







# “Service Above Self” Muskegon Rotary in Motion

http://www.muskegonrotary.org





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## Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916  
**Next Mtg—April 14, 2022, 12:00-1:30pm**  
**Hybrid Style – The Delta & Zoom**  
**Convention Center—(further down the hall)**  
**ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 4/21 5:15 pm**

**Mary Anne Gorman, 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 (4/14/22) — Muskegon Rescue Mission

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

Dan Hartmann

### REFLECTORS

Jane Clingman-Scott Apr 7  
 Meredith Smillie Apr 14  
 Bill Loxterman Apr 21  
 Jane Mountain Apr 28

### THIS WEEK'S MENU

Stir fry buffet, salad, & cookies

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Camille Jourden-Mark Apr 18  
 Michael Poulin Apr 18

[Caring Connections Fund](#)

### PROGRAMS / EVENTS

4/7 Muskegon Clippers  
 4/7 ReWine 5:15 PM  
 4/14 Muskegon Rescue Mission  
 4/18 Pours for Polio Start  
     Unruly Brewing Campaign  
[Sign up Deadline: Sunday, April 17](#)  
 4/19 Pigeon Hill Brewing Company  
[Sign up Deadline: Monday, April 18](#)  
 4/20 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment & Spirits  
[Sign up Deadline: Tuesday, April 19](#)  
 4/21 Cannabis Industry  
 4/21 ReWine 5:15 PM  
     Burl & Sprig (Pours for Polio)

### VISITORS & GUESTS



Guest of **Lisa Stafford** – Mary Twa (Health, Safety, and Environmental Manager with Aludyne)



Guests of **Jim Fisher** – From Michigan Works, Larry Sanders (Talent Solutions Manager) and Tara Becker (Community Resource Specialist)

### No Student Guests (Happy Spring Break!)

April 7, 2022  
 Muskegon Rotary Club  
 Meeting Video  
[Click Here](#)

### Jane Covered for Pres. Jason

Thank you **President-Elect Jane Clingman-Scott** for covering the meeting while **President Jason Piasecki** was away this week (leaving us all wondering about the weather where he is...).



### Meeting Locations Update:

Next week we will meet at the Delta but in the Convention Center instead. It is just a few more doors down the hall.

Starting May 5<sup>th</sup>, we will begin meeting at the Lake House.

### Muskegon Rotary Board

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Madness Ends!



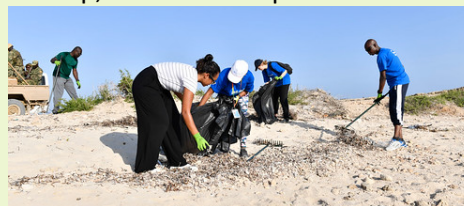
Congratulations to **Don Crandall** on winning the Brave Rotarian March Madness Contest with the Kansas Jayhawks! With a glimmer of hope left for the other 31 Brave Rotarians, a final drawing (from non-biased **Nancy Crandall**) for two more honors took place which ended with more cheers to **Jenny McNeill** and **Ed Hendrickson**.

Thank you to **Ginny Sprague** for her leadership with this contest and all our Brave Rotarians for their participation in the 2022 March Madness Contest & support of the Rotary Foundation.



### ReWine Update – Volunteers Needed

April 23<sup>rd</sup> (9am-12) Pioneer Park Beach Cleanup, Lunch will be provided



April 30<sup>th</sup> (9am-12) Meinert Park Tree Planting



If you are interested in helping with any of these projects and making an impact on our community, please contact Blake Cramer at [Blake.Cramer@morganstanley.com](mailto:Blake.Cramer@morganstanley.com).

## Pours for Polio: Muskegon Rotary Club Fundraiser



**Tim Arter** thanked everyone who already signed up for one or more of these events. They appreciate having as much information as possible ahead of time in order for each site to be able to provide enough anticipated appetizers. Also, they are looking for a couple more sponsors. If you have interest in sponsoring, please contact Tim at [timarter935@gmail.com](mailto:timarter935@gmail.com).

