

The RIM Newsletter

Rotary InMotion



Club 16 (2809) District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>



*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

February 22, 2024

Next Meeting (February 29, 2024, 12-1:30pm) — Bruschetta Chicken at the **Lake House**
Program Topic – Muskegon County Crisis Intervention

What's Coming

February 29 Muskegon County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
March 7 GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute
March 14 Muskegon County Housing Study Results

Upcoming Birthdays

February 29 Esther Ricco
March 1 Stephen Olsen
March 2 Kevin Ricco
March 4 Blake Cramer
March 5 Monica Turnbull

Caring

Connections Fund

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



Greeters This Week

Tim Arter & Lisa Tyler

Reflectors

Andrew Buelow	Feb 22
Ken Rasp	Feb 29
Meredith Smillie	Mar 7
Bill Loxterman	Mar 14

RIM Reporting this Edition

Photographer – Mark Alpher
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VISITORS & GUESTS



Rich Houtteman introduced his guest **Nick Neville** (Outreach Coordinator at SEEL—Solutions for Energy Efficient Logistics)



Laura Lorenz introduced her guest, **Aaron DeVries** (Business Banker for PNC Lakeshore Division)

-No student guests this week-

2/22/2024 Muskegon Rotary YouTube Video Link: [Click Here](#)

Muskegon Rotary Board

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



Rotary Promotes Peace

[Click here for the video](#)

Great Time at Coffee Connect!



In the spirit of camaraderie and welcome, the Engagement and Retention Committee hosted a Coffee Connect event (Feb. 20th), a gathering designed to foster connections and friendships among new members.

[Click here to see the photos or scroll to page 4.](#)

Last Week's Program: Club Membership



Speaker: **Mary Anne Gorman** (Council Chair), **Ammy Seymour** (Recruitment Member), and **Lisa Stafford** (Member Engagement Chair)

Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**



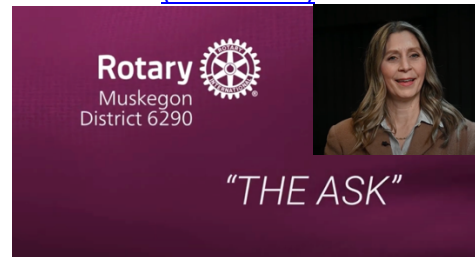
The Muskegon Rotary Club has over 250 members. Three fun facts about current members include:

1. 53% are male and 47% are female.
2. Ages vary with the mean age being 56 years young.
3. 33 members are currently working or retired from the education field.

Rotary members can help with recruitment by inviting guests to weekly meetings or sharing your testimony as a member over coffee. The Recruitment Committee has a several tips on ways to invite others to join the Muskegon Rotary Club.

Click the link below for the recording of the full meeting:
<https://youtu.be/8hBoYeYkCc?si=nTxXVIs0VaK2sF3E>

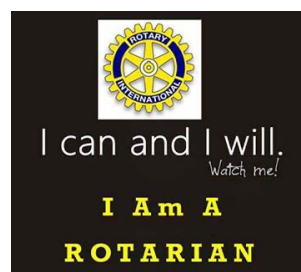
Be sure to watch the video clips with Ammy Seymour sharing tips on recruitment ([CLICK HERE](#))



and Lisa Stafford talking about member engagement ([CLICK HERE](#)).



Stay tuned for the summaries from the members' table discussions in a later RIM edition!



Special Announcement-- Youth Exchange Student Excels!

One of our Rotary Youth Exchange students, **Jillian "Luca" Faino**, from Mona Shores, is currently in Taiwan. She competed and finished in the top five of all exchange students in a language competition. As a prize of her outstanding performance, she will be visiting a neighboring city with other exchange students. Congratulations, Luca!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

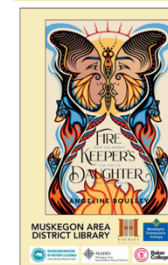
New Members' Event



Our Engagement and Retention Committee is hosting a new members' social event on Thursday, Feb. 29th at the Heritage Museum of Business (561 W. Western Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440) and Industry at 5-7pm.

New members, sponsors, navigators, committee chairpersons, and other Rotarians who love social events are encouraged to attend.

