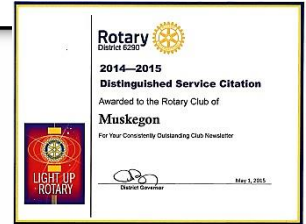


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Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916

Next Mtg—January 19, 2023, 12-1:30pm

The Delta - Hybrid

ReWine Sat Club—Next mtg 1/19/23 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 (1/19/23) — Rotary International Ukraine Relief Fund Programs

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

Kelsey Rhoda & Arlen-Dean Gaddy

REFLECTORS

Bill Loxterman Jan 12
 Darlene Collett Jan 19
 Bill Erickson Jan 26

Contact Alan Alpert if you can help

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Kate Scarbrough Jan 20
 Duane Schechter Jan 20
 Samantha Scott Jan 20
 Steve Dix Jan 23

[Caring Connections Fund](#)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

Jan 12 – MAISD
 Jan 19 – Rotary Int'l Ukraine Relief
 Jan 19 – **ReWine at 5:15 pm**

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Please email Club Board

Members through this [link](#):

Missed last week? Watch the 1/12/23 meeting [here](#).

VISITORS & GUESTS



Cloey Buzzell
 -- guest of
**Monica
 Turnbull**



Darrell Paige –
 guest of **Marcia
 Hovey-Wright**

Nefiteria Ray –
 guest of
Samantha Scott



Trinell
 Payne-Scott
 & Amanda
 VanTubergen – guests of **Diane Fleser**



Sharonda
 Carson – guest
 of **Pete Wills**



Ethan Lohman –
 guest of
**Courtney
 Porrett**

Ben Kalb –
 guest of **Randy
 Lindquist**



Pamela Wingard –
 guest of **Ammy
 Seymour**



Becky Kooi
 & Alex
 Kirksey –
 guests of
Bill Erickson



Pete DeBoer –
 guest of
Jamie Hekker

STUDENT GUESTS



North Muskegon Norseman in the house! Jack Erne is a senior and is undecided yet on college. He will travel to El Salvador for spring break to assist at Rotary Village. Allison Friesner is a junior and has been participating in Interact and Early Interact for the past 7 years. Student guests were accompanied by Principal Jennifer Schultz and fellow Rotarians **Curt Babcock, Danielle Risley, and Marty Sytsema.**

This Week's Spotlight: Pat Walstra



Pat Walstra joined Rotary in 2006 when she was the Community Education Director and Assistant Superintendent of Orchard View Schools. Pat moved to the Muskegon area in 1982 to run the Michigan Pine & Dunes Girl Scouts outdoor camp and programs and later went to OV where she retired in 2015. She then accepted a position with Kent Intermediate School District as the Region 4 Adult Ed. Consultant. Pat and her husband, Marty, reside in Fruitport on a "hobby farm" and celebrated their 37th year together. They have two (adult) kids: one is Dr. Addison, a Chiropractor in N. Muskegon, and their son works & lives in Grand Rapids. She loves working with youth and appreciates how Rotary nurtures and fosters leadership in our young people as well as Rotary's focus on diversity and inclusion. Love Lives Here is one of her favorite mantras and love does need to live here for us to move forward according to Pat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brave Rotarians Poetic License Contest

Being the last week of the Brave Rotarians Poetic License Contest, **Ginny Sprague** wisely had two assistants (Dr. **Don Crandall** and **Susan Besteman**) to divide the bad news to two of the final four in the contest. Unfortunately, **Ryan Sterkenburg** and **John Noling** were thanked for their contributions but eliminated from the contest. However, **Susan Holkeboer** and **Jenny McNeill** made it to the end! Congratulations to our bravest poet Rotarians, Susan and Jenny who will be awarded Paul Harris Fellowships.



Evening at the Museum

The New Member Social Committee is having a gathering at the Muskegon Museum of History and Science on Feb 7th from 5:30 to 7 PM.

RIM Reporting Team

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



Muskegon Jaycees Snowfest - Jan 28th, 2023



One of our goals for increasing club membership is to increase the number of younger members. As of December 31, 31 (13.5%) of our members are ages 39 and under. We recently began an outreach to JCI-Muskegon/Jaycees to identify opportunities for collaboration. We believe if we build personal relationships with their members that they will recognize the benefits of Rotary membership – even before they 'age out' of Jaycees at age 40.

