

# The RIM Newsletter

# Rotary In Motion



Club 16 (2809) District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916  
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*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

December 14, 2023

**Next Meeting (January 4, 2024, 12-1:30pm) — Homestyle meatloaf buffet at the Delta  
Program Topic – Black Wall Street**

## What's Coming

**December 21** – ReWine Holiday  
Happy Hour at The Valkyrie 5:15 pm  
**December 21 & 28** – No meetings  
Holiday Break  
**January 4** Black Wall Street

## Upcoming Birthdays

**December 17** Pam Curtis  
**December 20** David Hogan, Troy Wasserman  
**December 21** Jules Terry, Michael Weessies, Stevi Riel  
**December 23** Danielle Risley  
**December 24** Contessa Alexander  
**December 27** Kelly DeVos  
**December 28** Tom Livezey, Craig Wikander  
**December 29** Stacey Kennedy

### Caring

#### Connections Fund

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



### Greeters this week

Bill Erickson, J.J. Lewis, & Ken James

### Reflectors

Darlene Collette	Dec 14
OPEN	Jan 4
OPEN	Jan 11



### RIM Reporting this week

Photographer – Mark Alpher  
RIM Reporter – Jackie Farrar  
RIM Editor – Susan Besteman

## VISITORS & GUESTS

Click this box to see all the photos  
this week or view pages 4-5

Mark Alpher – Dawn Wolfe  
Jeff Bessinger – Kellie Bessinger  
Susan Besteman – Mark Besteman  
Cathy Brubaker-Clarke – Doug Clarke  
Andrew Buelow – Beth Buelow  
Carim Calkins – Sally Calkins  
Brandy Carlson – Terry Carlson  
Jane Clingman-Scott – Greg Scott  
Rob Cook – Kelsey Cook  
Ara Demirjian – Donna Demirjian  
Myra Dutton – Carly Andrews  
Bill Erickson – Teresa Erickson  
Carla Flanders – Brayden Flanders  
Stacey Gomez – Kevin Gomez  
Kirk Hallman – Ruby Chaise  
Amy Hosford – Allen Hosford  
Don Hutchins – Molly Hutchins  
Annette Jack – John Jack  
Mort Kantor – Maxine Kantor  
Laura Lorenz – Bill Lorenz  
Bill Loxterman – Kenna  
Tom Ludwig – Susan Ludwig  
Rob Mathis – Reyna Mathis  
Jenny McNeill – Cavan Berry  
Melissa Moore – Tom Moore  
Kristi Nagengast – Don Nagengast  
Emma Peterson – Ian Davis  
Michael Poulin – Sue Sanborn-Poulin  
Todd Rexford – Mary Beth  
Cece Riley – Steven Riley  
Christine Robere – Marv Robere  
Kendrah Robinson – TeAngelo Robinson  
Claire Root-Benson – Derek Benson  
Bob Scolnik – Lee Fonstein  
Asaline Scott – M. Darnell  
Samantha Scott – Josh Scott

Eric Seifert – Denise Montambo  
Lisa Stafford – Dwight Stafford  
Kimberly Taylor – Cliff Oliver  
Rob Taylor – Priscilla Taylor

### No Student Guests This Week

## Rotary Club of Muskegon Annual Meeting & Elections



Our Rotary Club of Muskegon Annual Meeting was held at this Thursday's meeting. **President Ginny Sprague** led the annual elections with the nominations which included **Roger Morgenstern** for President Nominee and **Tom Palmer**, **Esther Ricco**, and **Lisa Tyler** for Directors. These four Rotarians were then elected to office with **Don Hutchins'** motion to close the proposed slate, **Dave Alexander's** motion to approve, and the unanimous vote of approval by our attending Rotarians. Congratulations to our four newly elected Rotarians for the 2024-2025 year as well as our entire Rotary Board of Directors.

### Rotary Club of Muskegon

#### Board of Directors 2024—2025

President	Tim Arter
President-Elect	Dave Alexander
President Nominee	Roger Morgenstern
Secretary	Jane Clingman-Scott
Treasurer	Kristi Nagengast
Past President	Ginny Sprague

Directors  
**Aaron Maike**, **Tom Palmer**, **Esther Ricco**,  
**Marty Sytsema**, **Brandon Turnbull**, and  
**Lisa Tyler**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Muskegon Rotary Goodbye 2023



Click the picture above to see the video **Mike Vogas** created to give a one-minute salute to our efforts in 2023.

**Spring Lake Rotary Club** is hosting a fundraiser featuring special flights of expensive bourbons **December 20-22**. If you are interested, [here](#) is a link to the page on their website.

### ReWine Dec. 21 Meeting

Join us on **December 21** for a Holiday Happy Hour at The Valkyrie, 1900 Ruddiman Drive, 5:15pm. Wear your festive holiday gear and celebrate the holidays with ReWine!



