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# Muskegon


# Rotary in Motion






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## Muskegon Rotary Club

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

**Next Mtg—May 4, 2023, 12-1:30pm**

**The Lake House – No Zoom**

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

**Pigeon Hill**

**IMAGINE ROTARY**

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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 (5/4/23) — Muskegon’s New City Manager

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

Melissa Horton

### REFLECTORS

Roger Morgenstern      Apr 27  
 Joanie Smith              May 4  
 OPEN                        May 11  
 (Contact Alan Alpert if you can help)

### NEXT WEEK’S BIRTHDAYS

Carim Calkins              May 6  
 Susan Holkeboer          May 9  
 Morgan Carroll            May 10  
[Caring Connections Fund](#)  
 (Remember to donate \$10 on your birthday for this great cause!)

### PROGRAMS / EVENTS

Apr 27—Interact & Life Leadership Updates  
 May 4—Muskegon’s New City Manager  
 May 4—**ReWine at 5:15 pm**  
           **Meet at Pigeon Hill**  
 May 11—A Kid Again

Missed the meeting on 4/27/2023?  
[-Click here for the recording-](#)

Meetings will be at the Lake House again beginning May 4th

### VISITORS & GUESTS



**Jim Fisher** and guest **Stacey Gomez** (Executive Director of Call 2-1-1 and prospective member)



**John Rupert**, right, and **Route 31 Credit Union** colleague **Nick Green** (Business Development Officer)



**Tom Palmer** and guest **Lisa Kraus** (with **Edward Jones** and prospective member)



**Rob Mathis** and his **Citi Boi Corp** colleague and wife **Reyna Mathis**



**John Noling** with **Interact** members **Kylee Foster**, **Elita Kennedy**, & **Miranda Hutson**

### STUDENT GUESTS



**Oakridge High School** was welcomed by **Marty Sytsema**. Assistant Principal **Brian Bennett** introduced seniors **Bradon Davis** (heading to **Alma**) and **Andrea Romero** (heading to **MCC** for pediatric nursing).

# THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: End of Year Review with Interact Students

Facilitated by: **Esther Ricco**  
RIM Reporter: **Lori Weiler**



Esther introduced panelists (l to r) **Megan Adams**, junior and Reeths-Puffer Interact President; **Zureba Burns** is the Muskegon Club's Vice President and a junior; **Corina Nunez** is Orchard View's President and a senior, and **Sophia Lindsay** is the Club's Secretary and a junior at North Muskegon.



Esther began the program with a BIG THANK YOU to fellow Rotarians for all the donations of clothing, shoes, pop cans, and monetary donations for building supplies for the El Salvador trip.

Esther and the panelists presented a slide show with photos from the recent El Salvador trip. The students spoke about their experience building homes.



Pictured above are homes constructed and ready to be roofed by Muskegon County Interact students and advisers in El Salvador.



Reeths Puffer Interact Club

Megan described their small but mighty Reeths Puffer Interact Club. One of their biggest accomplishments was raising funds to bring Molly Kennedy to Reeths Puffer for her Flip Your 20 (Change your Perspective) presentation, which reached a lot of people; they continue to sponsor a four-year-old foster child by purchasing clothes, toys, and other items; and they had a Purple Pinkie booth for End Polio Now.



In El Salvador, Reeths Puffer was represented by two of their Interactors.



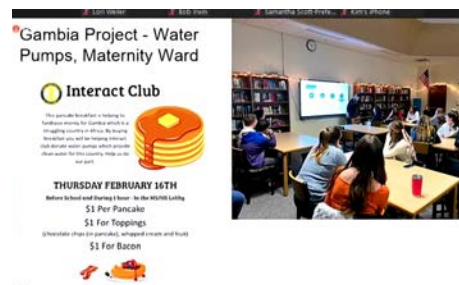
Muskegon Interact Club

Zuri shared that the Muskegon Rotaract Club has participated in the United Way Day of Caring, very successful food trucks and Life Leadership Conference Participation.



