

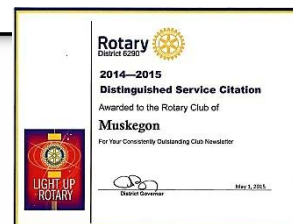
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**"Service Above Self"**

# Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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## Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) — District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916  
Next Mtg—September 1, 2022, 12-1:30pm  
**The Lake House - Hybrid**  
**ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 9/1/22 5:15 pm**  
**Location: North Grove Brewing (Montague)**



**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 (9/1/22) — Literacy Panel Read Muskegon, Great Start Collaborative, and MAISD

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

Myra Dutton

### REFLECTOR

Joanie Smith Aug 25

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Kimberly Taylor Sept 2  
Jon Galee Sept 3  
Kim Keessen Sept 6  
John Snider Sept 6

[Caring Connections Fund](#)

### PROGRAMS / EVENTS

8/25 — District Governor Visit  
9/1 — Literacy Panel  
9/1 — **ReWine at 5:15 PM**  
9/8 — Mediation & Restorative Services

To watch the recorded 8/25/22 meeting, click the link [here](#).

### VISITORS & GUESTS



Dimitri Poland, guest of Susan Crain



Marcia Hovey-Wright introduced us to her guest, Hillary Scholten



Drew Maus and Joanne Stoneburner, guests of Tom Palmer



Rich Houtteman welcomed Rick Chapla



Gary Nelund introduced us to his guest and niece, Stephanie Stewart

We would like to encourage our members to consider giving an invocation/reflection. As we represent many traditions, we encourage presenters to include inclusive language. If you would like to help make our lunches even more special, please volunteer. To sign up, please email Alan Alpert at [fivea@me.com](mailto:fivea@me.com) or in person at our meetings.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DAY OF CARING Workers Wanted!

Rotary/Interact needs a team of 40+ to work on needed local projects that serve our community through United Way Day of Caring on **September 9**. See or email **John Noling** to add your talent to the team!

### Rotary Youth Exchange Muskegon Rotary Sponsors District Event!

- November 11, 12, 13, 2022
- Inbound RYE Students and District Adult Counselors/Leaders

**John Noling** and **Joanie Smith** announced opportunities to help either feed or house young leaders for the Rotary Youth Exchange conference Nov. 11, 12 and 13 in Muskegon. Sign-up sheets are circulating at the Club meetings or see John or Joanie if you can help.

### Sign Up To Help!

- 11 homes for overnight Friday and Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning
- Transportation to and from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1006 3<sup>rd</sup>. St., Muskegon (next to the art museum)
- Four volunteers to buy food and cook one meal each at the church (with three other volunteers) and clean up afterwards- two dinners, one breakfast, and one lunch
- Space for Sunday 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. for 18 people to meet for final activities!

### Muskegon Rotary Board

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**Please email Club Board Members through this [link – click here](#)**

## Thank You Host Families

Muskegon Rotary Youth Exchange Committee extends thanks to the Rop and Ross Families for hosting our inbound exchange students.



The Rop Family is hosting Emma Krichbaum from Austria (N. Musk. High School).

Pictured below is Design Laorattanakul from Thailand is with the Ross Family (Reeths-Puffer High School).



## This Week's Spotlight: Donata Kidd



This week we featured Donata Kidd who joined our club about a year ago after becoming the Director of the Muskegon County Department of Human Services. She said being part of the club has allowed her to network with others in the community. She also related to Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" and appreciates all the positive work our Club does in the community and, thorough RI, around the world. A proud Muskegon High School (go Big Reds!) graduate, Donata and her husband's blended family includes six children and nine grandchildren.

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

## New Member Induction



**Tom Palmer** introduced our newest member **Drew Maus**, a commercial loan officer with Shelby State Bank at their North Muskegon office. Drew is a lifelong Muskegon native who graduated from Fruitport High School and currently resides in the Glenside neighborhood. He attended Muskegon Community College for 2 years on a soccer scholarship before continuing to Michigan State University. Drew was part of the MSU student economics club and graduated from Michigan State University with his Bachelor's degree in Economics. He was hired into Shelby State Bank after graduation as a credit analyst where he worked for 2 years before taking on the role of Senior Credit Officer and eventually taking on the role of Commercial Loan Officer. Drew currently works out of Shelby State Bank's North Muskegon office and services all forms of businesses along the lakeshore from Grand Haven to Whitehall with a focus on Muskegon. Drew has continued to stay involved in the Fruitport Community through various fundraisers and programs held for the athletics department as well as spending the past four years and counting as the Head JV & Assistant Varsity soccer coach. He is looking to continue to grow his involvement in the Muskegon community and is looking forward to joining this club.

