







# “Service Above Self” Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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## Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916  
**Next Mtg—May 5, 2022, 12:00-1:30pm**  
**Hybrid Style – The Lake House & Zoom**  
**ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 5/5 5:15 pm**  
**John Noling's House (BYOB)**

**Mary Anne Gorman, Director**  
**Jeff Lewis, Director**  
**Doug Wood, Director**  
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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 (5/5/22) — Events in Muskegon

The Lakeshore Art Festival, Burning Foot, and Michigan Irish Festival will be back, bigger, and better than ever!

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

Jane Mountain	Apr 28
Darlene Collet	May 5
Tom Palmer	May 12
Erik Seifert	May 19
Bill Erickson	May 26

### THIS WEEK'S MENU

Mexican Buffet

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Susan Holkeboer	May 9
Morgan Carroll	May 10
Doug Brown	May 11

[Caring Connections Fund](#)

### PROGRAMS / EVENTS

4/28 Poppen Programs  
 5/5 Events in Muskegon  
 5/5 **ReWine 5:15 PM**  
     John Noling's House (BYOB)  
 5/12 Land Conservancy of W. MI

April 28, 2022  
 Muskegon Rotary Club  
 Meeting Video  
[Click Here](#)

### Meet at the Lake House Beginning May 5th

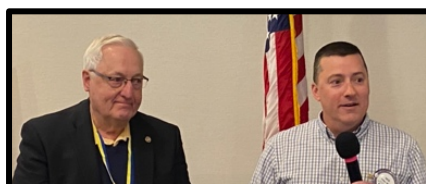


730 Terrace Point Rd,  
 Muskegon, MI 49440

### VISITORS & GUESTS



Guest of **Melissa Moore** – Brandon Davis (Attorney, Director of Oversight & Public Accountability for the City of Grand Rapids, Read Muskegon BOD, Young Black Professionals Board, Civic Theater Board, running for Muskegon County 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Judge & prospective member)



**Peter Wills** introduced his dad and fellow Rotarian from Ludington **Roger Wills**



Guest of **Doug Brown** – Dan Potts (Miotech Orthopedic Group, Mona Shores Volleyball Coach, MS School Board, running for Muskegon County Commissioner & prospective member)



**Claire Root-Benson** introduced Muskegon High School students Tyrie Ross and DeAntee Mayhew (both instrumental in getting the Muskegon Interact Program back on its feet) and GVSU student Cruz Pena. They are all Poppen Program students.



## Muskegon Rotary Board

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### S.S. Milwaukee Clipper

A National Historic Landmark

## 25th Anniversary Fundraiser AUCTION

*"The Queen of the Great Lakes"*



*"Your Host Afloat"*

**Delta Hotels by Marriot**

Sunday - May 15, 2022  
 Lunch Served 12pm - 1:30pm  
 Live and Silent Auctions 12pm - 3:30pm

100% of proceeds go to the Clipper. All Volunteer Staff

AUCTION ITEMS:  
 African Safari • The Grand Hotel  
 Adventure to the Top of Mackinac Bridge Tower Tour  
 SS Badger Trip to Manitowish • Lake Express Tickets  
 Check Online at [www.milwaukeeclipper.com](http://www.milwaukeeclipper.com) for Additional Auction Items  
 Auctioneer Services donated by Tim Tazemans - Midwest Liquidators

50/50 Drawing - Raffle - Cash Bar  
 \$40 per Person - Casual Attire

Tickets Available by Calling  
 (231) 722-2375 or (231) 744-5101

## Seaway Run

2022 Seaway Run Begins

**JUNE 25th**

The Seaway Run Committee met Thursday morning and a record of over \$50,000 in sponsorships has already been attained. This is Muskegon Rotary Club's largest fundraiser for the community. With this record breaking amount of sponsorship support, the Seaway Run Committee is challenging our club to sign up at least 100 Rotarians to participate in the race this year either by running, walking, or volunteering. Click the link below to sign up:

<https://seawayrun.com/>



## Parties in the Park

June 3, 2022 is the date for the first Party in the Park this year. Save the date and more details to come.



## Arbor Day Celebration!

April 29<sup>th</sup>, North Muskegon HS Environmental Club, Interactors, and Muskegon Rotary continued to celebrate Earth Day with the City of Muskegon at Richards Park. 20 trees, 100 Grape Crush Asters, and Butterfly Weed perennials were planted.



## NEW INDUCTION!



### Jeff Bessinger

Jeff is a native of Muskegon. He graduated from Reeths-Puffer and is a Muskegon Community College graduate. He obtained his Bachelor's from GVSU and his Master's from Western Michigan University. He is married to Kellie (also from Muskegon) for 20 years and they have two boys: Colton, 14 and Eli, 12. Both attend Reeths-Puffer. He is currently the Collections and Exhibits Director as well as the Archivist for the LMC. He has been employed at the LMC since 2015 but started as an intern in 2011 and continued to volunteer until his hiring in 2015.

Jeff also comes to Rotary from a family of Rotarians. His father, Craig Bessinger, is a member of the Grand Haven Rotary Club and his brother-in-law, Don Kalisz, is a member of this club.

Jeff has a long history of giving back to his community. He was a Board Member of the former Lakeshore Sports Commission and volunteered in his sons' classrooms and events from 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. He is also a huge baseball fan and has been coaching for the last 8 years. He has been on the RP Little League board since 2018 and is currently the Board VP. This year he is a coach on the RP JV baseball team, an assistant on his youngest son's travel and Little League team.



