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Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
Next Mtg—January 5, 2023, 12-1:30pm
The Delta - Hybrid
ReWine Sat Club—Next mtg 1/5/23 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 (1/5/23) — Gambia Service Project

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

Kelly DeVos and Joanne Stoneburner

REFLECTOR

Eileen Stoffan Dec 15

Please contact Alan Alpert if you can help next year

NEXT 3 WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Danielle Risley	Dec 23
Contessa Hood	Dec 24
Kelly DeVos	Dec 27
Holly Hughes	Dec 28
Tom Livezey	Dec 28
Craig Wikander	Dec 28
Lisa Sabourin	Jan 9
Megan Byard-Karaba	Jan 10
Josh Silvas	Jan 11

[Caring Connections Fund](#)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

Dec 15 – Muskegon Rotary Annual Update (Lazarusman Consulting rescheduled)
 Dec 15 – **ReWine at 5:15 pm**
 John Noling's House
 Dec 22 – Holiday Break – **NO CLUB MEETING**
 Dec 29 – Holiday Break – **NO CLUB MEETING**
 Jan 5 – Gambia Service Project

Missed last week?

Watch the 12/15/22 meeting [here](#).

VISITORS & GUESTS

Thank you to the many visitors and guests for our December 15th meeting! A collage of pictures is at the end of this RIM Newsletter or [CLICK HERE](#).

Mark Besteman –guest of **Susan Besteman**
 John Bradfield – guest of **Tom Palmer**
 Sean Burns – guest of **Eric Siefert**
 Hayden Dobb – guest of **Ammy Seymour**
 Teresa Erickson – guest of **Bill Erickson**
 Sandra Fethke – guest of **Gene Fethke**
 Lee Fonstein – guest of **Bob Scolnik**
 Debra Hendrickson – guest of **Ed Hendrickson**
 Channe' Hicks
 Ed Hunt – guest of **Nancy McCarthy**
 Catherine Hutchins –guest of **Don Hutchins**
 Molly Hutchins –guest of **Don Hutchins**
 Dr. AnnaLiese Kooi – guest of **Dr. Todd Rexford**
 Reyna Mathis – guest of **Robert Mathis**
 TeAngelo Robinson - guest of **Kendra Robinson**
 Kelly Stone – guest of **Emily Morgenstern**
 Priscilla Taylor – guest of **Robert Taylor**
 Erik Vogas – guest of **Mike Vogas**



STUDENT GUESTS



Marty Sytsema welcomed Orchard View! High School Principal Samantha Wilson informed us that Orchard View has reinstated their home improvement class and also have been able to purchase a CNC router machine from Port City Signage. She then introduced two seniors, Jordan Hernandez and Aanashia Villarreal. Jordan (mother is Jennifer Hodges) is looking to pursue a career in architecture at possibly Notre Dame or University of Michigan. Aanashia has goals in nursing and has narrowed down her school choice to University of Michigan, Ferris, or Grand Valley.

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

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Muskegon Rotary Annual Meeting



Speaker:

President Jane Clingman-Scott

Reporter: Susan Besteman

President Jane Clingman-Scott began the Muskegon Rotary annual meeting with the election of our officers. The first nomination was to fill the vacancy of the resignation of our dear friend, **Jeff Lewis**. That board approved nomination went to **Roger Morgenstern** (cheers for one of our own RIM reporters/photographer!). The second nomination for a board seat was **Brandon Turnbull** and both were unanimously voted in. (This term for the newly voted board members expires June 30, 2026.)



Another spot to fill was President Nominee and the board and members approved/voted-in **David Alexander**. Congratulations!

As President Jane mentioned, trying to describe an organization like ours and what we do and why we do it, is difficult because we have several carts. Turning to financials, President Jane considers what we invest in and how we use the investments tell us a lot about our club. Our total budget is \$209,896 and of that budget, \$138,896 comes from our member dues with the other portion coming from different program activities. We spend \$190,463 on member services (Rotary International/Rotary District/Dues) and \$39,700 on programs.

With the member services costs, we are part of Rotary International and we participate in programs like the eradication of polio, disaster relief, education (especially where education is not the norm), water/environmental concerns, and training for future clubs and how to invest in communities. Our other member services costs include operating expenses (keeping the club going with staff costs, communications, paper, etc.) and luncheon expenses. Luncheon expenses is our biggest expense and is "one of the biggest drivers for having a balanced budget"; however, President Jane also thinks it is the "largest part of creating this Rotary community".

Our Program Expense looks like a small part of our overall budget that is divided into two areas: community grants and community expenses. Some examples of community grants are rural health clinics in Gambia, El Salvador water and sanitation trips, Ukrainian disaster relief, End Polio Now, Bluffton neighborhood fitness trail, MADL bike library, mobile food pantry, inspirational speakers to the community, etc. Some examples of committee expenses include Caring Connection, PR – Social Media & etc., Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Membership Council, Social Committee, Community Service, PeaceBuilders, Interact, Life Leadership, and Youth Exchange.

