

The RIM Newsletter

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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

April 11, 2024

Next Meeting (April 18, 2024, 12-1:30pm) — Pesto Chicken at the **Lake House**
Program Topic – Paul Billings – Africa

What's Coming

April 18 – High School Students and trips to Africa with Paul Billings

April 25 – Goodwill Industries of West Michigan

Upcoming Birthdays

April 18 Camille Jourden-Mark

April 18 Michael Poulin

April 24 Julia Rupp

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Greeter This Week

Melissa Horton & Carim Calkins

Reflectors

Emily Morgenstern April 11

Adam Bell April 18

Myrna Olson April 25

RIM Reporting this Edition

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4/11/2024 Muskegon Rotary
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VISITORS & GUESTS



Roger Morgenstern introduces his guest, son Nick Morgenstern.



Sara Rinsema-Sybenga introduces her guest and colleague Jenn Spangler.



Marty Sytsema introduces our guests from Fruitport High School. From left are senior students Aliviya Bosch and Daiton Campbell and Superintendent Jason Kennedy.

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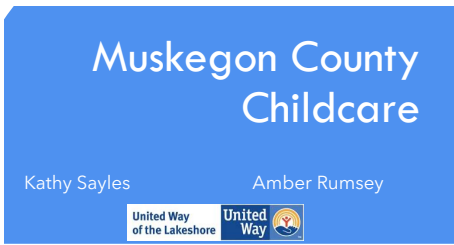
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ReWine meetings are every 1st & 3rd Thursday each month at 5:15pm at Walker's (in the Delta).



Melissa Horton introduces this week's speakers.

Last Week's Program: Muskegon County Childcare



Speaker: Kathy Sayles &
Amber Rumsey
Reporter: **Susan Besteman**



“Muskegon County currently has 12,704 children ages 0-5,” according to United Way of the Lakeshore’s Childcare Coordinator, Kathy Sayles. For childcare options, there are 51 family homes (up to 6 children in each), 69 group homes (up to 12 children), and 60 centers (20-90 children) which provide childcare for 4950 children. But there is a need for more providers.

In addition to the complex decisions parents maneuver for childcare (location, availability, quality, etc.), affordability is high on their consideration since full pay childcare is approximately \$6/hour for infants and \$5/hour for toddlers. A couple payment options in Muskegon County include Child Development & Care (state subsidized childcare where scholarships are offered based on income) and Tri-Share Child Care (cost is shared three ways – 1/3 employee, 1/3 employer, 1/3 state but the

employer and Childcare Provider must be participating).

A community health needs assessment identified childcare as a barrier to employment and after September 2019 at the CHIR Livability Lab 100-day childcare challenge, a part time staff position was created (Kathy’s job) at United Way to coordinate the work of the Childcare Action Team (whose mission is to support our children and working families by increasing capacity, quality, access, and affordability of childcare for everyone). MI Tri-Share program selected Muskegon County as one of three counties in Michigan to pilot this program and the Childcare Action Team not only supports efforts to open new childcare businesses, but it also develops community relationships/partnerships to find solutions to childcare challenges. They partner with Great Start and received regional childcare planning grant in February 2023 and hired Amber Rumsey as their full-time coordinator. Goodwill Industries of West Michigan is a designated MI Tri-Share Child Care Hub administering the program to businesses located in Muskegon, Ottawa, Oceana, Newaygo, Lake, and Mason counties.



Amber Rumsey, of the five county Regional Child Care Coalition, mentioned the three key barriers are access (affordability, availability and/or quality for special needs, etc.), childcare staffing, and employer engagement. Some possible solutions include the CDC scholarship (subsidy), Tri-Share, Community based scholarships,

supporting the creation of Micro-Centers, supporting and sharing the Great Start program, ECE apprenticeships (West Michigan Works!), shared service networks for employers (automation, tax services, etc.), childcare partnerships, lifestyle benefits, backup care, flexible scheduling, and policy advocacy. For more information on the MI Tri-Share Child Care call 231-722-7871, ext. 1015.

Member Spotlight Jillian Pastoor



As the Executive Director of Every Woman's Place, Jillian Pastoor, sees the opportunity to serve in the Rotary tradition of Service Above Self, every working day. Her appreciation for equity and fairness is expressed in the work she does with those who are the subjects of abuse.

Watch her video [here](#).