## Paul Harris Fellow Award



**Roger Wills**, from the Rotary Club of Ludington, was proud to help introduce the Paul Harris Fellow award recipient, his son, **Pete Wills**.

As a teenager, Pete was an Eagle Scout who



loved camping and still loves it to this day. When Peter was at MSU, he was elected by 40,000 students for student government leadership. When no other legislators stepped up, Pete and Sen. Jeff Hansen spent eighteen months working on a financial rescue plan of public schools in Detroit. Pete has served more than twenty years in state legislature as a legislative aid and is currently Director of Government and Strategic Initiatives for the City of Muskegon.



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## This Week's Spotlight: Doug Brown



Doug Brown joined Rotary in 2018 to develop acquaintances and serve in the community. Doug is married, has two children, six grandchildren, and has lived in the Muskegon area for over 35 years. Doug is the Co-Owner of Grand River Office which is a full-line commercial office furniture dealer located in the downtown Muskegon area. The company is involved in the community, they try to use local manufacturing, and get the best value for your budget. Doug is proud of Earth Day - This year the Interact Club helped work at Pioneer Park and other parks cleaning up the debris and he looks forward to doing this project again next year.

For Doug's video: [click here](#)

## Law Day Liberty Bell Recipient



**Jenny McNeill, John Noling, Judge Annette Smedley and Nancy Crandall**

The Muskegon County Bar Association Annual Liberty Bell Award recognizes outstanding service performed by a local citizen who has given time and energy to strengthen the effectiveness of the American system of justice and to improve our community or solve community needs. This award recognizes individuals who go above and beyond by giving their personal time and efforts to make our community a better place to live.

John was nominated by Rotarian Jenny McNeill who stated, "John has been the driving force in recruiting and mentoring our high school students in the Law Day Speech Contest for many years. Every single day, John goes above and beyond for the students in our community with his involvement in Law Day and Interact and Rotaract clubs. There has never been someone more deserving of this award."

## DEI Mixer

**Marcia Hovey-Wright** announced the DEI Committee met and they are collaborating with Muskegon Heights for this year's mixer celebration the weekend of June 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. The DEI Committee will be helping with this event on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. The DEI Committee is looking forward to the collaboration this year and will be looking for volunteers.





**Dick Grout  
Jump!4Polio-22  
Grand Marshall**



**June 25**  
**Jump!4Polio**  
Let's make it off.  
(our dream!)

Dick Grout is our official Grand Marshall for this event. In 2018, at the age of 98, Dick jumped in Charlevoix, Now, at 101, he is skydiving over Grand Haven.

On June 25, jump with skydiving legend:

**Grand Marshall Dick Grout**

Register



Sign up by April 30<sup>th</sup> and get a T-shirt!  
<https://www.ridistrict6290.org/50029/Page/Show?ClassCode=Page&Slug=jump!4polio>

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

### Poppen Programs Inc.

Speaker:

**Claire Root-Benson**

Violist: Cruz Pena

RIM Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**



- Opportunities for summer workshops, pre-college experiences, or arts camp experiences are available to committed students who apply

### The Nancy K. Poppen Program

The Nancy K. Poppen Program was established by Sherman and Nancy Poppen in 1993. Nancy was a visual artist who wanted all children to be able to explore the fine arts. This program is a three-way partnership among the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, The Public Schools of the City of Muskegon, and the Poppen Programs, Inc. Board of Directors.



#### Program Highlights

- Talented students enrolled at Muskegon Public Schools seeking to develop their art may apply
- Students may apply when they are currently in third through eleventh grade
- No out-of-pocket costs to families
- Offer weekly lessons in the fine arts outside of school, such as private music lessons, visual arts classes, dance classes,

theatre classes, or creative writing and spoken word performance



- Cultural and arts performances available to NKP students
- College campus visits for High School NKP students



### Sherman R. Poppen Program

In 2000, Sherman and Louise Poppen enhanced the Nancy K. Poppen Program by establishing the Sherman R. Poppen Scholarship Fund to assist graduating Nancy K. Poppen participants.



#### Program Highlights

- Open to Muskegon High School seniors as first-time applicants who have been actively involved in the Nancy K. Poppen Program until graduation
- Post-Secondary Scholarship/Apprenticeship/Young Artist Program Opportunities
- Students who intend to major in their arts disciplines in college may apply for financial support
- Graduating seniors, and renewal applications accepted annually by February 1st

- Support for tuition, fees for programs which will further the artistic career of the young artist, room and board needed for post-secondary studies, technology or arts supplies



### Poppen Kids

- Average participation 40-60 Big Reds in the Nancy K Poppen program at any time
- About 650 students total in programs' history
- 5-8 Sherman R Poppen scholars supported with funding ranging from \$5500-\$8500 in most years
- Impact over life of the programs has helped many local artists who got their start with Poppen classes: Jubenal Rodriguez, Ashley Nash, Rryuhn Dotson



The Poppen Program can serve more students annually as costs increase, if support continues in the future: Nancy K Poppen Fund *and* Sherman R Poppen Fund *at the* Community Foundation for Muskegon County

For additional information or how to apply online, please visit the Poppen Programs website at:

[www.poppenprograms.org](http://www.poppenprograms.org)





