirit, a passion for learning, and a genuine curiosity about the world. She is active in cross country, Rotary, and STATS, a program focused on educating young people about substance use. She also enjoys reading, playing piano and guitar, and exploring Michigan's beautiful outdoors.

With a love for history and learning about different cultures, Olivia is especially excited to experience everyday life with a host family, build new friendships, and embrace new traditions. This will be her first international adventure!
Olivia hopes to pursue a future career in education and use her exchange experience to inspire others. As she shared in her application, "I want to be able to come home and teach people to have open minds about new and different ideas."
That is exactly what Rotary Youth Exchange is all about!
While Olivia's host country has yet to be announced (we'll find out in January), we couldn't be prouder of her accomplishment and look forward to supporting her throughout this exciting journey.
Please join the Rotary Club of Muskegon in congratulating Olivia as she prepares to represent our community on the international stage!










## Get ready to travel the world without leaving Muskegon!

Our Rotary Youth Exchange students are teaming up with Hackley Public Library for **Travel Through Stories**, a fun and interactive cultural experience for children and families! Our students from around the globe will share pieces of their home countries through storytelling, songs, dances, crafts, cultural demonstrations, and maybe even a few martial arts moves!

**Event Details:**

- Saturday, November 7, 2026
- 10:30–11:30 AM
- Hackley Public Library, Upstairs in the Children's Library
- Designed for grades K–3, but everyone is welcome!

Here's where we could really use your help! Our exchange students have put a lot of time, creativity, and effort into planning activities that share their cultures with our community. We want to make sure they have a wonderful turnout of little explorers ready to learn, participate, and have fun! **The more kids who attend, the more fun and rewarding this experience will be for our students!**

Please help us spread the word to your friends, family, neighbors, teachers, and anyone you know with young children. Sharing the event on social media or personally inviting a family can make a big difference! And while this event is designed with our youngest learners in mind, **you certainly don't need to bring a child to enjoy it!** We'd love to see fellow Rotarians stop by to experience the activities, learn about different cultures, and cheer on our incredible exchange students. It's also a wonderful opportunity to see the impact of Rotary Youth Exchange firsthand.

A special thank-you to Hackley Public Library for partnering with us and helping make this experience possible. Let's help our students fill the library with curious minds, smiling faces, and a whole lot of international friendship! Thank you for always supporting our students and the Youth Exchange program!
Yours in Rotary, **Dom Bunker**

## More pictures from page 4 (In Memory & Honor)














## S3E20: Bernard Brown - Muskegon ISD Career and Technical Center



For parents wondering what opportunities will be waiting for their children after high school, some of the most encouraging answers are being built right here in Muskegon County. In this episode of Muskegon Rising, Bernard Brown, Director of the Muskegon ISD Career and Technical Center, explains how career education is expanding to give students meaningful exposure to growing fields—including HVAC, community health, aviation and advanced manufacturing. These programs are being developed in direct conversation with local employers, helping students connect what they learn in school with genuine career opportunities in the community. The larger message for parents is especially important: there is more than one pathway to a successful future. Muskegon County students can explore careers, develop practical skills and make better-informed decisions about what comes after graduation—whether that means employment, certification, community college or further education. This conversation offers parents a valuable look at resources they may not realize are available to their children—and at a community working deliberately to make education more relevant to the opportunities of tomorrow.

Listen: https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/episodes/19991179

Watch: https://youtu.be/BsSaui0DZVc?si=3pu_1p2-qUiDtBwo

## S3E21: Kirk Hallman - Muskegon Arts and Culture Coalition



Muskegon has something communities many times its size would envy: an extraordinary concentration of arts and cultural institutions—and their impact reaches far beyond the stage, gallery or museum. Muskegon Rising host Aaron Maike talks with Kirk Hallman about how the Muskegon Arts and Culture Coalition is helping turn these remarkable assets into an economic engine—attracting talent, strengthening businesses, welcoming visitors and creating a community where everyone can belong. Discover why investing in arts and culture is really an investment in Muskegon's future.

Listen: https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/episodes/19991193

Watch: https://youtu.be/t4rCYZnnAuo?si=YkcHldzINcfXpAS-

**Muskegon Rising**

# NM Microforest

## October 17, 2026

Saturday morning was a busy one at the year old microforest on Lake Street at the entrance to the Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve. Muskegon Rotarians, along with nearly 20 Interact students from North Muskegon, Muskegon, Orchard View and Reeths-Puffer high schools and other nature preserve volunteers helped enlarge and improve the Microforest. Saturday's three hours of work included planting strawberry "plugs" in the existing young forest to create effective ground cover and reduce weeds.