North Muskegon Interact Club

North Muskegon's Club has been busy with food trucks; a fundraiser and food drive for the Food Pantry; a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Gambia Project; and a bake sale to support communities affected by Hurricane Ian.







Orchard View Rotaract Club Officers



OV Rotaract students dig in with United Way Day of Caring and helping to plant 250 trees at Harbor Dunes for Earth Day Matters.



When asked how their school and the community reacts to their Interact Club projects, Corina stated that their club is just starting to get noticed. She recently received a scholarship for her contributions. Last weekend when their club was helping plant trees, people would stop and personally thank them for their hard work.

Megan shared that bringing Molly Kennedy to their school resulted in increased membership, support from the administration, and getting their club noticed. Their club has not finalized the upcoming year's projects

and fundraisers yet, but some ideas are selling trees and hosting a can drive. They are coming up with creative ways to bring money into their account so they can give it back to other organizations.

Zuri told us they are bringing Diatribe to their school May 18. Next school year they are hosting blood drives.

Corina and about ten students from Orchard View's club will be spending this weekend cleaning up a highway. They are looking forward to their upcoming elections.

Sophia said their club will continue to fundraise for the Gambia project, help support their foster child, and get more involved in their community.

Leaders often demonstrate passion for what they believe in, so it comes as no surprise that club President Corina's passion is helping every way she can. She plans to attend GVSU to study social work. Megan loves helping people, animals, and the earth. She loves to volunteer any way and anywhere she can. As president of her club, she gets to share her passion with other people. This is the most diverse club she has ever been involved with.

Zuri and Sophia shared how their involvement with Interact has made them more aware of their surroundings, especially in El Salvador. This heightened awareness has made them grateful for what they have. Sophia spoke of her huge perspective change and how she has grown in many areas, for example--public speaking, her fearlessness and ability to connect with people.

All four students went on the El Salvador trip. While everyone expects to make friends, work hard, and

sweat, what didn't they expect that impacted their lives?

Megan's biggest takeaway is that you can connect without speaking their language. She was able to connect with little kids and people her age. They understood each other without having to say it.

Zuri was amazed at the variety of living conditions. For example, they went to a gated community party in a back yard, then the next day were working with people living in mud huts.

Corina shared how even the littlest things can make the biggest difference. A health issue kept her from lifting the cement blocks and she was put on mortar duty, a tedious job where the impact of the work isn't nearly as obvious as laying blocks. She learned every job is important because it all impacts the strength of the buildings.

Sophia did not expect to see such pure happiness from the people. They don't have access to education or a roof over their heads or running water. This helped her learn be grateful for little things.

The students were asked how members of our Rotary club might support them in the future. Unanimously they all agreed--can donations! (Rotarians--please feel free to drop them in John Noling's front yard). All four students also asked Rotarians to share their advice for projects and fundraising, and please come to the Interact meetings.





**Bill Johanson**, a member since 1991 and the Rotarian behind the creation of the Rotary In Motion (*RIM*) newsletter, sends his regards via friend and long-time Consumers Energy co-worker **Roger Morgenstern**. (Roger shot the picture of the two of them, but Bill, the Photoshop wizard he still is, played around with the final product, as the *RIM* Founder and Editor Emeritus is entitled to do!) Roger visited him recently at Sanctuary at the Oaks, where he's currently living while his family works on preparing his large Fruitport Township home for sale so he and wife Kris can "downsize." Bill can be contacted by calling 231-740-6959, emailing [bjobassman@yahoo.com](mailto:bjobassman@yahoo.com) or via U.S. Mail at Sanctuary At the Oaks, 1740 Village Drive, Apt. 325, Muskegon MI 49442.

