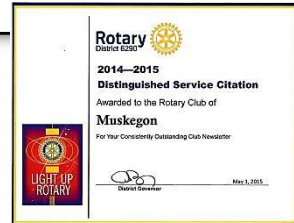


# "Service Above Self" Muskegon Rotary in Motion



<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>



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**Muskegon Rotary Club**  
Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916  
Next Meeting August 12, 12:00-1:30pm  
Hybrid Style – Delta Marriott & Zoom  
ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 8/19 5:15 pm



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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 (8/12/21) — Chartered Health Care Planning Coalition**

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

Jane Clingman-Scott

## REFLECTORS

Jack Briggs August 5  
Joanie Smith August 12  
\*\*TBD\*\* August 19  
Mary Anne Gorman August 26

## NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Darlene Collett August 13  
Dale Strasler August 13  
Robert Taylor August 14  
Asaline Scott August 16  
Ginny Sprague August 18  
Don't forget [Caring Connection Fund!](#)

## PROGRAMS / EVENTS

8/5 Polish Fest (appearing before a LIVE studio audience)  
8/12 Charted Healthcare Planning Coalition  
Next ReWine meets 8/19 in person Social Sandbox (corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Western) 5:15 pm

## The Trivia Question from



President Jason Piasecki this week is, "How many Rotarians

were US Presidents?" The answer is **five**. They were Warren Harding, John F. Kennedy, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, and Gerald Ford.

## VISITORS & GUESTS



Polish Festival Board Members Len Piasecki, Joanne Southland and Barb Werner were guests today.

Rachel Fawcett welcomed Muskegon Catholic Central student, Aiden.

Orville Crain's guest from last week, Kevin Cummings, joined us again this week. Orville and Kevin met at one of Brianna Scott's fundraisers.

Renee Garcia brought Dr. Arnella Thompson, new Superintendent from Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum Update** will feature **Marty Gerencer** as a featured speaker at the on August 9 at Mulligan's Hollow Lodge. The forum highlights major sustainability initiatives under way on the Lakeshore. Marty will be there in her role as Director of West Michigan Food Processing Association.

## Parties in the Park Volunteers Needed

On **Friday, August 20** or **Saturday, August 21** come help make these two events a success. It will be the same Parties in the Park with amazing bands great drinks, and delicious local food vendors! Funds raised will benefit the "Rainy Day Fund" to support future parties that are "rained out." Sign up to volunteer [here](#).  
**Friday 5pm-9pm & Saturday 3pm-9pm**

**The Muskegon Heights Band**, thanks to **Joanie Smith's** help, performed August 5 thanks to the generous gifts of 37 donated musical instruments.

## The Rotary Club of Alexandria Cosmopolitan

is hosting their "Cross Egypt Challenge." This is a cross-country rally across the country that aims to promote tourism to Egypt. Approximately 50 Rotarians take part to cross Egypt in the month of October. More information can be found [here](#).

## Vocational Spotlight

This week's Two-Minute Member Spotlight was on one of our newer members, **Mary Boyd**. Watch the entire video [here](#).



Mary originally joined Rotary during a career transition and at a time when felt she had more time to volunteer via Rotary. She has had a number of roles throughout her career with Mercy Health/Trinity Health Services. She recently began working as the Customer Service Experience VP. Mary is enthusiastic about improving the lives of others and to be a good team member with Rotary. Mary and her husband have travelled all over the country on the back of Harley Davidson motorcycle.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Muskegon Polish Fest

By: Meredith Smillie

**Labor Day Weekend September 3 & 4, 2021 at Hackley Park**

Tom Sanocki is the Polish Festival President and was our distinguished guest at Rotary today. He was joined by Len Piasecki, Joanne Southland, and Barb Werner, board members for the Polish Festival, and assisted with today's presentation. Tom shared his Polish background and his family's

immigration from southern Poland for employment opportunities.



Music plays a rich history in the Sanoki family and many members play the violin. Tom also hosts NewsTalk1090 on Saturday and Sunday mornings, featuring polka melodies.

Tom shared the history of the Seaway Polka Fest in the early 1980's and 1990's which was a predecessor of the current Polish Festival. When the Seaway Polka Fest ended, there was a desire to bring the Polish culture and heritage back to the forefront in Muskegon County. The board of directors was established to produce a Polish Heritage Festival and to ensure fun and food were brought back to Muskegon neighborhoods and to enhance the wellbeing of neighborhoods.