The shrubs, trees and other native species were planted this spring and had an amazing season of growth. The area covered Saturday with cardboard and then mulch will have plants added next spring.

This is our Club's second microforest now partnering with Interact and Rotaract clubs, the Muskegon Environmental Research and Education Society, owners of the Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve, and H&H Landscape Supply to pull it together. Started four years ago with plantings in the spring of 2024, the microforest at Marquette and Ducey streets in the City of Muskegon has trees well over 6 feet tall now. Microforests are designed as densely planted small areas to help capture carbon and typically grow faster than a traditional forest. The Muskegon club got the idea from a Sarasota Florida Rotary Club.

Many thanks to **John Noling**, **Doug Wood**, **Andrea Reigler** and **Pete DeBoer** for their leadership on these projects!

Excited to help on the next one? **John Noling** is looking for more volunteers this Saturday, October 24th from 10am-Noon.
To email John—CLICK HERE



































We put down compost, cardboard and wood chips for phase 1 on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, and prepared the phase 2 site on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026!





























## Please welcome potential new members:

Kelley Conrad who is retired from Muskegon Community College. Kelley is sponsored by **Jerry Conrad** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Kelley will be inducted soon.

Amber Mae Petersen who is employed with VISIT Muskegon and is sponsored by **Kris Vanderstelt**. Amber Mae has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board and will be inducted soon.

Ryan Little who is an Accounts Manager at Morrison Industrial Equipment Company. Ryan is sponsored by **Emily Morgenstern** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Ryan will be inducted soon.

Kathleen Vickers who is a Member Service Rep at Lakeshore Federal CU. Kathleen is sponsored by **Doug Wood** and will be a ReWine/Satellite member. Kathleen has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board and will be inducted soon.

Colleen Buckley who was previously a member at the Fremont Club and is retired. Colleen will be joining as a ReWine/Satellite member and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board and will be inducted soon.

Caitlin Cowan who is the Executive Director of the Muskegon Civic Theatre. Caitlin will be sponsored by **Tiffany Dupont-Novak** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board and will be inducted soon.

## Calling Rotarians to work with students from the Innovation Academy of Muskegon Public Schools (I AM)

CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER

MUSKEGON Public Schools

Charles W. Poole, Sr. Administration Building
1458 5th Street, Muskegon, MI 49441
Phone: (231) 720-2000 Fax: (231) 720-2050

*Strong Schools, Stronger Communities*

Innovation Academies of MUSKEGON

September 4, 2026

Dear Rotarians,

The Innovation Academies of Muskegon Public Schools (I AM) are designed to help students connect classroom learning with future education and career opportunities. We invite members of the Muskegon Rotary Club to support this initiative by hosting a small group of students for a job shadow experience taking place beginning in November or December and continuing throughout the school year.

Each experience would involve:

- An opportunity for students to observe the work environment and learn about the responsibilities, skills, education, and experiences associated with the profession.
- Exposure to careers connected to one or more of the I AM career pathways, including:
  - Health Sciences
  - Hospitality & Tourism
  - Public Service & Education
  - Criminal Justice & First Responders
  - Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing
  - Skilled Trades
  - Technology, Art & Design
  - Business & Entrepreneurship
- Hosting up to six students.
- A time commitment of approximately three hours.

The goal is not simply to provide a tour, but to give students a realistic glimpse into the types of activities and situations someone in that career might experience. Depending on the workplace, the visit might include observing employees, participating in an appropriate hands-on activity, discussing a typical workday, touring the work environment, or learning about a real project or challenge.

Rotarians represent a wide range of professions and industries, making the club an ideal partner to help students explore the possibilities available to them. You do not need to have a formal internship or student program in place; the I AM team will work directly with participating hosts to coordinate the experience and ensure it is meaningful and age-appropriate. As a participant, you would also be encouraged to bring your job shadow student(s) to a Rotary luncheon to introduce them, allowing the student(s) to share what they gained from their time spent learning from your expertise.

If you or your organization are interested in hosting students, please complete this SignUpGenius.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to help Muskegon High School students see how their interests and classroom learning can translate into meaningful careers.

Sincerely,

Matthew Cortez, Superintendent
Innovation Academies of Muskegon Public Schools (I AM)

Kristin Garris, Chief Workforce Officer
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e. kgarris@goodwillwm.org | w. goodwillwm.org



Kids' Food Basket

### Kids Food Basket -- Volunteer Noon

**Tennille Woodward** is looking for more volunteers for our monthly Kids' Food Basket commitment. See Tennille if you are available to help. Our schedule is the 3rd Monday of every month—ten people needed each time.