## Member Spotlight: Andrea Riegler



Andrea Riegler is an architect who grew up in Muskegon, lived out west for a while, and came back. She joined Rotary late last year. She has three adult children, a son who recently graduated from U of M as well as a daughter and her youngest son both studying at MSU. Andrea loves spending time in downtown Muskegon and has a new perspective since moving back. She thoroughly enjoys walking her dog, visiting establishments, and attending plays and symphonies here. Music and architecture are her passion. Andrea says we have such a beautiful city with so much potential and with her architectural expertise she hopes to help promote our community in West Michigan. See her video [here](#).

## INDUCTION – Stacey Kennedy



Stacey hails from a small town in northeast Ohio. While a freshman in high school, she spotted a good looking senior named Ian Kennedy and the rest is history. Stacey and Ian will be married for 30 years this June and have 2 biological boys-Ethan (27) and Elliot (24). When Stacey and Ian's boys were 7 and 10, they adopted their daughter, Elita, from South Korea and picked her up from Chicago O'Hare baggage claim number 9. She was the cutest 5-month-old and is now a 17-year-old senior at Montague who just recently returned from her Rotary Interact El Salvador trip.

Stacey graduated from Michigan State University with a marketing degree. She was the youngest property manager for a real estate investment trust for years until she went into labor with her oldest son. She then stayed home for the next 19 years focusing on raising her 3 kids and providing administrative support for her husband who worked in independent sales. Eight years ago, when her husband switched careers to move into full time ministry serving at-risk youth, Stacey returned to the workforce part-time at Lakeshore Professional Eyecare. She helped open 2 affiliate locations and grow the team from 8 employees to 29 and was named the Operations Manager for all 3 locations. Stacey is very proud of the knowledge she gained and the positive culture she created during her tenure in the optometry field. Just this past February, Stacey accepted a position as the Mission Advancement Lead along the Lakeshore with West Michigan Youth for Christ. She is very excited to now be working in the same organization with her husband. While Ian focuses on direct service to at-risk students ages 11-19, Stacey focuses on providing leadership in the areas of development, community relations, advocacy, and ministry expansion.

Stacey loves to play in her 1872 old parsonage home that they bought four years ago. The home was specifically purchased because of its perfect setup to

hold youth groups for kids every Monday. The home was previously a Bed and Breakfast and therefore, if the need ever arises to house a student because of an unsafe home environment, the setup exists. Stacey, along with their volunteers, provide a home cooked meal, play games, and facilitate a discussion time every week.

During her free time (which is minimal), Stacey enjoys her century home and going thrifting and antiques. Her idea of the perfect vacation is for her and her husband to get in the car with an empty trailer hitched to the vehicle and head out on the road with no plan in place other than to fill the trailer with imperfect castoffs found at thrift and antique stores. Stacey is excited to learn the stories of the amazing people that comprise Muskegon Rotary.

### Muskegon Rotary Board

Jane Clingman-Scott	Ginny Sprague
Tim Arter	Jason Piasecki
Kristi Nagengast	Don Hutchins
Marty Sytsema	Kim Boersema
Jeff Lewis	Asaline Scott
David Ramos	Marty Gerencer
Aaron Maie	

Please email Club Board

Members through this [link](#):

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Meetings Back at the Lake House



Starting Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, our Muskegon Rotary Meetings will be back at the Lake House for our summer schedule.

### Register for Lunches



Don't forget to register for lunches by Monday via SignUpGenius. As **President Jane** stated, "We've gotten pretty good at this...but there are still a few glitches." If you haven't registered by the Monday before the meeting, the greeter will be as accommodating as possible; however, the late registration fees will be added to your bill. Communicate with **Kim Boersema** as quickly as possible regarding the lunch sign-ups via email at [muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com](mailto:muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com).



## No Zoom for a While

Our Rotary lunch Zoom link is not going to be an option for the next couple of months for our weekly meetings. (Our digital expert **Mike Vogas** is having shoulder replacement surgery.) If you are a Satellite member and want to attend a meeting, just let **Kim Boersema** ([muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com](mailto:muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com)) know no later than the Monday prior to the meeting. There will be a \$15.00 charge to attend.



