

The RIM Newsletter

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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

February 29, 2024

Next Meeting (March 7, 2024, 12-1:30pm) — Honey Glazed Pork at the Delta
Program Topic – GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute

What's Coming

- March 7** GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute
March 14 Muskegon County Housing Study Results
March 21 Improving Lives of Justice: Involved Women in Muskegon Co

Upcoming Birthdays

- March 8** Bob Lukens
March 9 Ron Suszek
March 11 Sean Burns, Timothy DeMumbrum, & Stephanie Tushek

Caring

Connections Fund

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Greeters This Week

Tim Arter & Steve Tomczak

Reflectors

Ken Rasp	Feb 29
Meredith Smillie	Mar 7
Bill Loxterman	Mar 14
Darlene Collet	Mar 21
Roger Morgenstern	Mar 28

RIM Reporting this Edition

Photographer – Mark Alpher
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2/29/2024 Muskegon Rotary
YouTube Video Link: [Click Here](#)

VISITORS & GUESTS



Kris Collee brought the Chief of the Norton Shores Police and her fiancé', Marc Vanderstelt.



Alex Fonseca introduced his guest, Steve Glascock, manager from Consumer's Credit Union and former White Lake Rotarian

Muskegon Rotary Board

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Cynthia Maynard brought her friend and former (retired LPN) co-worker from the ortho-floor, Julie Dawes



Oakridge students visited and **Marty Systema** introduced school psychologist, Carla Cavern. Carla introduced some outstanding seniors (both using the Muskegon Promise Scholarships), Kara Morris (Finance) and Carley Morris (Psychology).

President Ginny is at it again...



She's looking for the person missing an article of winter clothing. If this is your hat, please contact her.

Last Week's Program: Muskegon County Crisis Intervention Team



Speakers:

Chad Lawton (Muskegon County Medical Control Authority: EMS Administrator)

Bruce Morningstar (Norton Shores Police Department Officer/Crisis Response Specialist)

Heather Wiegand (HealthWest Clinical Manager)

Introduced by: **Kris Collee**

Reporter: **Susan Besteman**

Muskegon County Diversion Council Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is meant to increase safety and give swift access to care. Heather Wiegand was hired at HealthWest in 2014 and she quickly wanted to resurrect a jail diversion committee that she had heard about. The committee began with her, two other HealthWest employees, and two from the sheriff's office and is now over 30 members strong. Their focus is changing culture, training, innovation, and systems change. They looked to find a way to divert people who were looking at incarceration that needed care and treatment.



Bruce Morningstar elaborated that this is a multi-faceted disciplinary team. In the past, 9-1-1 calls were limited with resources which would lead to law enforcement answering a lot of the calls leading to a "band-aid" solution. The CIT uncovers the root of a situation, such as mental health needs, so law enforcement doesn't have to go out again and again to the same call and effectively allows the right use of resources.

The WHO

A collaboration of partners and stakeholders.



Chad Lawton continued to educate us on the impressive number of different partners and stakeholders now in collaboration with CIT to effectively solve some of these problem behaviors through proper referrals including HealthWest, Every Woman's Place, Muskegon Central Dispatch, 9-1-1, Muskegon Rescue Mission, Age Well Services, Trinity Health, ten community police departments and the Michigan State Police. He also noted that this committee extends

beyond the major partners down to individual community members as well all helping for the same great cause of helping those in our community.

What's Next

- Stay Engaged
- Sustainability
- Address Large Systemic Gaps

For the full video, [click here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

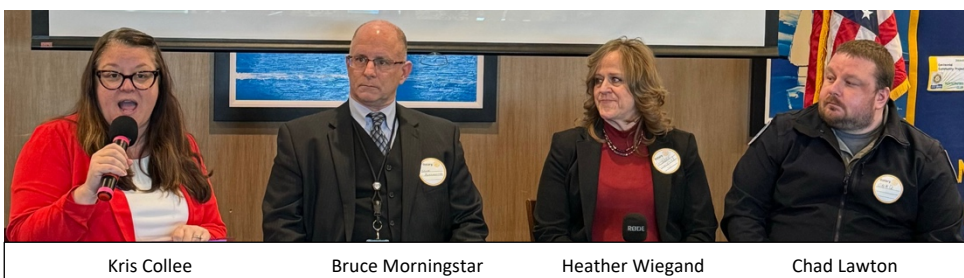
Rotary Service Group Arrives in Honduras



Our Muskegon Rotary contingent for the Honduras Library Project service trip arrived safely on Sunday and are now beginning the task to assemble a complete new and much needed library for a large elementary school in Honduras in one week. This is a school with no history and little knowledge of a school library and how it works, but they want to learn. Training to administration, teachers, students, and parents for its proper use is also part of the plan this week, along with a grand opening.



