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Muskegon Rotary Club
 Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
Next Mtg—April 20, 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 (4/20/23) — Muskegon County Biking Coalition

A look at the Bike Library in Muskegon Heights and a county-wide trail plan.

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

Missy Horton & Heidi Sytsema

REFLECTORS

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

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Julia Rupp	Apr 24
Jeff Bessinger	Apr 25
Don Hutchins	Apr 26
Rem Sprague	Apr 26

Caring Connections Fund

(Remember to donate \$10 on your birthday for this great cause!)

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
 May 4—Muskegon's New City Manager
 May 4—**ReWine at 5:15 pm**
 Meet at Pigeon Hill

Missed the meeting on 4/13/2023?
[-Click here for the recording-](#)

VISITORS & GUESTS



Joanie Smith introduced two of our amazing RI exchange students who told us of their latest adventures at school and across America: **Emma Krichbaum** from Austria (attends North Muskegon) (left) and **Design Laorattanakul** from Thailand (attends Reeths-Puffer)



Larry Fife introduces his friend **Susan Hoekener**

Marcia Hovey-Wright (right)

introducing future member **Jillian Pastoor**, the new Executive Director of Every Woman's Place



Dimitri Poland (left) and **Tim Arter** (right) introduce their guest **Mike Poland** and thanked his firm, **Braeburn Wealth Management**, for being one of the premier sponsors for Pours for the Community.



Don Hutchins certainly had a unique group with him! From left, his wife **Molly**, daughter **Catherine** and her fellow PAWS For a Cause presenter **Kristy Blackmore** and PAWS ambassadors **Windsor** and **Chewy**.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Paws With A Cause



Speaker:

Catherine Hutchins

RIM Reporter: **Kathy Moore**

Don Hutchins introduced guest speaker Catherine Hutchins, Annual Fund Manager for Paws With A Cause (PAWS). In addition to an impressive list of educational, certification, and career accomplishments, Dan shared that Ms. Hutchins worked at Rotary International Foundation for over 11 years. She is also a fourth-generation Rotarian and a Paul Harris +1 fellow.



Ms. Hutchins presented several interesting facts and statistics to start the program. Paws With A Cause (PAWS) is a non-profit organization that was founded in West Michigan and

currently headquartered in Wayland, Michigan. Their mission is to enhance the independence and quality of life for people with disabilities nationally through custom-trained Assistance Dogs. With dogs currently in 32 states, PAWS have placed over 3,300 dogs during their 44-year history. Ms. Hutchins informed us that it takes 2 years and costs \$36,000 to breed, raise, custom-train, and place a PAWS



Assistance Dog. The average PAWS dog career is 10 years.

Ms. Hutchins continued by providing an overview of the 4 types of custom-trained assistance and facility dogs that are placed with individuals and families in need. PAWS Service Dogs assist people with physical disabilities by helping with tasks such as pulling a wheelchair, opening doors, turning light switches on/off or picking up objects as small as a dime. PAWS Hearing Dogs assist people who are deaf or hard of hearing by physically alerting them to common sounds such as a smoke alarm, doorbell, alarm clock, telephone ring or child's cry. Hearing Dogs can also be taught to respond to American Sign Language for people who are non-verbal. PAWS Seizure Response Dogs assist people who have epilepsy by performing tasks such as activating a life-alert system, finding someone to help, retrieving a phone or stimulating a person during a seizure. And Service Dogs for Children with Autism act as constant companions to help improve social interactions, expand communication, teach life skills, increase interest in activities and decrease stress within the family.

Ms. Hutchins shared many interesting stories that highlighted the positive impact of the organization. One story was of Malachi, an autistic, non-verbal child with fantastic writing abilities. After working with PAWS companion Newman for a couple of years, Malachi joined the local 4H club (encouraged by his mom). Newman's presence helped Malachi remain calm and centered in environments that often made him nervous or agitated. Over time,

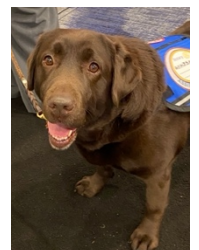


Malachi began to win tons of 4H awards and recognitions. He was elected Secretary of his local club and won top prize in a state competition last year. He is a recognized leader and uses his platform to help other kids.



The grand finale of the PAWS program was an in-person skills demonstration by PAWS couple Windsor and Chewy (yes, they are dating), facilitated by Kristy Blackmore, PAWS Special Events Coordinator. Ms. Blackmore explained that the dogs are custom trained to meet the exact needs of the client. They can retrieve a variety of items with different shapes, sizes and materials. The dogs can learn and perform up to 30 different tasks. Motivated by treats, both dogs performed several tasks as commanded by Ms. Blackmore. It was very noticeable that both dogs were incredibly well behaved and gentle.

Lots of questions, comments, and interactions followed. Be sure to visit their website 'pawswithacause.org' if you'd like more information.