In 2016 the board was formed and the first festival was held in Muskegon. 7,000 people attended the first Polish Festival. It is anticipated that 15,000 people will attend the Polish Festival this year. So head down to Hackley Park and get in line for sausage, sauerkraut, pierogis and Paczki (pronounced pownch-key)-famous Polish doughnuts often consumed on Fat Tuesday.



There will be both Polish and domestic beers on tap. Polish immigrants have produced the Polish beer and will be brought from the Detroit area to Muskegon. The 313 Beer is described

as a lager slightly heavier than a Miller Lite. Alliance Beverage will offer a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

The Polish Festival is very family friendly. All kids get in for free at the Polish Festival and the festival will offer face painting and balloon sculptures. There is a free zone for children.



One of the biggest draws is the homemade wooden dance floor for polka dancing. Polka dancing offers beautiful, costumed dancers on the 1,100 square foot dance floor.



Free polka dancing lessons are offered on both Friday and Saturday from 4:30 to 5:00PM. The floor is one of a kind and installed by the Muskegon Big Red Football team as it is extremely heavy.

Polish Festival bands include: Polski Chix Polka Band, Rick Vinecki and Polka Friends, Stan Mroz Polka Band, Trent Urbutes and the Polka Riot Band, and Virgil Baker and Just for Fun. \$5 for 21 and older and under 21 admission is free. Many of the bands are local and there is one "riotous" band travelling here from Saginaw. In between the Polka bands, there are non-food vendors available: such as Polish pottery, apparel, etched glass, jewelry and Polish artifacts.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Polish Festival (300 are needed), please visit the Polish Festival



website. Volunteers are needed for pouring beer, selling raffle tickets, cleaning of the grounds, etc... If you are also interested in being a sponsor, you may also visit the website, as a variety of sponsorship levels are still available.

There is also a Sunday mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with a chicken dinner following mass for \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Please visit [www.Muskegonpolishfest.com](http://www.Muskegonpolishfest.com) for more information.

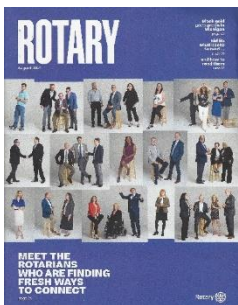
## Say Kids, What Time is it?

by Bill Johanson

Unusual title, I certainly agree... that is, unless, you are part of today's geezer contingent (I am) and 70-some years ago\* in early b/w television enjoyed "Howdy Doody and Friends" with Buffalo Bob Smith and other youngsters in their Peanut Gallery.



Times have changed (can you say "understatement?") Anymore, many youths use TV screens for computers or video games with word on the street that television may one day be a thing of the past. Hey, I couldn't make that up. Where, then, will we get proper knowledge about important world events?



A thought: pour over *Rotary Magazine* that members receive each month. A second pouring over, on occasion, wouldn't hurt; in fact, readers would be better prepared for greater Club responsibility.

Then, with the magazine thoroughly digested, bring it to Rotary for sharing with Rotaract or Interact students. That's sort of sharing the wealth.

# Interact Insider

## Gabby Gaston Reflects on Life Leadership Council

### Gabby Gaston, President N. Muskegon Rotary Interact



Attending the Life and Leadership Conference, though virtually, was an experience that quite truly changed my outlook on the way I view obstacles going into my senior year. Throughout the conference I 'equipped my toolbox' so to speak with multiple ways to overcome hardships in a personal, professional, or educational setting. One that especially stuck with me and that I have used multiple times since attending LLC is asking myself the question "What can I do to fix this problem." So often I find myself caught up trying to control every factor that goes into solving a problem, but in the grand scheme of things the only factor I can truly control is myself. I can control the way I react and the way I lead in tackling a particular issue.

Overall the conference was a place of like-minded individuals all attending for the similar purpose of bettering the way they lead in their community. I believe that the 2021 LLC definitely helped each individual to achieve this goal and all the speakers and

presentations that were a part of it were beneficial.

The one presenter's message that especially stood out to me was Anne's presentation. Through all her many exotic experiences throughout her life the one thing that helped her in getting through it all was staying in the "go-getter" mindset.

Having the mindset to put yourself out there and just go for it in an attitude that I am always actively trying to incorporate into my own daily life.