### Happy Hours

(Click the Links to Sign Up):

#### 1. Unruly Brewing Company

Date: April 18, 2022

Time: 5:00 - 7:00PM

Location: Unruly Brewing Company

360 W. Western Avenue

Muskegon, MI 49440

[Sign up Deadline: Sunday, April 17](#)



#### 2. Pigeon Hill Brewing Company

Date: April 19, 2022

Time: 5:00-7:00PM

Location: Pigeon Hill Brewing Company

895 Fourth Street

Muskegon, MI 49440

[Sign up Deadline: Monday, April 18](#)



#### 3. 18th Amendment Spirits Co.

Date: April 20, 2022

Time: 5:00-7:00PM

Location: 18th Amendment Spirits Co.

350 W. Western Avenue

Muskegon, MI 49440

[Sign up Deadline: Tuesday, April 19](#)



#### 4. Burl & Sprig

Date: April 21, 2022

Time: 5:00-7:00PM

Location: Burl & Sprig

333 W. Western Avenue

Muskegon, MI 49440

[Sign up Deadline: Wed., April 20](#)



#### 5. Rake Beer Project

Date: April 27, 2022

Time: 5:00-7:00PM

Location: Rake Beer Project

794 Pine Street

Muskegon, MI 49440

[Sign up Deadline: Tues., April 26](#)



#### 6. Wonderland Distillery

Date: April 28, 2022

Time: 5:00-7:00PM

Location: Wonderland Distillery

1989 Lakeshore Drive

Muskegon, MI 49441

[Sign-up Deadline: Wed., April 27](#)



#### 7. Salty Pecker Brewing

Date: April 29, 2022

Time: 5:00-7:00PM

Location: Salty Pecker Brewing

255 Seminole Rd

Muskegon, MI

[Sign-up Deadline: Thursday, April 28](#)



## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Attend and purchase the specialty Rotary drink!
  - Invite friends and spread the word!
  - Be a happy hour host!
  - Contact **Mary Anne Gorman** or **Lisa Metzendorf** with New Member Engagement Committee
  - Donate!
  - Become a \$250 Sponsorship (Individual or Business)
  - All donation amounts are welcome
- Checks to:  
Muskegon Rotary Foundation - Pours  
PO Box 66  
Muskegon, MI 49443

The proceeds that are going to go to this are supporting the Rotary International in our efforts to eradicate polio but also beyond that to help clean water initiatives, hygiene and health care worldwide. We also want to increase community awareness of rotary and its incentives, engage and recruit new members, provide a social opportunity to members and also leverage some matches.

## This Week's Spotlight: Andy Beulow



Andy is President and CEO of West Michigan Symphony and has spent his entire 35-year career in symphonies. He is the primary leader of the organization, working with a volunteer board of directors, directing administrative staff, and working and collaborating with Music Director Scott Speck.

He joined Rotary in 2018 after moving to Muskegon. His wife Beth is a coach, photographer, and an artist and they live in downtown Muskegon. In his spare time Andy is a musician with a "house full of keyboards," including two pianos, an antique 19th century pump organ, and a room full of modern keyboards. He spends a lot of time performing and listening to music, reading, walking, and spending summers at the beach or sailing on Lake Michigan.

Andy says Muskegon Rotary is the best he's ever been in. He's thrilled to be a member of the DEI Committee, a group doing great things.

To view Andy's video, [click here](#).

## Rotary Swag

If you have been waiting for more Rotary swag, **Merica Dobry** has the link through Trophy House below.

<https://trophyhousebrands.chipply.com/rotary/>

This Rotary Apparel store is open to accept orders until April 30. All orders placed between now and April 30 will be held and produced after the store closes. (If I order items this afternoon, I would not receive them until mid-May). Members will have the option to have their apparel shipped directly to them or to pick it up at a Rotary club meeting mid-May.

## 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.

## Invocations/Reflectors

If you are interested in giving an invocation/reflection please contact Alan Alpert at [fivea@me.com](mailto:fivea@me.com). We can also pre-record your invocation/reflection for those who are attending on Zoom.



