

“Service Above Self”

Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
Next Mtg—February 10, 12:00-1:30pm
Hybrid Style – The Delta & Zoom
ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 2/17 5:15 pm
Unruly Brewing Company

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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 (2/10/22) — Afghanistan Refuge Update

The world watched as US Troops left Afghanistan, transporting refugees all over the world. Learn what Bethany Christian Services is doing in West Michigan.
 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
 Ginny Sprague

REFLECTORS
 Jane Clingman-Scott Feb 3
 Chanda Cregg Feb 10
 Meredith Smillie Feb 17

THIS WEEK'S MENU
 Stir-Fry Buffet, Salad & Cookie

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS
 Christine Robere Feb 13
 Marty Feriby Feb 15
 Jane Clingman-Scott Feb 16
[Caring Connections Fund](#)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS
 2/3 Committee Palooza #2
 2/3 **ReWine 5:15 PM**
 Pigeon Hill Brewing Company
 2/10 Afghanistan Refuge Update
 2/17 Maintaining Live Music



VISITORS & GUESTS
 Kendrah Robinson and Arlen Gaddy:
 guests of **Brianna Scott**



Andrea Riegler: guest of **Melissa Horton**



Dr. Arletta Thompson and Erica Patton: guests of **Randy Lindquist**



Rita Caviness: guest of **Meredith Smillie**



Student Guests
 Welcome Calvary Christian High School! **Marty Sytsema** introduced Rick Maine, Athletic Director. Rick brought Seniors Raj and Luke. Raj is looking to pursue a degree in pre-law and/or political science. He is still deciding on schools. Luke is pursuing Southeastern Florida University for medicine.



Muskegon Rotary is the second largest club in the state of Michigan with 218 members currently. Where is the largest club in the world?

A: The largest Rotary Club is the Oklahoma City Downtown Club with over 600



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Black Tie for the Y

The fun event is tonight, Feb. 5 at the Delta. **Randy Linquist** will be there and there are opportunities to purchase individual tickets, a table or a sponsorship. Visit www.muskegonymca.org/blacktie for more information.



New Member: Marjorie Jones



Marjorie was born June 24th in Ann Arbor and was adopted by the Hales in Battle Creek, Michigan. She graduated from Battle Creek Central and worked her way through college by putting the raisins in raisin bran at Kellogg's. (Back then the pay was \$3.36/hr and women could only work 6-hr shifts.) After graduation, Marjorie left the BearCat life for the Broncos at WMU.

She eventually graduated with a degree in Physical Education with Health and Psychology minors. She admits she was not an eager student but knew she was, and is, a terrific teammate and fierce adversary on the tennis and basketball courts. Kalamazoo schools hired her and for the next 2 years she taught and completed her Masters in Education with an emphasis in Special Education.

Following this, the next few years were spent celebrating marriage and two daughters. And, by this time, she was living in Westchester County, NY where she taught for the next 10 years until the economy forced the school district to close 2 buildings.

So, back to school she went and this time finished with a business degree. Her next position was with JP Morgan Chase as a Mortgage Officer. It is here she learned that doctors and pilots are not as detail-oriented as most of us would hope. Her time was mostly spent filling out their applications.

Travel? Yes, China, Africa, Tibet and Europe were great escapes. These days her escapes include playing golf, Duplicate Bridge and walking Tinker (her Beagle/Terrier rescue).

Volunteer opportunities included the Girl Scouts, various church positions, even President for 3 years, city

recreation commissions, and serving at rescue and gospel missions.

As mentioned, she was adopted and has connected with her birth family. Gratefully, now, there is time to enjoy her 2 new sisters and intertwine the pieces of their lives with hers and complete this puzzle we call life. She has lived in MI, NY, CA and lastly in AZ. At this time in her life, she felt it was time to come home, home to the Lake. She is happy to be back and thanks both the Rotary and especially her sponsor **Marcia Hovey-Wright**, for the warm welcome.

PeaceBuilder Committee Recommendations

Annette Jack, on behalf of our PeaceBuilder Committee, would like to encourage you to read two articles in the



February "ROTARY" magazine – "The Seven Centers of Peace" on page 40 and "Emcee Skool" on page 28.

Hopefully this will whet your appetite to learn more about Rotary International's deep commitment to peacebuilding and help you dream what our local club can do to pursue peace.

Cathy Brubaker-Clarke & Kathy Betts, co-chairs of our PeaceBuilder committee (a sub-committee of Diversity Equity & Inclusion) would welcome you to join this group. Watch for more opportunities to learn about our Rotary PeaceBuilders Club.

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Fill The Bowl – Muskegon Rescue Mission
Fill The Bowl (formerly Soups for Suits) is being held again this year on February 15th at 11:30am at Fricano's. If you would like to be a sponsor, contact **Bill Erickson** at berickson@muskegonmission.org.

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New Member Orientation

Any current Rotary Members are welcome to join the New Member Orientation on the first Wednesday of each month. It's a great way to get conversations started.

Grape Escape – Save the Date March 24th



We have not had Grape Escape for a couple years (thanks, COVID) but **Meredith Smillie** gave a great update that it's back! They are partnering with Aaron Maikie from the culinary institute of Baker College for a Grape Escape Preview. Tickets will go on sale shortly for \$50 which includes a four-course dinner and wine pour. They are also looking for committee members for Grape Escape this year. Contact Meredith if you would like dinner on March 24th or are willing to help with Grape Escape: msmillie@bethany.org.



Rotary International District Raffle Tickets

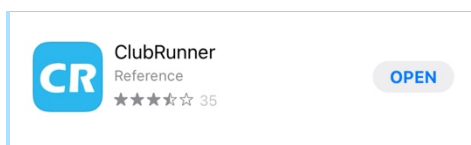
Our District 6290 50/50 Raffle officially began on January 2, 2022. Tickets are \$20 a piece and the drawing for the six winning tickets will take place on March 11th in Kalamazoo at the President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS). See **Ginny Sprague** for tickets before February 28th. Proceeds will benefit both our Muskegon Rotary Foundation and also the District 6290 Foundation.

Our Deepest Sympathies

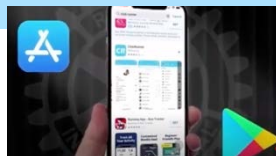


Our condolences and thoughts to **Kate Kesteloot Scarborough** on the death of her husband, William "Bill". Obituary Link: [Click Here](#)

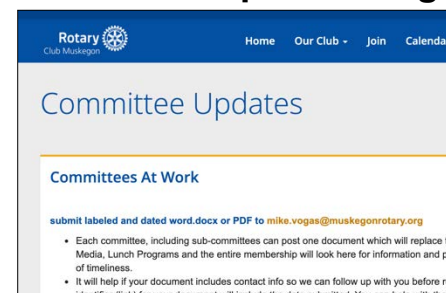
Clubrunner App



Download the Clubrunner App directly to your phone or tablet for easier communication. Search the Muskegon Rotary on speed dial. This app helps integrate members directly to your smart devices (Apple ios 3.1 or later and Android 2.3.3 or better). Download this app from the Apple App Store or Google Play, then enter your username and password for all committee updates and Muskegon Rotary information at your fingertips.



New Muskegon Rotary Committee Updates Page



Do you want to know more about what each committee is up to? Head to our website at

MuskegonRotary.org and select the drop down menu from the "Our Club" tab. Then click on the "Committee Updates" link to get the latest information on each of our Committees at work. If you are a committee chair or representative, send your committee updates as a Word Document or PDF to **Mike Vogas**. Here is a short video description of how to access this site – [CLICK HERE](#). This now contains Mike.vogas@muskegonrotary.org

This Week's Spotlight: Tim Lipan



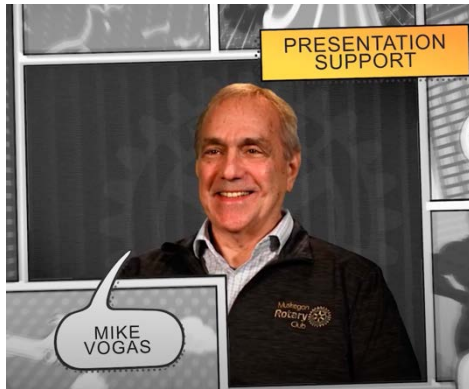
Link to his video: [Click Here](#)

Tim Lipan joined Rotary in 1982 when he arrived in Muskegon. Tim wanted to meet people, develop relationships and Rotary was the premier group to do this in. Tim is married and has a son who is getting married in July this year. Tim worked at the American Red Cross for 40 years before retiring in 2015. Tim is currently the chair of the Social Committee that provides six to eight events each year. Over the past couple years several events have been put on hold due to COVID-19. The events are a way to gather Rotarians together and network outside of the regular meeting schedule. Tim loves Muskegon County and Rotary is a great way to meet people and engage with the community.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Committee Palooza #2

RIM Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**

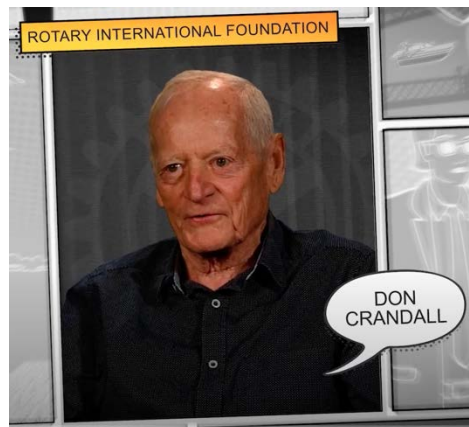


Presentation Support - **Mike Vogas** joined Rotary two and a half years ago. He quickly recognized all the wonderful things that Rotary does and wanted everything represented well. Mike arrives to Rotary at 9:00am with his three-camera set up and **Meggie Kwiatkowski**, his assistant, arrives at 10:00am with her additional camera to prepare for the weekly meeting. Mike loves what he does and has a talent making everyone shine week after week.



Website Committee - **Renee Dudek**, tools are on the Rotary website on how to join Rotary. The page will walk you through the membership process including a

tab for Frequently Asked Questions. Members can help support increasing membership by liking our pages (Facebook and YouTube) and sharing the information posted. Past posts include; meetings, presentations, community happenings, awards, and volunteer information. The committee has a new email address that **Howard Hardesty** created PR@MuskegonRorat.org. If you have an event that you want to promote that supports membership, they are here for you.



Rotary International Foundation - **Don Crandall**, activities started in 1996 when Muskegon Rotary joined with the Rotary Clubs from Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Holland to create a 501c3 organization to do international projects. Three things you can do to get involved; serve on the committee, sign up for a trip to Honduras it will change your life and you will get a sense of what world community service is all about, and attend a Rotary International Meeting. Rotary Action Committees have everything from Physicians, Nurse's Motorcyclists, Yachtsmen, Water/Sanitation, and World Peace. If you go to the Rotary International Website and review

the committees, you can start connecting with people and get involved in international involvement.



Community Service Projects - **Mark Meyers**, the Grants Committee reviews grant's each year. Rotary has three major fundraisers; Grape Escape, Seaway Run, and Parties in the Park. This year the committee received three requests. The first grant provided \$5,000.00 towards the Hubert Massey Mural, it's a 65 by 12-foot mural that will be placed on Mercy Health Arena. The second grant provided \$5,000.00 to the Beechwood Bluffton Neighborhood Association to develop a fitness trail in the Beechwood Park and surrounding the public areas. The third grant provided \$2500.00 to the Lakeshore Art Festival. The funds are used towards materials and art supplies for families to create art during the festival free of charge. The grants committee has some additional funds yet this year and are willing to entertain a mid-year grant request. If you have a worthy program or project that will benefit the community, they would love to hear from you visit muskegonrotary.org and download the information on how to apply for a grant.