Joannie Smith and Cody "Chip"

Chipman also added in the



1960's our State Department partnered with Rotary International to create the Youth Exchange Program throughout the world. Currently, we have Emma from Austria and Design from Thailand in Muskegon. Thanks to our fantastic Youth Exchange Committee members (**Joannie Smith, Chip Chipman, Lynn Turnage, and Kristi Pawlak**), we've

been able to rebuild it after the COVID shutdown and now have two outbounds this year (Estonia and Chile) and three outbounds scheduled for next year. Chip and Lynn are both relocating out of the area, so they are looking to keep this momentum going with some new committee members.



The dues policy reminder:

- \$153/quarter or \$85/quarter for ReWine
- Payment by check or credit card w/n 30 days of invoice
- Leave of absence is available
- Reservation required for weekly lunches (must be made by end of business day Monday before scheduled lunch, no shows or missed reservations will be charged \$18, and attending without a reservation charged \$18)

President Jane thanked **Ed Hendrickson** for setting up for us each week, our raffle crew, **Mike Vogas**, and **Kim Boersma**. She apologizes if she left anyone out. She hopes every Muskegon Rotary member finds his/her comfort level of participation, is proud of his/her work in Rotary, and is proud of how Rotary can make an impact in this community and in this world.

RIM Reporting Team

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

Making a Difference: Promoting Peace with



Jackie Hallberg,
Executive Director
for Mediation &
Restorative



Services,
It is a conflict resolution agency that has been in Muskegon for 28 years and serve Oceana, Mason, and Manistee Counties as well. They try to help reduce violence when people disagree or if there is a crime situation. Their hope is to have people come together to resolve whatever is bringing them harm in any sense including (but not limited to) family disputes, property disputes, business issues, employee/employer situations, etc. Sometimes people will call the police, file paperwork with the courts, or build figurative walls (stop talking to each other, etc.). Mediation is an opportunity to try to resolve that and work through it to keep things moving forward.



DJ Hilson, one of the board members, mentioned that they have recently moved to the victim-offender

mediation which allows the two to sit together and gives the victim the opportunity to ask questions such as “why me” or “why did this happen” that the criminal justice system won’t necessarily be able to answer. It also allows the offender to investigate the past to open that dialogue which the criminal justice system would never be able to do.

To see the video, click [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReWine Announcements

City Boi Food Truck Volunteers Needed

Michelle Burley is asking for volunteers for Friday, Jan. 13 (3:30-6:00 pm): 25 volunteers needed to help with City Boi Corp. food truck. It is located at the 4 corners in North Muskegon (across from Bernie O’s), 318 Center St, Suite 8.

If you are interested in helping, here is the sign-up link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49aaa923abf5ce9-citi>

Brave Rotarians Poetic License Contest



Ginny Sprague’s assistant this week was **Dr. Todd Rexford**. We said goodbye to **Doug Wood** in the Narrative Poetry category. We also said goodbye to **Kelly DeVos** in the Epic Poems category. Thank you, brave Rotarians, for your contributions!

Coat Drive

Another success! Thank you, Muskegon Rotary, from **John Noling** for all the generosity of coat donations this week!



Potential New Members

Please welcome potential new members:

Visishta Boerinja who is an Assistant Prosecutor with Muskegon County Prosecutor’s Office. Visishta is sponsored by **Annette Smedly** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Visishta will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Larry Sanders who works with West Michigan Works. Larry is sponsored by **Jim Fisher** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Larry will be inducted in the next few weeks.



Hackley Hume Historic Home Holiday Tours

Experience the Hackley and Hume homes decorated beautifully for the holidays. These lumber-baron mansions in the Queen Anne style will be decked out with period-appropriate artifacts, ornaments and more! Admission includes both grand houses and the barn situated between. December 27th & 28th from 3-7 pm.

Christmas Eve at the Frauenthal

Experience Christmas Eve at the historic Frauenthal Theater in downtown Muskegon with your favorite Christmas songs and a message that will draw you into the Christmas story like never before. December 23 & 24

Bundle up and take it outdoors!

All told Muskegon County has over 60 miles of trails of natural and paved trails perfect for snowshoeing and fat tire biking. There are also 26 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and when they freeze and get snow covered, the coast takes on an otherworldly magnificence! Taking walk on the frozen landscape will leave you breathless with how beautiful it is. (But mind the safety rules!)

Don’t forget the [Muskegon Luge and Adventure Sports Park](#)! Did you know they have one of only four public luge tracks in the United States? And an outdoor skating trail that winds through the State Park woods. It is lit at night and it’s beautiful! Learn to Luge Weekends begin in December.



Happy Holidays!