## Rotary International Ukraine Refugee Aid

Rotary in Ukraine before invasion:  
60 Rotary Clubs with 1,100 Members  
25 Rotaract Clubs with 300 Members  
11 Interact Clubs

Past President **Mark Meyers**, on behalf of the World Community Service Committee, spoke about their meeting on March 17, 2022 where they approved a \$1500 donation from the committee's budget toward the Rotary International Ukraine Refugee Aid effort. The committee is challenging our Muskegon Rotary club to raise an additional \$1500. At the WEHOP board last Tuesday, they approved \$1500 donation from their fund after hearing our Muskegon Challenge and are now challenging the other local clubs to match the \$1500 mark. **John Noling** also informed us that three of our Interact Clubs have set that goal as well and are now challenging the other Interact Clubs as well.

Rotarians have given \$1.2 Million US so far. To donate to Rotary's Disaster Response Fund to support refugees and victims of the Ukraine crisis, click the link below through Rotary International's website or through cash/checks at a club meeting. Contact Mark for more information.

Donation link:

<https://lnkd.in/eQTexMPG>

For a report of the Rotary International Ukraine Projects as of March 17, 2022, [click here](#).



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

### Muskegon Clippers



Speakers: Pete and Walt Gawkowski

Introduced By: **Tim Lipan**

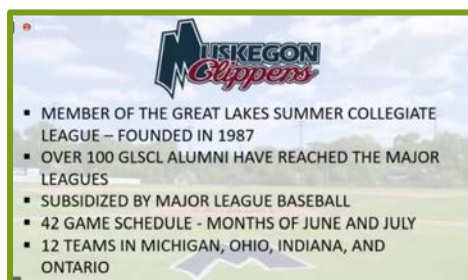
RIM Reporter: **Lori Weiler**

Tim Lipan introduced speakers Pete Gawkowski, Muskegon Clippers Owner, and General Manager Walt Gawkowski. Pete played ball at Muskegon Community College and Muskegon Catholic Central (first base and pitcher) and has coached youth baseball. Walt is a retired high school



teacher who formerly coached at Muskegon Catholic, North Muskegon and Mona Shores high schools and is the recently-retired Clippers Head Coach.

It's immediately apparent the shared love for this game when you hear the story of Pete and Walt Gawkowski. From their hard work and dedication to building and managing the Muskegon Clippers to how they continue working to restore the rich history of 105-year-old Marsh Field, it is their passion.



Borrowing the name from the 1948-50 Muskegon Clippers, a farm team for White Sox, Tigers, and Yankees, the current Clippers team is a member of the extremely competitive Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League. This league is one of 51 nonprofit national leagues and the Clippers belong to the North Division. Each summer Muskegon families open their homes to host college Clipper players who come from all over the country. With a grueling 42-game schedule, these players suit up nearly every night of the week traveling Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Ontario. Many of these young players move up to a professional level.

SCHOOLS REPRESENTED ON OUR ROSTER	
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI	CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY	INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
THE CITADEL	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY	NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

The Clippers is a family-friendly, community-engaged organization. Events include honoring veterans and first responders, Clippers Clobber Cancer Night, and (don't forget) a Muskegon Rotary outing. It's a bargain at only \$5 admission (\$3 for seniors), plus music, in-between-innings entertainment, adult beverages, concession, and a rentable 40+ person party deck. As if that weren't enough, they honor a little league team every night and all the kids can run the bases after each game.



GREAT LAKES SUMMER COLLEGIATE LEAGUE	
NORTH DIVISION	SOUTH DIVISION
DETROIT JET BOX	CINCINNATI STEAM
LIMA LOCOS	GRAND LAKE MARINERS
MICHIGAN MONARCHS	HAMILTON JOES
MUSKEGON CLIPPERS	LICKING COUNTY SETTLERS
ROYAL OAK LEPRECHAUNS	S. OHIO COPPERHEADS
ST. CLAIR GREEN GIANTS	XENIA SCOUTS
SANDUSKY BAY ICE HAULERS	RICHMOND JAZZ



### 2022 SEASON

- OPENING NIGHT – JUNE 7, 2022 7:05 PM
- SINGLE GAME TICKETS : ADULTS - \$5  
    SENIORS & STUDENTS - \$3  
    KIDS 5-12 - \$2  
    KIDS UNDER 5 – FREE
- FULL SEASON, HALF SEASON, 5 GAME FLEX PACKS, AND INDIVIDUAL GAME TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!
- GO TO OUR WEBSITE [MUSKEGONCLIPPERS.COM](http://MUSKEGONCLIPPERS.COM) AND CLICK ON TICKETS TO ORDER.