Whether I'm captaining a sports team, heading student council, babysitting my little cousins or running my business, I plan to use the skills I learned from LLC to be a reliable leader in my community. I full heartedly support Rotary to continue to help fund and make available the Life and Leadership Conference for Muskegon young adults. I truly believe I became a better person after attending. I would push anybody else who may be interested to attend it no doubt.

**OV Rotary Interact** President Alexa Bordeaux, Carina Nunez, and VP Nariyanah Watson cashed in \$191.30 in pop cans this week for their club's treasury and service projects thanks to generous Rotarians and the Muskegon Yacht Club. Thanks to all who keep collecting cans for our Interact clubs!



## ReWine Meeting Notes

August 5, 2021

### Committee Reports:

**John Noling** gave an update on Interact clubs: Mona Shores had a great start with their Interact board meeting, Reeths-Puffer plans to meet next week. Orchard View met last week and Muskegon Catholic Central wants to start an Interact Club. We had discussions about the fact that we still want to find advisors at Muskegon and Muskegon Heights to help start their clubs again. **Kathy Betts** also reminded us that we had talked about a possible Interact Club through the Boys & Girls Club.

The Chili Cook Off Committee, **Katie Drake** and **Annette Smedley**, were not in attendance but **Esther Ricco** mentioned that we should be thinking about where the CCO money will go this year since there are no trips planned due to the pandemic. Discussion indicated a preference that the money still go to water filters in Honduras and homes in El Salvador, since those needs still exist, even if we can't travel to help install/build them. This would satisfy each Interact club's requirement for an international service project.

### Other Business:

**Esther Ricco** contacted **Merica Dobry** and she is on board with ordering our ReWine shirts along with the Rotary shirt order that she is planning.

**Kathy Betts** said she would send us some links to look at Rotary table tents and banners that we could order so we can display them at our table whenever we meet.

We are beginning planning for two ReWine service projects so far:

1. A pool/pizza party for Interactors at the Boys & Girls Club. This would help Interact students from all the schools get to know each other and rental of the pool would benefit the BGC. **Kathy Betts** is going to get us a price for the rental and some possible dates in October that we can propose to the Interact clubs.

2. United Way Day of Caring (September 10)P: We are looking into teaming up ReWine/Rotarians with Interact Clubs and are hoping to include women veterans from WINC for All Women Veterans of Muskegon. Michelle Burley will get in touch with Dominique Bunker of United Way to see if she can arrange a service project to benefit a local woman veteran. **Esther Ricco** will then get in touch with Loraine Rodriguez from WINC and invite local women veterans to join us. Esther, Ken, and Michelle briefly discussed this idea with Zaneta Adams (2021 winner of the Lakeshore Innovator of the Year) and Loraine Rodriguez at the Lakeshore Innovator of the Year Award Event.

### Upcoming Events:

Next ReWine meeting is August 19 at the Social Sandbox on the corner of 2nd and Western Ave. (across from 18th Amendment and Burl & Sprig). In the event of rain, we will meet at 18th Amendment.

September 10: United Way Day of Caring.

October 14: Every Woman's Place Power of the Purse at Fricano's. Tickets are on sale at early bird prices now through 8/31 [here](#) and they are still taking donations of purses. Also, **Kevin Ricco** will be modeling one of the purses.



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## True Change-Makers "Each One, Bring One"



By Shekhar Mehta

RI President, 2021-22

"Rotary is a vibrant organization that has spread to nearly 200 countries and geographical areas and has a rich legacy of fighting to end polio. Don't you think we could have a greater impact on the world if more people were practicing Service Above Self?"

"Members like you are our greatest asset. But for the last 20 years, Rotary membership has remained stagnant. Through a program I am calling Each One, Bring One, I ask each of you to commit to welcoming one new person into Rotary or Rotaract in the next 12 months. This one act of growing Rotary will make you true change-makers, because you will have helped us achieve in just 12 months what we could not do in 20 years. Of course, you will need to engage and retain these members as well. Member engagement is equally important for our organization's growth.

"As we welcome new members, let us continue to ensure that diversity, equity, and inclusion are ingrained into all aspects of Rotary. We believe that anyone who gets involved with Rotary — whether as a member, partner, or participant — must feel valued, respected, and welcomed. It is only by embracing the full diversity of the world that we will be able to grow and to achieve our goals.

"We have so much to look forward to in the year ahead, and together, we will do so much. Nothing is impossible for Rotarians and Rotaractors!"

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