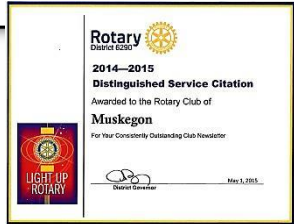


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Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916

Next Mtg—April 13, 2023, 12-1:30pm

The Delta – Hybrid

ReWine Sat Club—Next mtg 4/20/23 5:15 pm

Walker's (in the Delta)



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THE FOUR WAY TEST THAT ROTARIANS USE IN MAKING ETHICAL DECISIONS:

Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Next Meeting (4/13/23) — Paws With a Cause

An update on local efforts to improve the quality of Muskegon Lake (including removing Muskegon Lake from the Great Lakes Areas of Concern) and the Great Lakes.

This is it: the absolute edge of no return: to turn back now and make home or sail irrevocably on and either find land or plunge over the world's roaring rim" - William Faulkner

MEETER - GREETER

Daniel Hartmann

REFLECTORS

Eric Seifert Apr 6
Joanie Smith Apr 13
Darlene Collet Apr 20
Emily Morgenstern Apr 27
(Contact Alan Alpert if you can help)

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Erin Kuhn April 13
Camille Jourden-Mark April 18
Michael Poulin April 18
[Caring Connections Fund](#)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

Apr 13—Paws with a Cause
Apr 20—Muskegon County Biking Coalition
Apr 20—ReWine at 5:15 pm
Apr 27—Interact & Life Leadership Updates



VISITORS & GUESTS



Eric Vogas – guest of Don Hutchins



John and Kim Arter, brother and sister-in-law of Tim Arter



Michael Ramsey with guests Jonathan Seifert and Rachel Gorman



Hanna Knoblock, 2010 Exchange Student from Germany was the guest of Dave Alexander



Erin Sharp, guest of Jason Bertoia



Cindy Webb and Matt Ferra were the guests of Eric Seifert

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Restoring Muskegon Lake

Speaker: Kathy Evans

Reporter: Jackie Farrar

The Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership (MLWP) was founded in 1993. MLWP is a non-profit, community-based, volunteer partnership organization that collaborates with grassroots, local, state, regional, federal, and international partners.

MLWP is a member of the West Michigan Watershed Partners, a coalition of the Region's watershed groups. West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) convenes quarterly to share natural resource information among participants and receive input for the WMSRDC area-wide water quality planning program.

The West Michigan Watershed Partners inventory was developed to provide a regional planning framework to help guide the development of water quality and aquatic habitat improvement projects. The framework identifies priority restoration needs that meet the goals of the Great Lakes Action Plan, MDNR Fisheries Management Plans, Lake Michigan Management Plan, and local Watershed Management Plans.

The areas of concern were the filling and dredging of shallow shoreline areas with unnatural materials that resulted in contaminated lake bottom sediments, poor water quality, and the loss of fish and wildlife habitat. This resulted in the creation of the Muskegon Lake Action Plan. Following is an overview of the final four AOC habitat restoration projects.

1. The Lower Muskegon River Hydrologic Reconnection and Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project (\$3.1ml)

- Removal of invasive plant treatments on former farm field and phosphorous-laden soils.
- Connected (53 acre) celery farm with separating it from the Muskegon River back to the river.
- Ecological monitoring and modeling were completed.
- Construction sequencing was performed to remove invasive plants and phosphorus hotspots prior to wetland restoration and removal to reconnect Muskegon River with restored wetland floodplain habitat.
- Restored 49.1 acres of emergent wetland and softened 2,825 of the shoreline.
- Completed one of the four final habitat restoration management actions needed to remove Muskegon Lake from the list of Great Lakes areas of concern.

The environmental, economic, and community benefits provide improved fish and wildlife habitat, enhanced the fishery and recreational opportunities for canoers, kayakers, and local volunteer groups.

2. Muskegon Nature Preservice Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project (\$1.4ml)

- Restored approximately 7.9 acres of wildlife habitat by removing 6,331 metric tons of unnatural fill materials.
- Completed one of the four final habitat restoration management actions needed to remove Muskegon Lake from the list of Great Lakes areas of concern.
- WMSRDC is monitoring invasive vegetation, impacts to reptiles and amphibians, and will follow restoration of the aquatic ecosystem.

The environmental, economic, and community benefits provide restoring the fish passage and habitat, tourism, recreation, educational opportunities, and improved the natural area.

3. AMOCO Fish & Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project (\$2.7ml)

- Removal of unnatural lake fill and reconnection of wetland to Muskegon Lake.
- Removed a concrete wall to reconnect Muskegon Lake to the



newly restored shoreline wetlands.

- Restore approximately 2.7 acres of emergent wetland, 7.6 of open water wetland, and 325 linear feet of shoreline.
- Removed 1,446 feet of existing concrete wall structure and 4,250 metric tons of unnatural fill.

The environmental, economic, and community benefits provide restoring the fish habitat, reconnecting coastal wetland to Muskegon Lake, increase property values, enhance the fishery in Muskegon Lake, fishing, recreation, and the shoreline appearance.

4. Muskegon River at Veterans Memorial Park (\$3.4 ml)

- Final restoration was completed in 2020.
- The South Side of the Muskegon River was remediated and restored.

Current Happenings at MLWP

- Public Meetings on First Tuesday, Monthly (12 noon at GVSU AWRI, alternating w/ Zoom evening meetings)
- PFAS Awareness
- Watershed Management Planning
- Ryerson Creek & Four Mile Creek Reforestation
- Public Access to Natural Resources
- Shoreline Stewards
- Annual Spring “Earth Day” Shoreline & Watershed Cleanup (April 23, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Meet up at CIO Hall)
- 33rd Annual Grand Trunk Day (May 19, 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
- Removal of Beneficial Use Impairments

Remediated, Restored, and Fish Passage Restored with the South Pond on the Muskegon River.



For more information visit

MLWP Website:

www.muskegonlake.org

Face Book Page: [Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership](#)

Face Book Group: [Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership Shoreline Stewards](#)



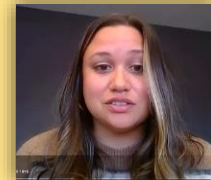
Check out either page for their 2023 Volunteer Schedule!

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Member Spotlight: Stephanie Tusheck



Stephanie Tushek joined Rotary in the Summer of 2022. She is from Muskegon, attended Mona Shores High School, and graduated from Baker College with a Bachelor Degree in Business. Stephanie is an Account Executive with Lamar Advertising Company. She is married to her husband Nick Tusheck who is the Executive Chef at the Hearthstone Restaurant. Stephanie has been part of the Life Leadership Conference for seven years and is growing in her role by joining the Life Leadership District Committee. Watch the video [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last year ReWine adopted a stretch on I-96, between mile markers 4 and 6. These two miles represent the first two miles heading (and leaving) into Muskegon County. Signs went up last year marking that stretch for the Muskegon Rotary Club but unfortunately due to construction all last summer we were never able to do a pickup. This year, on the morning of **Saturday, April 22**, we will work on cleaning that stretch of highway. If you are able to help out, please contact Esther Ricco, riccoe@gvsu.edu by Tuesday, April 18th and she can provide you with details.



Spring has definitely sprung, and before you know it, the Seaway Run will be here! Our Club's biggest fundraiser, the **June 24** event includes a 5k Walk, 5 and 10k run and a half marathon. Your Seaway Run Committee is hard at work securing the all-important sponsorships and soon we'll be asking for volunteers. And we'll need LOTS of volunteers. Be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities in RIM and at our weekly meetings.

Regular exercise, like running or walking, is one of the best ways to improve the health and wellness of our community. **Please encourage your friends, family, employees, church groups, school groups, and other organizations to sign up to participate or volunteer by clicking [here](#).**

MUSKEGON ROTARY CLUB 2023 MARCH MADNESS BRAVE ROTARIANS CONTEST

2023 MARCH MADNESS BRAVE ROTARIANS CONTEST Participants and Teams

2023 NCAA CHAMPIONS			
2023 MEN'S TOURNAMENT		2023 WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT	
BRAVE ROTARIAN	TEAM	BRAVE ROTARIAN	TEAM
Meyers, Mark	U Conn	Robere, Christine	LSU

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES			
2023 MEN'S TOURNAMENT		2023 WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT	
BRAVE ROTARIAN	TEAM	BRAVE ROTARIAN	TEAM
Turnbull, Brandon	San Diego State	Holkeboer, Susan	Iowa
Meyers, Mark	U Conn	Robere, Christine	LSU

Congratulations to **Christine Robere** and LSU for winning the 2023 Women's NCAA March Madness tournament and to **Mark Meyers** and U Conn for winning the 2023 NCAA Men's March Madness tournament. Christine and Mark will be awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for themselves or to present to another deserving individual of their choice.

Thank you to all our Brave Rotarians for participating in our March Madness contest. I appreciate your support of the Rotary Foundation. On Thursday, April 13, we will have two drawings from the names of the 30 Brave Rotarians in the Men's and Women's contests whose teams were eliminated during the tournament. We will draw one name from the 15 remaining Women's tournament participants and one name from the 15 remaining Men's participants. These two drawing winners will also receive a Paul Harris Fellow award.



Coming Saturdays in May!

STEAM Along the Lakeshore
Hackley Park, 1-3 pm
Presented by Muskegon Museum of History and Science
More info can be found [here](#).

The Rotary District Conference is May 19-20 in Grand Rapids at the Amway. They are urging people to sign up sooner rather than later as they are currently planning a number of social events, dinners out, tours of breweries, distilleries and wineries and want to get their roster filed.

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