Member Spotlight: Jeffrey Bessinger



Jeff Bessinger stated that he joined Rotary to be with like minded people who like to give back to the community. A native of Muskegon, Michigan, Jeff graduated from Reeths-Puffer High School. He and his wife, Kellie, has been married almost 22 years. They have two sons: Colton who is 15 and a sophomore and Eli who is 13 and in seventh grade, both at Reeths-Puffer. Jeff dedicates time to coach baseball. He is an Assistant Coach for Reeths-Puffer JV baseball team, as well as his younger son's travel baseball team. He and his family are sports enthusiasts. You might find them attending, watching, coaching, or participating in sporting events; or in the yard playing catch or shooting hoops. Jeff is the Exhibits and Collections Director, as well as the Archivist, at the Lakeshore Museum. He shared that he is a huge history fan and feels that his job is more like a hobby rather than work because he enjoys it so much. He began his career at the museum as an intern in 2011 and continued to volunteer until he was hired in 2015. Jeff exclaimed that "Every day has been fun!" Jeff has been an avid volunteer for many years. His dedication to family, work and community is truly exhibited (museum word 🧐) through his service.

View the video [here](#).

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Please email Club Board

Members through this [link](#):

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Adopt-A-Highway Program Looking for Volunteers April 22nd

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** at riccoe@gvsu.edu by Tuesday, April 18th and she can provide you with details.

Earth Day April 22

All Rotarians are welcome to assist our Interact Clubs on April 22nd for a major tree planting at Harbor Dunes County Park. Contact **John Noling** for more details.

March Madness Ends!



During last week's Rotary meeting, **President Jane and Ginny Sprague** held the drawing for the Men's and Women's March Madness Brave Rotarian contest participants. The lucky winners are **Susan Holkeboer** for the Women's contest and **Steve Olsen** for the Men's contest.

\$500 District Match Opportunity

Once again this year, Rotary District 6290 is offering a \$500 Match opportunity for Rotarians to purchase a Paul Harris Fellow award for themselves or as a gift to another deserving



individual. For a limited time only, from April 10 through June 9, 2023, on a first-come, first-served basis, Rotary District 6290 is offering to match a new gift of \$500 to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund with 500 District recognition points.

- Your contribution must occur between April 10 and June 9, 2023.
- New means you must contribute the entire \$500 during this period. Past contributions will not be included.
- The contribution form must accompany your check. (Last page of this RIM Newsletter or [CLICK HERE](#).)
- If you wish, I am happy to complete the form and submit your Match along with the Muskegon Rotary Club's Match forms.
- Please give me your check and the name of the person you wish to honor as a Paul Harris Fellow no later than Monday, June 5, so I can mail the required paperwork and checks to meet the District deadline.

Contact **Ginny Sprague** if you have any questions at 231.740.0916 or by email at remsleep1@comcast.net.



Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity for a Paul Harris Fellow award for an individual you wish to honor or for yourself

with help from your Rotary District 6290 friends! Thank you for your continued support of the humanitarian work of the Rotary Foundation.



Rotary District Conference in Grand Rapids This Year

Register for the Rotary District 6290 Conference in Grand Rapids on May 19th and 20th this year via the QR Code below or click here for the website for more details:

<https://www.ridistrict6290.org/page/district-conference-2023>



Please welcome potential new members:

Stacey Kennedy who is a Mission Advancement Lead with Youth for Christ. Stacey is sponsored by **John Noling** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Stacey will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Jillian Pastoor who is the Executive Director with Every Woman's Place. Jillian is sponsored by **Jackie Fisher** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Jillian will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Erik Vogas who is the founder of Vogas Consulting Group. Erik is sponsored by **Don Hutchins** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Erik will be inducted in the next few weeks.

How to reach our Club Coordinator, Kim Boersema?

Please use:
muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com

Raise a Glass to Rotary!

Pours for Community, a series of happy hours at local drinking establishments to support the Muskegon Rotary Foundation, will run April 21-May 6.

There will be a special Rotary Happy Hour at each location. Proceeds from drinks purchased, including a special "Rotary Drink" at each location, will benefit our Foundation. Rotarians and guests are welcome and light appetizers provided.



Mary Anne Gorman described our foundation funded activities that include youth leadership and service mentoring (Youth Exchange, Life Leadership Conference, and Interact and student scholarships), food security and nutrition (Feeding America Food Trucks), education, public health, DEI, community cultural enrichment (Public Art), community development and park development (installation of outdoor musical instruments), and international aid initiatives (El Salvador trips, Honduras trips, and Ukraine aid).

-New club members are encouraged to attend the Socibowl event on Thursday, April 27th.

-Muskegon Jaycees are encouraged to attend the Wonderland event on Tuesday, May 2nd.

-ReWine members will meet at Pigeon Hill on Thursday, May 4th.