### RIM Reporting Team

Susan Besteman	Lori Weiler
Chip Chipman	Jackie Farrar
Susan Holkeboer	Bill Johanson
Kathy Moore	Roger Morgenstern
Meredith Smillie	



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:



## District Governor Visit

**Speaker: Paul Heroman, Rotary District 6290 Governor**

**Reporter: Roger Morgenstern**



We gave a warm Muskegon Rotary welcome to our District Governor, **Paul Heroman**, and his wife, Barbara.

The annual visit by our current "DG," who represents more than 2,400 members in our RI District 6290, is always a great time to both reflect on the global reach of Rotary and what we can do to improve our own clubs and communities.

DG Paul has had a busy schedule, with our Club being the fourth he's visited this week and 22nd to date of the 55 clubs he'll be visiting during his year term as the District Governor.

Heroman met with our Club's Board of Directors before lunch and acknowledged the good work we're doing. "You have an awful lot going on...and you want to tell stories about that," he said, calling out **John Noling** (in particular) and our Life Leadership Conference work among our ongoing projects.

He said a recent *Wall Street Journal* obituary on best-selling author David McCullough included a quote from him that history comes to life when it's presented by "telling a story."



The same can be said for Rotary and Rotarians, he said. "You want to tell stories of all that you're doing...Rotarians do good stuff in the world...we make people's lives better."

Heroman, a member of the nearby Ada-Cascade Club outside of Grand Rapids, outlined four priorities he has for this Rotary year:

- **Increase our impact** of what we do locally and globally;
- **Expand our reach**, including areas where clubs have not been active before;
- **Enhance participant engagement**; "Rotarians are not just going for lunch even when you have good cookies, acknowledging the Lake House's tasty treats;
- **Increase our ability to adapt**; this is especially important as we emerge from the challenges of operating during COVID's most challenging times in 2020 and 2021. We have survived these times and we need to keep adapting and changing to meet future challenges.

Among the stories Heroman shared with us was his visit on June 25, 2022 to Grand Haven where the District held an End Polio Now fundraiser (where some decided to jump out of a plane for the cause). He politely declined to jump but among the people he and Barb spoke with was 100-year-old Rotarian Dick Grout, whose World War II service included Normandy (where his unit had 80 percent casualties) and the Battle of the Bulge. So, jumping out of a plane at 100 is, apparently, not a big deal!



Another participant was a non-Rotarian, Kate, who while in a wheelchair, was determined to jump, saying she liked what Rotary stood for. "I wanted to be with people with like-minded values." Give that woman a parachute!

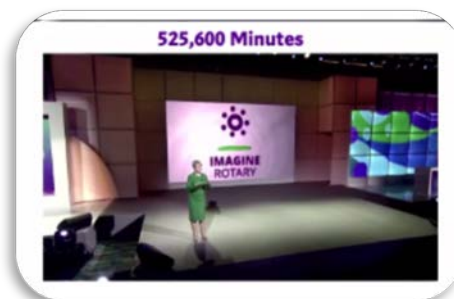
Photos of Dick, Kate and others can be viewed at the District 6290 website: <https://ridistrict6290.org/page/dick-grout-skydive-grand-haven/>

The plane-jumping event raised \$63,000 and with the Gates Foundation 2:1 match, the total tops \$190,000.

The District also focuses on **Leadership, Membership** and the **Rotary International Foundation**. Within the Foundation, there is a new initiative we'll hear more about: **HANWASH**, the Haiti National Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Strategy. More information is forthcoming as this is an effort that expands beyond our District; however, Heroman knows with all the clean water work our Club and others have done, there is local expertise to draw upon.