One such opportunity is the coming Muskegon Jaycees Snowfest on Saturday, January 28th. More information on how to participate in the day's events are on their website, www.jcimuskegon.org.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/9040f4aaca922abfd0-snowfest1>

Please Welcome Potential New Members:

Pete DeBoer who is the Director of Donor Relations at the Community Foundation for Muskegon Community Foundation. Pete is sponsored by **Heidi Sytsema** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board of Directors. Pete will be Inducted in the next few weeks.

Rachel Gorman who is the Director of Development at Pioneer Resources, Inc. Rachel is sponsored by **Michael Ramsey** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board of Directors. Rachel will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Please welcome back **Joseph Zappacosta!**

Purple Pinkie Booths – \$115 More Raised!



Thanks to club members at Rotary and ReWine for the generous donations last week. We also offer our special thanks to the MHS and NM Interactors working with us to End Polio Now!

With the announced two-to-one continuing match incentive from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for Rotary's three-year goal of \$150 million, this means our most recent \$115 translates to \$345 going toward polio eradication.

MAKE YOUR MONEY WORK 3 TIMES AS HARD

Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are extending their partnership during the critical endgame phase of the global Polio Eradication Initiative. Find out how your donation can triple your impact!

LEARN
[ENDPOLIONOW.ORG](https://endpolionow.org)
MAKE HISTORY TODAY
[ROTARY.ORG/CONTRIBUTE](https://rotary.org/contribute)

At approximately \$3 overall cost per vaccine dose today, this means 115 children can be inoculated to prevent polio in their lives.

The ending polio task is still daunting, but our club comes through at many levels, including using part of our raffle proceeds to help the fight to End Polio Now.

See Ginny Sprague or Meredith Smillie for tickets!

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!**

Tickets on sale until February 28, 2023

The greatest 50/50 raffle you ever played in!

**Think of all the good you can do
with your purchase of a \$20 ticket.**

Together we can change lives by building better communities. Join us in the great 2023 50/50 Raffle. Half your ticket goes to the Rotary Foundation to do good in the world and half your ticket will be returned in prize money to 6 lucky winners.

Here's how it works:

Clubs are asked to sell the raffle tickets at **\$20 each** from January 1 - February 28, 2023.

Ticket stubs and sales **must be returned no later than March 4th, 2023** to Bob Marcus, Rotary District 6290 Treasurer, 5741 South Morey Rd, McBain, MI 49657

Last year we sold 629 tickets and raised \$12,575.
\$6,280 in prize money and \$6,280 in good works funds.
The top prize was \$1,579

PRIZE PAYOUTS

First Prize:	30% of the prize money
Second Prize:	20% of the prize money
Third & Fourth Prize:	15% of the prize money each
Fifth & Sixth Prize:	10% of the prize money each

It all depends on how many tickets we sell -
the more we sell the bigger the winners take home
and the bigger the pot we send to The Rotary
Foundation to do Good in the World.

Questions?

Contact District Raffle Chair Roger Wills
ramjet46@charter.net or call 616-894-5053 (c)



The District 6290 Rotary Foundation Raffle is operated by the Rotary Club of Grand Haven, license #56360. Prize drawings will take place at 3:30 p.m. on March 10, 2023, at the Great Lakes Rotary PETS, Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo, 100 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Muskegon Area Intermediate School District



Speaker: **Randy Lindquist**
Introduced by: **Lisa Tyler**
Reporter: **Meredith Smillie**

Our future is formed in our county's classrooms. **Randy** shared some updates on education and goals for our community. The MAISD serves the community around six initiatives that serve county schools.



Randy focused on goal number two on engaging and strengthening Muskegon County public schools. Gallup poll of dog food brands that 80% were satisfied with dog food brands. The data from that graph is totally fabricated.