RIM Reporting Team

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Paul Harris Fellow Award



A surprised and humble **Jon Gale** thanks the Club for the Paul Harris Fellow award.



Mike Poulin congratulates his friend and long-time law enforcement colleague **Jon Gale** on receiving a Paul Harris Fellow from our Club, as **Meredith Smillie** looks on.



In case you missed it, **Meredith Smillie** let us know now that we're in April, the March Madness Brave Rotarians Contest is over. Pulling out **Kristi Nagengast's** name as the third winner from this year's contest is Men's tournament winner **Marty Sytsema**. Winning the women's tournament was **Jenny McNeill**. The 32 Brave Rotarians raised \$3,200 for the Rotary Foundation. Thanks to all who participated!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clean-up Crew Needed



Our next highway clean-up event for the Muskegon Rotary stretch of highway on I-96 will be on Saturday, April 20. Meeting place is the park and ride off I-96, exit 4 (Farr rd.). Volunteers will meet promptly at 8:45am for a short safety talk, then head out on the road to pick trash. (We will finish no later than 11:00am, sooner if we get a lot of help 😊). If you can help, please contact Esther Ricco so she can have enough supplies - riccoe@gvsu.edu. Be a part of keeping our adopted stretch clean and taking action to protect our environment!

Marquette Microforest Upcoming Planting Dates



Get Ready to Help Your Planet!

April 22--Earth Day Monday, 3-6 pm, Get Ready to Help Your Planet! United Way Day of Caring event, room for 25 volunteers, organizing and planting a limited number of trees and shrubs.

May 3--Pennsylvania Elementary 40 kindergarten students planting day, 40 trees and shrubs.

May 10--Friday 9am-3pm Community Planting date, lots of trees and shrubs

Food Truck April 24th



The next Rotary Sponsored food truck is Wednesday, April 24th. Volunteers to arrive at 4pm at Temple Methodist Church (2500 Jefferson, Muskegon). Contact **Arn Boezaart** if you have any further questions.

POURS FOR COMMUNITY



April 11-25, 2024



Irma Carney reminded us that today marks the first Pours for Community fundraiser.

Proceeds from these events have helped to fund READ Muskegon, the El Salvador trip, Life Leadership, Youth Exchange, a school library in Honduras and our food trucks.



The Valkyrie at the 4 Corners
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Thursday, April 11 – Valkyrie
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Cocktail Bar & Catering
 Friday, April 19 -- Wonderland Distilling Co. 4 – 6 PM
 1989 Lakeshore Dr, Muskegon
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Monday, April 22 -- Unruly Brewing 5 - 7 PM
 360 W. Western Ave, Muskegon
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Thursday, April 25 at 794 Kitchen 5 - 7 PM
 794 Pine St, Muskegon
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Tim Arter reveals the name of our special blond ale. A tribute to a respected and loved Rotarian, the late Orville Crain.



"Orville's Favorite Blonde"

Shoutout to Revel and **Jason Piasecki** for the artwork and graphics for Pours this year!!

Parties In the Park

Rotary will be hosting the first Parties in the Park for 2024 in beautiful downtown Muskegon's Hackley Park May 31. Festivities will continue throughout the summer. A SignUp Genius was sent out this week for our Party in the Park on Friday, May 31st, from 5 to 9:00 p.m. Please volunteer early and often!
[VOLUNTEER LINK – CLICK HERE](#)



District Conference



Please consider signing up to attend at least part of the conference; you will have an enjoyable time with Rotarians from around our District. We encourage a good showing from our Club because next October, we will host the District Conference along with your fellow Muskegon Rotarian, **Brianna Scott**, who will be our District Governor for 2024-2025.

To Register – [Click Here](#)

Muskegon Rising Ep 14: Women's Resource Center



This week on Muskegon Rising, Kendrah Robinson sits down with Tatum Hawkins, Director of Development and Communications at the Women's Resource Center, for a powerful conversation about hope and second chances.

The Women's Resource Center is an innovative organization changing the game for justice-involved women in Muskegon. They offer support and resources not only while incarcerated but also after release, fostering growth and a brighter future. ✨

Join us as Tatum and Kendrah dive into their unique methods that are empowering women and strengthening our community. You won't want to miss this inspiring episode!

Listen today at:
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/14863843-women-s-resource-center>



Tobias Melton made Student of the Week on Wood TV8 . [Click here](#)

Pours for Polio – Valkyrie April 11, 2024