We wouldn't have Clippers baseball if it weren't for the rebuilding of Marsh Field. In 2010, they met with the City of Muskegon to develop a public/private partnership to bring it back to life. The city council unanimously approved their plan—an agreement to manage the ballpark and in return the city would allow them to use it as they pleased. They quickly set out finding ways to generate revenue by putting signage up, running leagues, and charging admission to games. At that time, Muskegon High School and a men's city league were playing there. Slowly, with the help of local businesses and community groups, they began investing in repairs for the stadium. Over \$275,000 has been improved in the stadium including a new scoreboard, new infield surface, expanded dugouts, netting to protect the fans, and the installation of some stadium seating.

This historic Muskegon landmark still hosts the Muskegon Big Reds. There are also eight Friday Night Lights events in a season (was scheduled to

start Friday, April 8, but weather has not cooperated), where two high school teams are invited to play. They honor the teams and it serves as a fundraiser for the park. In addition, Marsh Field hosts the GMAA City Tournament Finals; GMAA High School All-Star Game, tournaments, and summer youth clinics where the Clippers players work and have a lot of fun with the kids.

### MARSH FIELD TODAY

- HOME OF THE MUSKEGON CLIPPERS
- HOME OF THE MUSKEGON BIG REDS
- ANNUAL "FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" EVENTS
- GMAA CITY TOURNAMENT FINALS
- GMAA HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR GAME
- SUMMER CLINICS FOR MUSKEGON AREA YOUTH
- SUMMER TOURNAMENTS

Around 2014, they put together a team for the Michigan Summer Collegiate League. It was a great start, but they had their sights set on bigger and were finally able to join Great Lakes after three years.

With a 105-year-old stadium, the work is never done. Future

improvement needs include a covered grandstand, increased seating capacity, expanded concession area and press box, enlarged dugouts (you can't stand up if you're 5'11"), improvements to the outfield surface, clubhouse facilities and a personal space for visiting teams and umpires, and major restroom upgrades.

Cruising by Marsh Field now, you'll usually see someone out there at any time of the day working. Opening night is June 7, at 7:05 pm. For more information about how you can help, sponsorship opportunities, host a player, or to purchase tickets, visit their website at [www.muskegonclippers.com](http://www.muskegonclippers.com).

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### OUR VISION

- TO BENEFIT THE CITY OF MUSKEGON, THE BASEBALL FANS OF MUSKEGON COUNTY, THE GAME OF BASEBALL, AND MARSH FIELD ITSELF.
- TO RESPECT MARSH FIELD'S UNPARALLELED HISTORY WHILE MODERNIZING THE 105-YEAR-OLD LANDMARK TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE FUTURE.
- REESTABLISH MARSH FIELD AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF MUSKEGON'S LANDSCAPE AND RETURNING THIS BEAUTIFUL OLD BALLPARK TO ITS FORMER PROMINENCE SO THAT IT ONCE AGAIN BECOMES A POINT OF PRIDE FOR OUR CITY.
- PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH OF MUSKEGON TO ENGAGE IN OUR NATION'S PASTIME ON A SAFE AND WELL-MANICURED FACILITY.

### DESIRED IMPROVEMENTS

- COVERED GRANDSTAND
- INCREASE IN SEATING CAPACITY
- EXPANDED CONCESSION AREA, AND PRESS BOX
- ENLARGED DUGOUTS
- IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OUTFIELD SURFACE
- CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES AND A PERSONAL SPACE FOR UMPIRES
- INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE RESTROOM FACILITIES