## Adopt-A-Highway MDOT Pickup a Success!



By **Esther Ricco**

A special thank you to Rotarians **Michelle Burley, Kelly DeVos, John Noling, Kevin Ricco, Eric Seifert, Annette Smedley** and Orchard View student **River Creed** for cleaning up the Muskegon Rotary highway stretch. This small but mighty crew tackled 4 miles of highway on I-96 early Saturday morning which resulted in 83 bags of trash, tire remnants, and more car parts that we could count! We will have two more pickups this year, one in July and another in September, dates to be determined. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Esther Ricco at [riccoe@gvsu.edu](mailto:riccoe@gvsu.edu) and she can add



you to her volunteer list and will update those interested as soon as dates are selected.

## Interact Insider



MHS Rotary Interactors working with the City of Muskegon celebrated Arbor Day on Friday by planting five "cottonless" hybrid Cottonwood trees at Pere Marquette Park.

Cottonwoods do well in beach sand and new tree plantings from the City of Muskegon now grace the entire beachfront at Pere Marquette ovals. Thanks, Interactors, for serving your community on Arbor Day!



## Rotary District Conference in Grand Rapids This Year



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

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

**Register!**



## Seaway Run Countdown!



<https://seawayrun.com>

**Roger Morgenstern** reminded us of our Club's biggest fundraiser on **June 24** that includes a 5k walk, 5 & 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. 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 register by clicking [here](#) or to volunteer by clicking [here](#).**

## 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](mailto:rgorman@pioneerresources.org) or [-Click here to get Tickets-](#)



## Pours for Community Update!



Pours for Community, a series of happy hours at local drinking establishments to support the Muskegon Rotary Foundation, started on April 21 and will run until 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.

Our foundation funded activities 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).

-ReWine members will meet at Pigeon Hill on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:timarter935@gmail.com) for any questions.

Click here to see the pictures of last week's events (or scroll to page 7).

Share this with your friends (especially on social media)!



Muskegon Rotary Club | Facebook  
facebook.com

## Dates and times remaining!

\*Thursday 5/4 at 5-7 pm:

-Pigeon Hill

[Click here to sign up](#)

\*Saturday 5/6 at 4-6 pm:

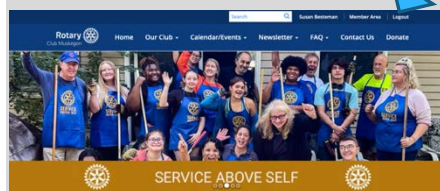
-Pints & Quarts

[Click here to sign up](#)

## Thank You Sponsors

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**Tim & Cheryl Arter**  
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## Login to ClubRunner



Don't forget about your ClubRunner account! Head online to [www.MuskegonRotary.org](http://www.MuskegonRotary.org) and click on the "Member Area" button at the top right of the webpage to login. Update your profile (including your picture), view the directory, check out the committees, and more. Click this link for a video tutorial on "How Do I Login?"

<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/kb/articles/video-how-do-i-login>

Is there an app for ClubRunner? YES! Mike Vogas created a video tutorial just for this (click the link below):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOj0BvTVmU>

## \$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.
- Give your check and the name of the person you wish to honor as a Paul Harris Fellow no later than Monday, June 5, so Ginny 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](mailto: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




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**Paula's Zumba Crew**  
presents a Zumbathon fundraiser benefiting  
**POUND BUDDIES**  
**Dancing for Doggies**



And Kitties, too!!!

When: Friday, May 12, 2023  
Time: 6pm-8pm  
Where: Pound Buddies  
3279 E. Laketon Ave  
Muskegon, MI 49442



No Zumba experience needed, just come and have fun with us!!!  
\* Suggested Minimum Donation \$5.00



## Saturdays in May!

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

## Dancing for Doggies

A Pound Buddies Zumba-Thon will be held on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM to raise funds for several dogs found in Norton Shores needing medical assistance and adoption after they were found in horrible conditions.



## Pours for Community April 27, 2023



**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](mailto:gchenoweth@ridistrict6290.org)***