Every Rotarian Every Year - **Ginny Sprague**, as you spend time in Rotary, you hear about different outreach initiatives like End Polio Now and Every Rotarian Every Year that supports the work of the Rotary Foundation Worldwide. Ginny is challenged to get people to financially support Every Rotarian Every Year, her goal is to have everyone give something to reach 100% participation. The Rotary vision is together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe in our communities and in ourselves. That's what Rotary allows us to do if we take that opportunity.

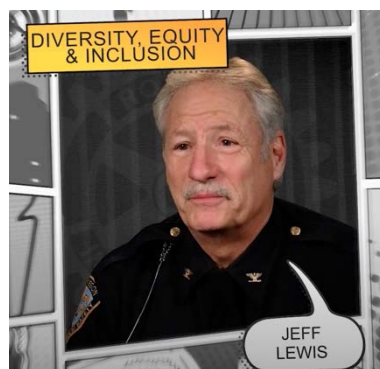


Foundation Grants - **Judy Hayner**, runs the Muskegon City Public Arts Initiative. The Muskegon Rotary Club supported project one "Moxie" and project two "What Defines Muskegon" the mural that will go on the exterior wall of the second story arena. In the mural you will see Native Americans, lumbering, industrial, cultural infrastructure that makes up our town, and it will lead up to where we are today with a beautiful

sunset view on the far side of the mural of Lake Michigan.



Membership Engagement - **Mary Anne Gorman**, is asking people to embrace the motto that Rotary International put out "each one bring one and invite a prospective member to attend a weekly lunch meeting" We have a variety of volunteer activities and fundraisers that go throughout the year. This is an opportunity to introduce a prospective member into the work that Rotary does. Rotary has an orientation program the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00am, and an Engagement and Retention Subcommittee that is currently recruiting more people to join.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - **Jeff Lewis**, reaching a target audience in the community can sometimes be difficult. Rotary and DEI is a perfect conduit to get law enforcement and our community to provide outreach. The term outreach is where we provide a service or an activity to a group that doesn't have access. It's

important to not be stationary, but be mobile, and take the service/activity to the target group and that's what DEI and Jeff did. Law Enforcement and Brianna Scott brought the community together and that was the birth of impact which is "Enhancing Police And Community Trust" Rotary is great with being mobile, providing outreach services, solving potential problems through communication, and has a deep understanding of community needs. The Muskegon Rotary club is on the move and what is accomplished is hard to keep up with.

To learn more about Rotary visit muskegonrotary.org. To watch this committee palooza #2 video, [click here](#).

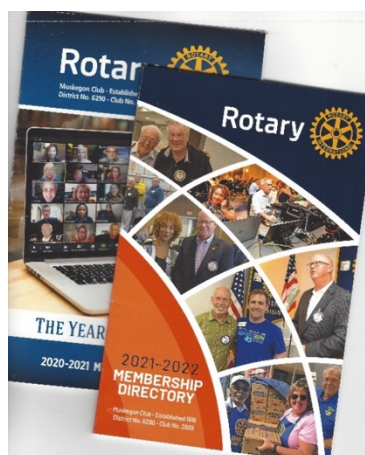
Digital Photo Archives



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.



SOME COME, SOME GO

By Bill Johanson

Whenever numerous Rotarians ask that immortal two-part question – “who’s still in the Club, and who’s not?” – some enterprising writer usually steps forward and starts researching all pertinent facts. That writer, this time, would be me. The two columns below contain names of (1) members new since before the latest Membership Directory was published and (2) former members gone sometime after the previous directory came out. Hopefully, all names are correct; certainly, most names are without fault... if you don’t count punctuation errors, keyboard finger slips, omissions, commissions and proofreader mini-naps.