Our club partnered with Grand Haven Rotary and contributed \$3500 to this project. We also sent along an extra \$500 from Get Your Chili On! proceeds for extra supplies needed this week. **Darlene Collet** contributed a suitcase full of school uniforms and



Kris Collee

Bruce Morningstar

Heather Wiegand

Chad Lawton

reading books she collected in true Darlene style. Thank you, Darlene!



Scholastic book publishers provided 2000 appropriate books to get the library started. The Muskegon group is part of a talented ten-person team, with two Librarians on board, and is being led very capably by **Gail Ringelberg** from the Grand Haven Rotary Club and our partner, the CHISPA project.

(www.chispaproject.org)

The Chispa Project works to empower Honduran students with access to books by creating school libraries, to spark a passion for learning that will grow and be nurtured through a community driven approach. Since 2016, over 57,000 books have been delivered to more than 100 schools and organizations.



Pictured above are Victoria Guerrero, MHS Interactor and Club Treasurer, Elias Sybenga 7th grade WMC student, MADL Librarian and Rotarian **Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga**, and Zuri LaBrenz, MHS Interactor and Club President. We wish them well this week in their Service Above Self!

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

Youth Life Leadership Interviews Begin

Muskegon Rotary has the distinct privilege to be able to interview and sponsor scores of very talented Muskegon County youth leaders for the annual Rotary District 6290 Life Leadership Conference to be held June 12-15, 2024, at Ferris State University.



In the picture above, **Darlene Collet** and **John Noling** interview outstanding Fruitport High School junior Lydia Shi to acquaint her with Rotary and the Conference itself. Thanks to generous outside donations, Muskegon Rotary is expecting to sponsor over 20 youth leaders to attend this prestigious conference, begun by our club 75 years ago in 1949 at Camp Emery on Big Blue Lake. If you know of an outstanding youth leader (preferably a junior or sophomore) that needs to be considered, please contact John Noling at your earliest convenience.

Muskegon Rising Ep 8: Muskegon Area Promise



Episode 8 of Muskegon Rising is here, and it dives deep into the Muskegon Area Promise. This amazing program offers financial assistance to cover the cost of a two-year degree at either Muskegon Community College or Baker College.

Tune in to learn:

- How students can take advantage of this life-changing opportunity.
- The impact the Promise has on our community.
- The commitment of local donors who believe in keeping talented individuals in Muskegon County.

Listen to the conversation between two of Muskegon's educational leaders, Aaron Maiké and Megan Byard:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/14587948-muskegon-area-promise>

Great Michigan Read

Christine Robere couldn't put this year's book down! The Great Michigan Read began with the book, "Fire Keeper's Daughter." Register at this link 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>



MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY



AUTHOR VISIT ANGELINE BOULLEY

Bestselling Young Adult Novelist Printz Medal & Morris Award Winner

Don't miss out on your chance to hear from best-selling author Angeline Boulley, who will be visiting Muskegon as a stop on her tour for the Great Michigan Read. She will be speaking about her book *Fire Keeper's Daughter*, an electrifying thriller layered with a rich exploration of the modern Native experience, a reckoning of current and historical injustices, and a powerful celebration of community. A book sale and signing will follow the presentation.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 | 6:00 PM
ORCHARD VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTER AT [MADL.ORG/MIREAD](https://madl.org/miread)

POURS FOR COMMUNITY



April 11-25, 2024



The Pours for Community is April 11-25th! **Emma Peterson, Jason Piasecki, and President Ginny Sprague** got the crowd laughing and having fun already for this year's big fund-raising event. This is the third year and proceeds are used for the Muskegon Rotary charities. Sponsors are needed to help make this a successful event. Contact **Tim Arter** if you are interested in a sponsorship opportunity or use the QR Code to complete the form.

Make your donation to Pours for Community! Simply aim your phone's camera at the QR code and follow the link to give. Thanks for your support!



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

[Click here for the promo video!](#)

RIM Reporting Team

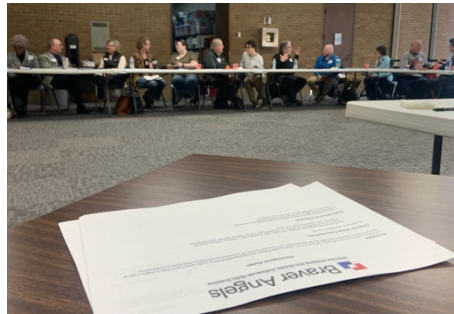
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Braver Angels Workshop a Success!



President Ginny, after reading a thank you note from Jan for the event success, thanked Jan and **Cathy Brubaker-Clarke** for all their efforts and everyone who attended. To see more photos, [click here](#) or scroll to the last page of this newsletter.



