

The RIM Newsletter

Rotary

InMotion



Club 16 (2809) District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>



*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 4, 2024

Next Meeting (April 11, 2024, 12-1:30pm) — Pot Roast Buffet at the Delta
 Program Topic – Tri-Share Program/State of Childcare (United Way)

What's Coming

- April 11** -- Tri-Share Program/State of Childcare
- April 18** – High School Students and trips to Africa with Paul Billings
- April 25** – Goodwill Industries of West Michigan

Upcoming Birthdays

- April 11** Nicholas Green
- April 11** Eric Seifert
- April 13** Erin Kuhn
- April 14** Brad Hastings

Caring

Connections Fund

[Click this link to donate \\$10 on your birthday](#)



Greeter This Week

Melissa Horton

Reflectors

- Eileen Stoffen April 4
- Emily Morgenstern April 11
- Adam Bell April 18
- Myrna Olson April 25

RIM Reporting this Edition

Photographer – Roger Morgenstern
 RIM Reporter – Jackie Farrar
 RIM Editor – Susan Besteman

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

VISITORS & GUESTS



D.J. Hilson introduces his guest, his daughter Melanie



Dave Medendorp introduces his guest, James Harmon Sr.



Jamie Hekker introduces her guest, Allison Keessen

Changes in the RIM Reporting Team

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Muskegon Rotary Board

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Please email Club Board Members through this [link](#):



Coffee Connect

Connect with fellow Rotarians over coffee on April 10, 2024, 8-9am at the Muskegon Museum of History and Science (430 W. Clay Ave).

Contact Melissa@LakeshoreMuseum.org for any questions.

Last Week's Program: How YOU Birth – Doula Initiative



Speaker: Hillery Ross

Reporter: Jackie Farrar



DOULA PERSPECTIVE

empower parents, and promote health equity. How YOU Birth provides doula services to anyone who needs services regardless of financial barriers. They have assisted twenty-six (26) families, twenty-three (23) births, and trained twenty-two (22) doulas. They continue to work towards improving birth outcomes in our community by continuing to offer services and creating a safe space for the family.

RIM Reporting Team

Co-Editors: Susan Besteman & Jackie Farrar

Reporters: Kathy Moore, Roger Morgenstern, Meredith Smillie

Photographers: Mark Alpher & Roger Morgenstern

Contributors: Bill Johanson, John Noling, & Mike Vogas



Speaker Hillery Ross

How YOU Birth is a doula initiative that aims to provide culturally competent support to families during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period. They address disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes among communities of color by offering education, advocacy, and emotional support tailored to the specific needs and experiences of families.

The services provided seek to improve birth outcomes,



Anitra Conyers, a trained doula, shares her experience with the Club.

Member Spotlight Michael Weesies



Muskegon Rotarian **Michael Weesies** is the CEO for the Hackley Community Care Center, which provides numerous services to mothers and children in the Greater Muskegon area. He cites cooperation with other humanitarian services brought about by Rotary networking.

Watch his video [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS Author Visit – April 17

The author of *Firekeeper's Daughter*, Angeline Boulley, will be in Muskegon April 17 at 6 p.m. at Orchard View High School. Register to attend at www.madl.org/miread. If you haven't yet read the book, thanks to the Library of Michigan, BiblioBoard, and Michigan Humanities, free downloads of audio and e-book versions of *Firekeeper's Daughter* will be free to Michiganders from April 12 to May 10. Visit www.ReadMichigan.org to access.

AUTHOR VISIT
ANGELINE BOULLEY
Bestselling Young Adult Novelist
Printz Medal & Morris Award Winner
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
6:00 PM
ORCHARD VIEW
HIGH SCHOOL

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RIM Team Changes



Heartfelt gratitude was expressed to **Lori Weiler** for her years of dedicated service to our

Muskegon Rotary club. Her commitment, passion, enthusiasm, and hard work ethic made a significant difference in our club. She started as a Rotary in Motion (RIM) newsletter reporter with former RIM editor **Bill Johanson's** recruitment and when he retired, Lori and **Susan Besteman** took the reigns as co-editors. Lori, a local business owner, has been instrumental in the continued

excellence of our RIM newsletter and even spearheaded our new format. Her commitment and dedication have not gone unnoticed by many, and this kind of service requires some

personal sacrifices. Therefore, it is with a sad but understanding heart that we announce Lori is taking a break from her RIM duties for now (but she knows she is always welcome back anytime). Thank you again, Lori, for your years of wonderful service.

Fantastic **Jackie Farrar** is stepping up as co-editor with Susan. If you have any interest in becoming a RIM Reporter, please contact Susan and Jackie – [click here.](#)

OUR BEST TO LORI

by **Bill Johanson**

The year was 2004. Rotary President **Don Mathews** inquired if I might sit on a committee to improve the Club newsletter. During the first meeting, we were asked for editing volunteers. "I'd be happy to edit, Don, but only until the end of your term." Fourteen years later, it was time for me to pass the torch.

So, I finally called a committee meeting after Club one day and asked for an editing volunteer. Much to my pleasant surprise, RIM reporter **Lori Weiler** stepped forward and said she'd give it a try. (A minute later, **Susan Besteman** did likewise, but this story is about Lori.) We were set, I could retire, and RIM's high quality has continued.

Now, Lori is pursuing other vistas, and we wish her the very best. She did a wonderful job co-editing RIM and we appreciate the many, many hours and efforts she contributed to Muskegon Rotary. We know Susan will continue the RIM tradition with, of course, help from her reporters and other members. As I recall hearing: "All editing volunteers take one step backward. Not **you**, Johanson!"