NEW MEMBERS

Valerie Blondin
Kim Boersema
Mary Boyd
Morgan Carroll
Chip Chipman
Katherine Drake
Bill Erickson
Linda Garzelloni (Juarez)
Cheri Honderd
Contessa Hood
Melissa Horton
Nancy Johnson-VanderRoest
Kim Keessen
Donata Kidd
Justin Kitchka
Jennifer Loechie
Roger Morgenstern
Kristi Nagengast
Kristi Pawlak
Sarah Pearson
Craig Wiklander
Kristen Woods

FORMER MEMBERS

Donna Allen
Viktor Anderson
Debra Bechtel
Pam Bogie
Jerry Conrad
Stacey Curnell
Katherine Ely
Rene Garcia
Karly Kelley
Julia Koch
Bob Landman (retiring)
Brittany Lenertz
John McCann
Will Meier
Mike Muskovin
Sylvia Precious
James Rausch
Yvonne Reames
Kathy Rohiman
Jim Schiltz
Bruce Tallant
Connie Taylor
Robert Thomas
Jonathan Venlet
Jeremy Williams
Thomas Winer
Joseph Zappacosta



Programs this year will have limited in-person seating, but will also be available to enjoy virtually via Zoom. PLEASE REGISTER regardless of enjoying programs in-person or virtually. Events are FREE to enjoy. Masks are required for in-person BHM programs. BHM events are made possible through a general bequest from Bess Commodore.

<https://www.hackleylibrary.org/events-programs/annual-events/black-history-month/>



The Importance of Black History
by Ken James, Chief Diversity Officer,
Muskegon Community College

Black History Month was created by Carter G. Woodson in 1926. He believed that if a race had no recorded history, it would lose its traditions and risk having its accomplishments and culture erased. The month of February was chosen to honor the birth month of both Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln. Many of this nation’s accomplishments were made possible due to the contributions of Black people. Black History Month was recognized federally in 1976.

Growing up on the West Coast and attending a traditional public school, I remember very little mentioned in my U.S. history lessons about people who looked like me. I do recall hearing about Crispus Attucks being the first man killed in the American Revolution. The 1960s Civil Rights movement, which occupied a small section in my textbook, mentioned Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. as two key figures in the movement. Very little was spoken or written about slavery and its impact on this country.

As an undergraduate at Kentucky State University, a historically black college (HBCU), I came to realize from my education and experience how little I knew about my own history. I began to feel a subconscious pressure around the fact the very little about the contributions of people that looked like me was being shared in public school education. I did not have heroes with whom I could identify or to whose achievements I could aspire.

What further personified this revelation for me was the release of the 1997 movie “Amistad,” which was based on a true and significant moment during America’s slave trade. The thought came to me how I was not familiar with this historical event, so I began researching and discovering other incidents in black history unfamiliar to me but instrumental in shaping our history.

For these revelations, I am so thankful for my HBCU experience, but so much more needs to be done in recognizing and acknowledging the history of blacks for everyone living in this country. First, and foremost for people of color, I pose the question, “If we have no idea of what influence our people have on this country, what does this do to us subconsciously?”

Secondly, we all need heroes, not just the descendants of slaves, but everyone. We, as a people, should know how our contributions have shaped this country. As a father of three daughters, I want to be confident that equity in education and school curriculums reflects all students.

I would like to see this country evolve to celebrating and recognizing all the contributions that black Americans have made in the U.S. – not just during Black History Month – but throughout the entire year.

Let this year be the year you are intentional about increasing your awareness of Black History. Share this blog with others, listen to a podcast, join a book club, attend a webinar, attend an event, etc. It is never too late to get started.