New Members Social Event Photos



RIM Photographer **Mark Alpher** captured some neat photos at the New Members Social Event at the Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry on the 29th.

New Interact Club Forming at Mona Shores Middle School



Interact Co-Chair **Doug Wood** welcomes Jenna Arter, Science teacher and new Interact Club Advisor at this bustling 900+ student school.

Beginning plans include working with former Lincoln Park Elementary School EarlyActors and newly recruited 6th grade students at Mona Shores Middle School to form a Rotary Interact club that will provide service to the school, community, and the world.

This will be our first official Middle School Interact Club among the other six high school Interact clubs we sponsor. Interact is for students between the ages of 12 to 18.

Muskegon Rotary sends our sincere thanks to the Mona Shores School District for its vision and continuing efforts to include elementary, middle, and high school students in Service Above Self! How lucky we are in Rotary to see this happening!

Member Spotlight Rabbi Alan Alpert



Alan Alpert has been a Muskegon Rotarian and an example to us for about 40 years. "Peace is not just the lack of hostility, ... basically the word shalom means completeness... we should all try to see everyone in the image of God."

Watch the video [here](#).



Don't judge a book by it's cover. Visit [MADL.org/humans](https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/muskegonad) for more information or listen to the podcast here at:

https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/muskegonad?fbclid=IwAR1KBYEx0YU_lx0PNHr31kGugX_0cmYILZL-QhZx2P6CxcTTXJYm6U2poRg

Or visit it on YouTube at:

<https://youtu.be/NMa8NK0LhVo?si=TiayRaBWL7UGp4R3>

Reflection This Week



Thank you, **Ken Rasp**, for your 3-part reflection this week including radical

acceptance unattached to specific outcomes and knowing we are unconditionally loved.

Mort Kantor



Rest In Peace Morton Sidney Kantor
July 20, 1930 – February 26, 2024

Dr. Morton "Mort" Sidney Kantor, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, friend to many and community participant, passed away at age 93 on February 26, 2024. Mort lived his life with integrity, kindness, humility and honesty. He was both respected and respectful. Mort relished the simple pleasures in life: a beautiful sunset, a powder ski day, a windy sail, and a "good drink" (his words) with family & friends.

Mort's community involvement extended far and wide and included: driving Miss Michigan contestants in his prized Ford Mustang in the 60's, President of the West Michigan Dental Society, Board President of the Hume Home, President, Treasurer and Secretary of Temple B'nai Israel, as well as leadership positions with the Poppen Scholarship Fund, Muskegon Public Schools Foundation, Harbor Hospice Foundation-- where he was the 2022 recipient of their annual Hero Award, and Muskegon Rotary Club-- where he was honored with Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellow Award.

Click the link for his full obituary:

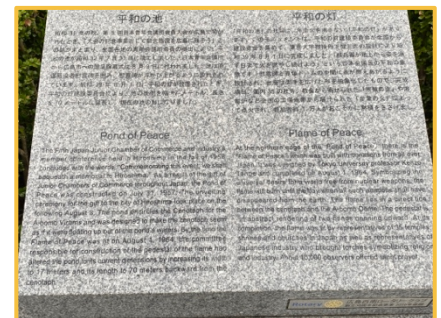
<https://www.clockfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Morton-Sidney-Kantor?obid=30877036>



Rotary In Hiroshima



We've got RIM Reporters all over the world! Our own **Roger Morgenstern** sends greetings from Hiroshima where he saw a rotary peace plaque pictured above and below.



Roger also visited the Hiroshima Peace Mus. The dome and museum are part of a huge peace park which is near "ground zero" of the August 1945 bombing.



Off the Record for Rotary



Years ago, **Bill Johanson** played in a rock band, Off the Record, that had occasion to perform at several Rotary-sponsored Parties in the Park. Recently, some on-stage recordings of that band in 2005 (or so) were uncovered and if you click the speaker/picture link to the right, you will hear a snippet of one of their fantastic performances. Bill said, “Even now, I’m thankful for our Club hiring us and for the happy memories we’ve all shared together.”



LAST WEEK WHILE ROTARY QUIETLY MET

Courtesy: Uncle John’s Almanac
2/29/24 & **Bill Johanson**



Roman emperor Julius Caesar introduced the first leap year around 46 BCE. The Julian calendar used at the time stipulated that any year evenly divisible by four would include an extra day. That proved to be too many to properly align with the natural movement of the Earth, but it took more than 1500 years to sort out the math. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII replaced the Julian calendar with the more accurate Gregorian calendar. Under that calendar’s rules, every year divisible by 400 is a leap year, but century years must also be divisible by 400 to count as leap years. For example, the year 2000 was a leap year, but 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not.

Pictures from Braver Angels Workshop