Bill Johanson's Song for Lori Weiler (Click the link below.)

https://youtu.be/DD2Mxl_eEgg?si=5PMiSeUSvHc5kMll



Lori Weiler gets into the groove of a song (click the link above) composed by *RIM* Founder, Editor Emeritus and Contributor **Bill Johanson** to

honor her work with *RIM* and our Club. Lori received a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of her work for the Club and *RIM*.



Bill Johanson's tune gets a round of applause. Bill was listening in via Zoom.

Paul Harris Fellows - Lori Weiler & Susan Besteman

In addition to the gratitude for Lori's service, **Meredith Smillie** presented a Paul Harris Fellow award for **Lori Weiler** (Meredith and **President Ginny Sprague** had **Susan Besteman** in on the plan for Lori's recognition).



Then, things turned around on Susan who was also presented a Paul Harris Fellow award. Susan's family also joined the recognition ceremony.



Congratulations to Lori and Susan on the Paul Harris Fellow Awards!



People of Action Now Home from El Salvador



Mission accomplished for our El Salvador service trip Interact students and leaders, **Esther Ricco** and **Michelle Burley**. They have many beautiful photos of their work constructing houses, the Talnique community, and some of their fun times together. We will hear more about their trip when they present a program in June. Welcome home to this dedicated group of Rotary volunteers!



Food Truck a Success!



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.

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. 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, riccoe@gvsu.edu and she can provide you with details. Be a part of keeping our adopted stretch clean and taking action to protect our environment!

March Madness Brave Rotarian Contest



Thank you to everyone who signed up for the March Madness Brave Rotarian contest.

Pam's Hospitalization

Contributed by Lindsay Nixon, **Pam Babbitt's** granddaughter.

Pam Babbitt has had a tough week and could use your prayers and thoughts right now. Last week Wednesday she went into the hospital with stomach pain and ended up needing to have an infected gallbladder removed. She struggled with a variety of issues following that surgery, such as internal bleeding and fluid in her lungs, and is currently on a ventilator in the ICU. She has had more procedures and surgeries in the last week to try to fix the issues that have arisen. She is receiving wonderful care at Trinity. Heidi and Eddie flew up for the initial surgery and remain with her as she progresses through the recovery process. Please pray with us for healing and rest for her body, wisdom for the doctors and nurses, and comfort for the family. She is needing rest and prayers more than visitors right now. Thank you for your love and care for Pam. It means the world.

Mort's Celebration of Life



Mort Kantor's family reached out and wanted us Rotarians to know that they are hosting Mort's Celebration of Life on Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 4:30-6:30 pm at MYC Junior Sailing Association 3198 Edgewater Street Muskegon, MI 49441.

Mort's Obituary – [Click Here](#)

POURS FOR COMMUNITY



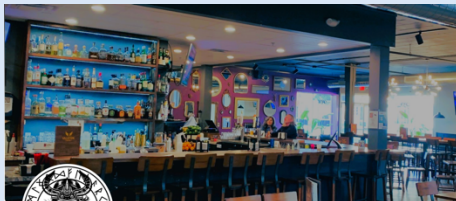
April 11-25, 2024

Dimitri

Poland reminded Rotarians of the four upcoming Pours for Community events in April. Please see the SignUp Genius e-mails/links to help each of the venues plan appropriately for the influx of Rotarians!



The proceeds are used for the Muskegon Rotary charities. Below are the designated locations this year; including a bonus Trivia Night at the Valkyrie this year so get your team together now!



The Valkyrie at the 4 Corners

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Thursday, April 11 – Valkyrie

(This will be a trivia night.)

6 – 9 PM

1900 Ruddiman Dr, North Muskegon

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Cocktail Bar & Catering

Friday, April 19 -- Wonderland

Distilling Co. 4 – 6 PM

1899 Lakeshore Dr, Muskegon

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Monday, April 22 -- Unruly Brewing
5 - 7 PM

360 W. Western Ave, Muskegon

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



Thursday, April 25 at 794 Kitchen
5 - 7 PM

794 Pine St, Muskegon

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](#)

Correction of Last Week's Article--Creating Hope in the World: Landon Fortenberry

Correction from last week's article—turns out the tropical setting was Africa, not China. Landon is based in Lusaka, Zambia. According to Landon, "Zambia is one of the most peaceful and stable countries in sub-Saharan Africa, although it is still a low-income country. Surprisingly, there is also a large Chinese population doing business here, many are operating their own businesses or working in the mining sector." Thank you, Landon, on creating hope in the world!

Muskegon Rising Ep 13: Adelaide Point – Muskegon's Eco-Friendly Waterfront Hub



With beautiful views of Muskegon Lake, Adelaide Point is a \$250 million development providing the community with many opportunities. We discuss the history of the property and the development of condos, a marina, boat storage, and a public access pier, while also supporting the local waterfront bike path and a partnership with Pigeon Hill Brewing that rebirths Muskegon Brewing Company in our discussion. Dr. Emily Leestma and her husband, Ryan's, passion for the environment is also a wonderful aspect of this development.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/14816135-adelaide-point-muskegon-s-eco-friendly-waterfront-hub>

District Conference

Kathy Hegedus emailed everyone about the upcoming District Conference at the Double JJ Ranch, May 2-4, 2024. 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](#)