### Muskegon Rotary Board

Ginny Sprague, President  
Tim Arter, President-Elect  
Dave Alexander, President Nominee  
Jane Clingman-Scott, Past President  
Kristi Nagengast, Treasurer  
Don Hutchins, Secretary  
Kim Boersema, Club Coordinator

#### Directors:

Aaron Maiké	Roger Morgenstern
David Ramos	Asaline Scott
Marty Sytsema	Brandon Turnbull

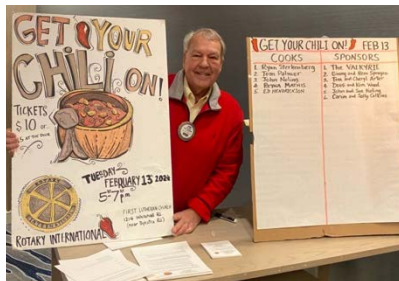
**Please email Club Board Members through this [link](#):**

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## Get Your Chili On!



[Chili Cook-Off Informational Video Link](#)

Thank you to those who signed up for the upcoming Muskegon Rotary Chili Cook-Off including 3 new cooks, 1 new sponsor and those who gave cash donations! We are still looking for chili makers and sponsors! If you'd like to get into the chili cook-off contest, please contact Esther Ricco ([riccoe@gvsu.edu](mailto:riccoe@gvsu.edu)) for information. If you'd like to be a sponsor for this event, please contact Michelle Burley ([michelleburley1969@gmail.com](mailto:michelleburley1969@gmail.com)) for information. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## Blessing Bags



**Rob & Reyna Mathis** brought backpacks with supplies for anyone who may need it and asked for Rotary members' help distributing them. Rotary members again jumped at the chance to serve including **Emily Morgenstern** who picked up the last two.



### Share the gift of Rotary



## Member Spotlight Dr. Rem Sprague



Dr. Rem Sprague has been a member of our Rotary Club for more than thirty years. His overview of Rotary Foundation achievements in disease prevention and treatment highlights our work to improve healthcare both locally and internationally. Watch the video [here](#).

### Brave Rotarian Wheel of Misfortune

Recovered and back to serving, **Meredith Smillie (& Mike Vogas)** spun the Brave Rotarian Wheel of Misfortune again. We were sad to see **Dave Alexander** and **John Noling** get the boot this week but appreciate their contributions.

### Please welcome potential new members:

-Scott Roodvoets who is sponsored by **Jim Fisher**. Scott has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board and will be inducted in the new year.

-Parker Aerts who is the General Manager at Cerberus Security. Parker is sponsored by **Dimitri Poland** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Parker will be inducted in the new year.

-Irma Carney who is a Mortgage Loan Officer at Revolution Mortgage. Irma is sponsored by **Doug Brown** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Irma will be inducted in the new year.

-Amy James who is the Events Director at Adelaide Pointe. Amy is sponsored by **Rachel Gorman** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Amy will be inducted in the new year.



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Annual Meeting & The Gift of Life: Saving Lives Through Organ Donation



Speakers: Alison Gillum and

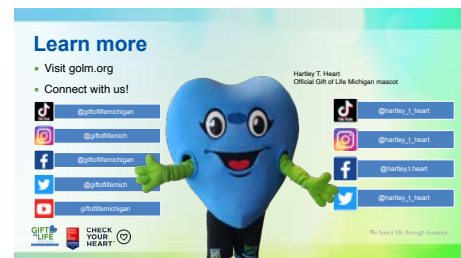
Guest Linda Johnson

Introduced by: **Emma Peterson**

RIM Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**

The Gift of Life Michigan is a federally designated organ and tissue donor program that works close with 130 hospitals and eight transplant programs in our State.

Organ donors can save up to eight lives and tissue donors can help heal an average of 75 (up to 125) individuals. The transplant waiting list has more than 103,000 patients on it and every nine minutes a new name is added to the list. One average, 17 patients die per day while waiting for an organ transplant. Linda Johnson shared her experience of receiving a transplant from someone who was at the age of 34. If you are currently not a registered donor but want to be please visit the Secretary of State or [golm.org](http://golm.org) to register.



\*\*\* To watch their full presentation, please [click here](#) for last week's YouTube video of our meeting. \*\*\*

## Interact Insider



By **Meredith Smillie**

Muskegon High School, Oakridge High School, Orchard View High School, North Muskegon High School, and Mona Shores High School Interact Clubs are putting service above self. Interact students decorated 400 Christmas stockings to support youth currently in out of home placements (foster care) in Muskegon County. In addition to decorating the stockings, they also stuffed them with a few goodies and reminders that they are cared for by their fellow students.





# Happy Holidays!

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