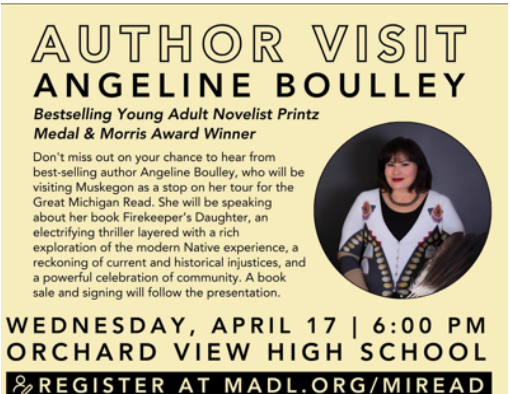
Great Michigan Read



The Great Michigan Read begins in March with the book, "Fire Keeper's Daughter." Register here to meet the author on April 17th at 6pm at Orchard View High School:

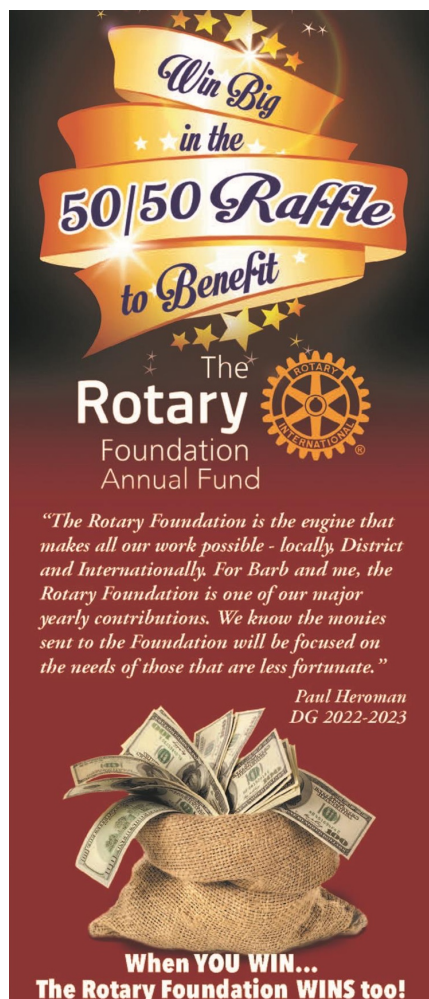
<https://madl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=9705&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2024/04/17>

For further information, contact Cathy at cbrubakerclarke@developmuskegon.org.



District 6290 50/50 Raffle ends the 29th!

The last day to purchase our District 50/50 raffle tickets is this Thursday! **President Ginny** will have the tickets; bring your cash or checks. Tickets are \$20. Together we can change lives by building better communities. Half of your ticket goes to the Rotary Foundation to do more good works in the world and half your ticket will be returned in prize money to 6 lucky winners. Cash or checks (made out to Rotary District 6290) are accepted and appreciated.



Win Big in the 50/50 Raffle to Benefit The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund

"The Rotary Foundation is the engine that makes all our work possible - locally, District and Internationally. For Barb and me, the Rotary Foundation is one of our major yearly contributions. We know the monies sent to the Foundation will be focused on the needs of those that are less fortunate."

*Paul Heroman
DG 2022-2023*

When YOU WIN... The Rotary Foundation WINS too!



ReWine meetings are every first and third Thursday each month at 5:15pm at Walker's (in the Delta).

POURS FOR COMMUNITY



The Pours for Community is coming up soon! The proceeds are used for the Muskegon Rotary charities. Below are the designated locations this year; including a bonus Trivia Night at the Valkyrie this year so get your team together now!

1--Thursday, April 11 at Valkyrie at the Four Corners (NM) 6:00-9:00PM. (This will be a trivia night.)

2--Friday, April 19 at Wonderland Distilleries 4:00-6:00PM

3--Monday, April 22 at Unruly Brewing 5:00-7:00PM

4--Thursday, April 25 at 794 Kitchen 5:00-7:00PM

Muskegon Rising Ep 7: Muskegon Luge Adventure Sports Park



Ready to escape the ordinary and embrace year-round excitement? Dive into the Muskegon Luge Adventure Sports Park, a haven for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and abilities. In Episode 7 of the Muskegon Rising Podcast, we unlock the secrets to making the most of this dynamic wonderland.

Listen at:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/14497015-muskegon-tourism-destination>

Member Spotlight Jenny McNeill



The Honorable Jenny McNeill joined our Rotary Club in 2018. She is currently a Circuit Court Judge assigned to the Family Division and deals conflict resolution every day of her working week. Jenny particularly enjoys attending our weekly meetings for the opportunity to share time and spirit with the people who work to make the community better.

Watch the video [here](#).



Don't judge a book by its cover. Visit MADL.org/humans for more information or listen to the podcast here at:

https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/muskegonad?fbclid=IwAR1KBYEx0yu_lx0PNHr31kGugX_0cmYILZL-QhZxZP6CxcTTXJYm6U2poRg

Or visit it on YouTube at:

<https://youtu.be/NMa8NK0LhVo?si=TiqvRaBWL7UGp4R3>

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Coffee Connect

February 20, 2024