Tim Arter explained how the funds are being received:

-Sponsorships
-Establishments are contributing partial funds when their specialty drink is purchased
-Contribution boxes will be prominently displayed during the happy hours for cash donations
-Donations can be made directly via our Pours for Community QR Code



All donation amounts are welcome. Checks can be made out to: **Muskegon Rotary Foundation – Pours** P.O. Box 66, Muskegon, MI 49443. Contact **Tim Arter** at 231.750.8827 or timarter935@gmail.com for any questions.

Remember to share this with your friends (especially on social media)!



Muskegon Rotary Club | Facebook
[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/muskegonrotaryclub)

Dates and times!

Friday 4/21 at 4-6 pm:

-Salty Pecker

[Click here to sign up](#)

*Monday 4/24 at 5-7 pm:

-Unruly Brewing Company

[Click here to sign up](#)

*Thursday 4/27 at 5-7 pm:

-Socibowl

[Click here to sign up](#)

*Saturday 4/29 at 4-6 pm:

-18th Amendments Spirits Co.

*Tuesday 5/2 at 5-7 pm:

-Wonderland Distilling Co.

*Thursday 5/4 at 5-7 pm:

-Pigeon Hill

*Saturday 5/6 at 4-6 pm:

-Pints & Quarts



Thank You Sponsors

Premiere--\$1,000

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Seaway Run Countdown!



<https://seawayrun.com>

Our Club's biggest fundraiser on **June 24** 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](#).**

QR Code for Youth Programs



Dear Rotarians Serving Youth,
Here is a visual that can be included anywhere an image can be sent. Please save it and you will be surprised at how many places and times it will become a valued asset. It connects to the Muskegon Rotary website Youth Programs page. If you don't yet know how to use it, you will soon per fantastic **Mike Vogas**.



Pioneer Resources' Hats and Horses Fundraising Event

Themed around the Kentucky Derby, this "party with a purpose" raises funds for Pioneer Resources' or a specific program, (depending on the year). This event takes place during the Kentucky Derby – typically the first Saturday in May. Dress in your derby best and enjoy a live auction, silent auction, our famous "Wheelbarrow of Booze" raffle, and many other fun derby-themed activities. The race is shown live and the music, food and atmosphere is fantastic. You won't want to miss it! Tables are available for businesses or families wishing to enjoy the event as a group.

Saturday, May 6, 2023

5-9 PM

Bella Maria's Event Center

Contact **Rachel Gorman** at

rgorman@pioneerresources.org or

[-Click here to get Tickets-](#)

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](#).

RIM Reporting Team

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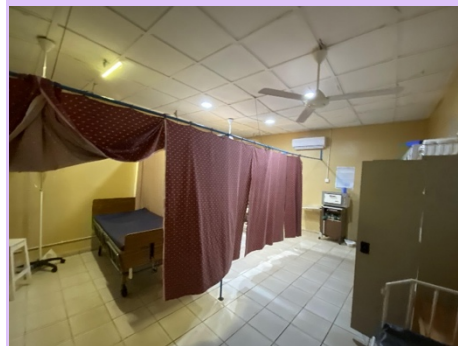
Interact Insider

North Muskegon Interact Club

NM Interact Club as pledged to raise \$1000 to support former Interactor Bella Lindsay's **Maternity Ward Renovation Project** in Gambia. **Muskegon High Interact** is also contributing.



All funds raised by all of us will be matched 100 percent by Seeds of Change. Goal is \$57,000.



If you can help in any way, please contact **John Noling**.



Rotary International District 6290
Rotary Foundation 500 Recognition Point Match Program

For a limited time only, **April 10 2023, through June 9, 2023**, on a first come first serve basis, Rotary International District 6290 is offering to match a ***new*** gift of cash or credit card, \$500 to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund, with 500 recognition points to name a Paul Harris Fellow. (Note: "***new***" means that the entire \$500 contribution must be made within the program dates. Earlier partial donations cannot be counted towards the match.)

Please complete the information below and send along with a \$500 USD check payable to *The Rotary Foundation* to: (Please type or write clearly) Please also Note; Credit Card payments are acceptable and CC numbers must be clearly marked on the attached form. Your CC number will be totally private and confidential.

PDG Gary E. Chenoweth
District 6290 Foundation Chair
843 Millers Park
Elk Rapids, MI. 49629

Forms must be accompanied by a \$500 USD check and postmarked no later than June 9, 2023.

The following Rotarian wants to participate in the district 6290 recognition points match program:

Rotarian's Name

Rotarian's Member ID Number

Rotarian's Address

Rotarian's Phone Number

Rotarian's Email Address

Rotarian's Club Name

\$500 Check payable to The Rotary Foundation, check # _____

Name (as it is to appear on PHF certificate) of person to receive Paul Harris Fellow

Questions? Gary Chenoweth C: 314-814-5324 or E: gchenoweth@ridistrict6290.org