Heroman also showed a couple of videos from our RI International President Jennifer Jones. In addition to being RI's first female president, (*this reporter says...about time!*) she is also from Michigan! And in a couple of years, the second woman RI president will come from Pennsylvania, which is part of our RI Zone (which is Rotary parlance for a collection of districts). RI President Jennifer stressed the importance of this year's theme of "Imagine Rotary" by simply stating, you cannot imagine yesterday but you can imagine tomorrow.



In another video, Jones pointed out there are 525,600 minutes in one year...the length of her term. As he wrapped up, DG Paul told **President Jane** they only have 445,000 minutes left!

For more information on all the district activities, including a Sept. 30 Foundation event in Spring Lake and a May 2023 District Convention in downtown Grand Rapids, visit <https://ridistrict6290.org/>



# Interact Insider

## Life Leadership Conference Reports



amazing. They truly cared about all of the students there; which is crazy because they just met 102 students and they each cared about us like they knew us our whole lives. Also, the students there were the best. Everyone was kind, respectful, and fun. We were also able to listen to many speeches that were inspiring and motivational while also being entertaining and engaging. I feel that the more engaging a speech is, the longer it will stay with you. That is why I will always remember the speeches from LLC.

I would like to thank the Muskegon Rotary Club for sending me to this amazing Life Leadership Conference and District 6290 for putting on such a great event.

### River Creed, Junior

#### Orchard View High School

At the 2022 Life Leadership Conference, I made many new friends, memories, and gained an immense amount of knowledge about leadership and myself. One of the main leadership skills I took away from the conference was confidence in many different ways. One way was having the confidence to introduce myself to people I hadn't ever met. Another way my confidence increased was speaking in front of a crowd of people. Finally, I have learned more self-confidence and I am now able to be more confident in my ideas and my strategies as a leader.

I also learned that I am a complete "South" in terms of our Compass Points leadership style activity. That was very beneficial because before I thought I was not a good leader, or I was unable to properly lead. That's because I didn't necessarily want to make decisions alone and tell people what to do. However, the Compass Points activity showed me that there are different styles of leading and that all can be effective and important. While each style has its strengths and weaknesses, they are all able to achieve the end goal of successfully leading a team.

Overall I don't think LLC could have been any better. The staff was beyond



Featuring Henrietta Hadley, Program Manager of the Exit Program (Empowering Ex-offenders in Transition)

The Exit Program started in Muskegon County eight years ago serving individuals that are incarcerated in the Muskegon County Jail. The goal of the program is to provide tools, resources, and support to individuals as they are making the transition back into the community and with their families. The program participants and graduates receive intense job and life skill training, education, and work experience. The Exit Program partners with several agencies in our community. To see the entire interview, click the link [here](#).



# HUMANS OF MUSKEGON



## ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION

JOIN US FOR A LIVE EVENT AT THE NORTON SHORES BRANCH. THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL SERVE AS OPEN BOOKS AND CAN BE "CHECKED OUT" FOR 20 MINUTE CONVERSATIONS.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24  
10 AM - 2 PM**

VISIT [MADL.ORG/HUMANSOFMUSKEGON](https://www.madl.org/humansofmuskegon) TO LEARN MORE.



The recorded videos of the Humans of Muskegon participants were officially released as of August 15<sup>th</sup> on the [MADL.org website](https://www.madl.org/humansofmuskegon) (click the link for more details). The 2-minute trailer/preview of the entire Humans of Muskegon project is at this link:

<https://www.madl.org/humansofmuskegon/listen.php>.

(The full recorded interviews with the Humans are below the trailer.)

We'd love to invite Rotary to come to the Humans of Muskegon LIVE event on **Sat, September 24<sup>th</sup>** at the Norton Shores Library, between 10 and 2 PM. It's a drop-in, so you can come anytime and "check-out" these individuals who are serving as "Open Books", with titles ranging from "Non-Binary: Life Without a Gender" and "Misogyny in the Funeral Director World" and "Obsessive Compulsive Disorder" to "Racism" and "Suicide Attempt Survivor." And many more. The one-on-one (or small group) conversations with the Open Books will last between 15-30 minutes, with suggested questions to start off.

Hopeful that events/projects like this might help bind us as humans in this age of disconnection and division, and help us get a glimpse of SHALOM in our community.

Contributed by **Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga**