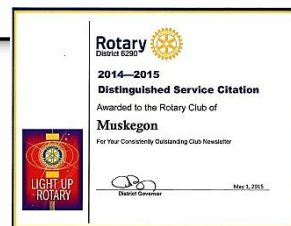


"Service Above Self" Muskegon Rotary in Motion



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Tim Arter, Treasurer
Kathy Betts, Secretary
Kim Boersma, Club Coordinator



Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
Next Mtg—December 16, 12:00-1:30pm
Hybrid Style – The Delta & Zoom
ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 12/16 5:15 pm



Mary Anne Gorman, Director
Jeff Lewis, Director
Doug Wood, Director
Asaline Scott, Director
David Ramos, Director
Marty Gerencer, 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 (12/16/21) — What's behind the Mona Shores High School Singing Christmas Tree? (No live music)
Spouses/Significant others are welcome to join & celebrate the holidays!

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

Joanie Smith

REFLECTORS

Bill Johanson Dec 9
[Click here to see Bill's video reflection](#)
Annette Jack Dec 16

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Dec 16 — Boneless honey mustard chicken with garlic sauteed green beans & butter chive smashed fingerlings

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Pam Curtis Dec 17
David Hogan Dec 20
Troy Wasserman Dec 20
Stevi Riel Dec 21
Jules Terry Dec 21
Kristen Woods Dec 22

[Caring Connections Fund](#)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

12/16 Singing Christmas Tree
(Spouses/Significant Others/
Special Friends Welcome)
12/16 ReWine 5:15 PM
(Location—18th Amendment
at 350 W. Western Ave.)
12/23 No Meeting
12/30 No Meeting
1/6 Muskegon YMCA
1/13 Consumer's Energy



Reminder that you now have until the Monday before our meeting to sign up for lunch.

What distinction does the El Aguilar Club in Argentina hold?

If you attend the El Aguilar Club in Argentina, you are meeting with the highest club in the world at 16,000 feet (4,880 meters) above sea level.



Club Directories Available

Club directories are in and available for pickup at future meetings. If you're joining via Zoom and would like a directory mailed, please email Kim at muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com.



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December 9, 2021
Muskegon Rotary Club Meeting Video
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VISITORS & GUESTS

-Rev. Eileen Stoffan (St. Paul's Episcopal Church) mother, potential new member, & guest of **Merica Dobry**



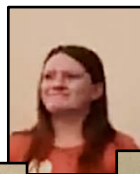
-Amanda Ven Tubergen (Program Manager at Disability Network West Michigan) guest and potential new member of **Diane Fleser**



-Marge Jones neighbor and guest of **Marcia Hovey Wright** who turned in her application at this meeting



-Interact Club Members from Oakridge (Thank you to Becky Mathis for all the support with this newer club who couldn't be here for this meeting): **Brayden Davis, Grace Latsch, Arissa Letner, & Jacklyn Wei**



-Ben Kalb (videographer) guest of **John Severson**



-Kimberly Taylor (accountant and partner in Selby Tax and Accounting) guest and prospective member of **Tim Arter**



-Dr. Todd Rexford (owner of Lakeshore Conceirge Medicine) is approved and awaiting Induction was introduced by **Melissa Boughner**



Student Guests

Welcome Muskegon Heights! Shurlundra Ellis, Community Outreach Liason and Junior & Senior Advisor for Muskegon Heights Academy, introduced Jermya Stewart (volleyball & basketball athlete who wants to go to college and play volleyball) and Jakari Edwards (football & basketball athlete who is pursuing Olivet College).



-Jeremy Garcia guest of **Rachel Fawcett**



This Week's Spotlight: Marty Gerencer



Marty Gerencer joined Rotary in 2007, she left for a period and returned in 2015. Marty joined Rotary to learn more about the community, Rotary, and ways to volunteer. Marty is involved in her Catholic Church - Prince of Peace and family & friends are a big part of her life. Marty worked at Gerber Products Company for over twenty years, owned her LLC for nineteen years, and over the past four years she has been the Director of West Michigan Food Processing Association in addition to owning her LLC. She works with a lot of food businesses contributing to healthier food products both grown and produced. She refers to her work as selfless as it's not for her own benefit but the contribution to the community, people, and earth. Service above self is the pillar of the work she does through her LLC and the association that is in alliance of all the principles of Rotary.

Just One More Thing...

Bill Johanson who assisted with the Zoom Reflection this week noted, "The Zoom Reflection caused me to shirt-and-tie it (first time in maybe 5 years) and although fun, the tie took a full 15 minutes to figure out." This Editor believes it was worth it and is continuously grateful for your service! A sincere appreciation to Bill and all those who help our club, community, and world; may we strive to not take for granted what we have to offer (even if it takes some extra time).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our own Brianna Scott New District Governor for 2024-25!

Back in October when our District Governor Gary Chenoweth visited our club, he mentioned that our Muskegon club has not had a District Governor since the 1980s when **Bill Austin** was District Governor in 1983-84. **President Jason Piasecki** announced that our very own

Brianna Scott has been named Rotary District 6290 District Governor during the 2024-2025 Rotary year. Brianna was not able to attend the meeting Thursday, December 9th so she recorded a message to share her thoughts.



[Click Here](#)

Congratulations, Brianna! We know you'll make us proud.

Rotary Nominating Slate

We are pleased to present the slate of officers and directors that have been recommended by the Muskegon Rotary Club nominating committee. The board will vote on the nominees at our Tuesday board meeting.

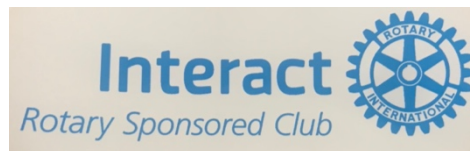
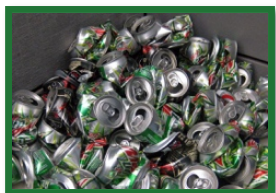
The club will vote on the slate at our annual meeting on December 16.

President Nominee - Tim Arter
Treasurer - TBA
Director - Marty Sytsema
Director - Aaron Maiké

We will be taking nominations from the floor as well.

Save Your Pop Cans for Interact

Our five interact clubs have appreciated the \$5000 that was spread over the last two years and would continue to appreciate the continued support. If you have any that you would like to donate, contact **John Noling** at johnnoling65@gmail.com.



POP CANS & PROJECTS FOR OAKRIDGE ROTARY INTERACT

Oakridge High School Rotary Interact Club is on a new roll this year thanks to the leadership of key students and Club Advisor, Rebecca Mathis. Thank you Mrs. Mathis for believing in your students and advising them along the way!

Oakridge Rotary Interactors recently cashed in \$386 of returnables for club projects thanks to their own community donations and those donated by Rotarian Melissa Boughner through Muskegon Rescue Mission. Muskegon Rescue Mission has donated over \$1500 in returnables to all five of our Interact clubs since last summer.



Pictured above (left to right) are Haley Seewald, Abigail Medendorp, Arissa Letner, Brayden Davis (Vice President), Jacklyn Wei (President), and Grace Latsch (Treasurer).

December projects include a Restock the Pantry Event for Fellowship Reformed Church and a new environmental conservation project to donate and plant white pine trees from our Rotary tree nursery at Twin Lake County Park on December 18. The world needs you Oakridge Rotary Interact!



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Purple Pinkie Project

We will still gratefully accept any money. Checks can be made out to Muskegon Rotary Foundation (put Purple Pinkie in the memo line) or cash will continue to be gratefully accepted by Kim Boersma or Kathy Betts. Mona Shores Rotary Interact will continue a Purple Pinkie school campaign in coming weeks to add more to this noble effort.



Check out this short video clip to see why we in Rotary must not and will not give up the fight: <https://youtu.be/xKlczqn3COU>

- Polio mainly affects children under age 5.
- There is no cure, but polio is preventable with a vaccine.
- Only two countries remain endemic.
- We've reduced cases by 99.9% since 1988.
- Until we end polio forever, every child is at risk.



Digital Photo Archives

Muskegon Rotary now maintains a digital archive of photos to be used for marketing the club, honoring members and friends, as well as creating video content to share our good works with the world. So share the best photos you take of our activities by sending them to **Mike Vogas**.

Mike.vogas@muskegonrotary.org

He will file them on our Microsoft One Drive so that the communication teams have access to great photos of our activities. Just send the best and the highest resolution you have. If you can, name the photos so they can be well organized.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:



Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD)

Speaker: **John Severson, Ph.D.**

RIM Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**



Our future is formed in our county's classrooms. The schools have made it through a complicated

year and continue to head in a great direction. "Out of the Public School grows the greatness of a nation" A quote from Mark Twain. What is happening in our nation is affecting our students in school. We all need to work together and focus on the best outcomes for our students.



Muskegon county classrooms and are working towards transformation for everyone. We need to perform at a level our children are expecting across the county in multiple classrooms. Below are three video/links that show how students are developing skills that will support them and our community in a variety of different ways.



Video Link #1 Cyber Security—

[Click Here](#)



Video Link #2 Rural Tech Grant Class—

[Click Here](#)



Video Link #3 —

[Click Here](#)

The Muskegon Promise started in 2015 and 15 students met the eligibility requirements and used the Muskegon Promise Scholarship. Thousands of students have received the promise and the future is bright including 662 for 2021-2022. The Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD) is in discussion on lowering the GPA requirements so more students can take advantage of the scholarship. Muskegon Community College and Baker College continue to work with the students who qualify for the scholarship.

We all need to work together to keep our schools open and understand that we all have a role making this happen.

Final Video—

[Click Here](#)



MAISD
Muskegon Area Intermediate School District

WELCOME TO
**Muskegon Area
ISD**

Our primary mission is to provide leadership and programming that enhances the success of everyone it serves.

Seaway Run

MERCY HEALTH
SEAWAY RUN

5K | 10K | HALF MARATHON | 5K WALK

It's not too early to sign up for the 2022 Mercy Health Seaway Run. This year's race will be on Saturday, June 25, 2022. Registration opened last week.

Early bird pricing applies: Half Marathon (\$65), 10K Run (\$50), 5K Run (\$35) and Community Walk (\$15).

Go to the race website at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Muskegon/MercyHealthSeawayRun> to sign up today.



From birth to 26, we support **the flourishing of ALL** students.