The lines reference our satisfaction with our public schools (blue line is parents with students in school and green are those that do not have children in public schools). We hear a lot about how public schools are failing students and many headlines are startling at what students are being forced to do; and Randy said that they are being forced to do some incredible things. Muskegon County public schools are helping students remain future focused and are thinking about their futures. OV video focused on the Career Tech Center. Students are

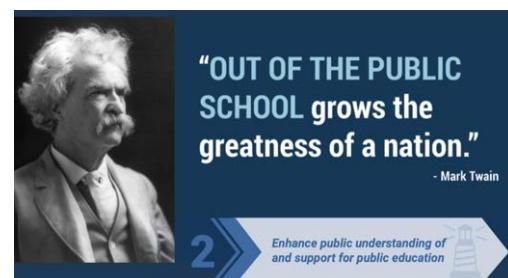
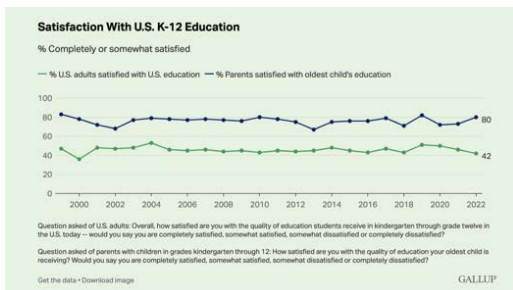


focusing on careers that are not even well defined yet with so many rapid growing and changing technology fields. Muskegon County Public Schools are also helping students to be thankful; our schools are helping students serve others and to be thankful about what their community has to offer. Student video showing how CTC students created a Thanksgiving dinner for the community transition center at Craig. Students are really valuing how they can impact our county. Our kids are really thinking about innovation and how they are creating new fields of study. Many students are innovative through their Robotics Clubs. Students can get hands on experience with programming, coding and robotics which helps students collaborate on projects. Students are also working very hard for them to feel supported in their homes, classrooms, and community. The MAISD collaborates with the extended community to ensure they are loved,



cared for, and are known by their teachers. This helps the students feel loved and supported by their schools. Lastly, Muskegon County Schools are developing resilience, especially through a global pandemic. Schools have established a feeling of family in

their classrooms and helping them to develop as strong men and women, appreciate where they are and where they have come from with extended community support. Muskegon County students have persevered and overcome many obstacles to move forward in achieving their goals. Students have learned that they are able to rely on their community. Randy left us with a couple of challenges. He asked us to go to the source when you are hearing information regarding a public school. Go to the source and ask lots of question. Determine via the source if a rumor is true or false. Each educator and superintendent is willing to answer questions. Second, be a positive message multiplier about our schools. Follow schools on Facebook, Instagram, etc... share, like and spread the word about the great work our educators are doing in Muskegon County.



Muskegon Rotary Interact Abroad – Tyler Rop's Update

Before leaving for my year abroad, I wasn't too familiar with my first host family. As I was getting on the plane, I was expecting to be moving into a shack in the middle of the forest for my first few months. I was so excited to start my year abroad that I couldn't fall asleep for a second during my flights to Frankfurt and then Finland. When I got off the flight in Helsinki, I was met by the other exchange students I would be spending the week with at the camp in Karkku. During the camp, I became close friends with many of the other exchange students in my district while we learned about the Finnish culture and language together. At the end of the camp, we said goodbye with heavy hearts knowing we wouldn't be seeing each other for months to come. I got picked up by my first and second host dads at the Helsinki port, I was so nervous that when I saw them everything else went silent and all I could hear were their voices. We talked as we boarded the boat so we could start to get to know each other, we made it to Tallinn and drove to my new home, which was just outside of Viimsi city centre. I brought my bags inside and with that my host year began.

My first host family was the Kams. I had two wonderful host parents and three host siblings, two of which were out of college while the other was entering their first year at Tartu University in southern Estonia. I spent my first three months with them learning about Estonian culture and history. I was with them during the end of the summer so we went to their country house often and I would help them out with their beekeeping. I learned a lot during my time with them, I couldn't have asked for a better first host family. On November 12th I changed host families, I had known the Vains beforehand since they are good friends with the Kams. I have two loving host parents, two host sisters, and there is a Ukrainian mother taking refuge in the Vain's home with her seven-month-old son. My host dad, Gunnar, is my Youth Exchange Officer so I knew him quite well before moving in. One of my host sisters is currently on

exchange in France, and my other host sister attends a university in Canada, but she recently came home for two weeks during her holiday break. My host family has a husky, and in true exchange fashion, I am conquering my fears with my host family's pet snake.



My exchange has been going very smoothly, I've had no major problems during my time here so far. I've been very busy, often spending my day participating in a variety of activities from morning until late in the evening. I was playing soccer for my local team, I go to the gym, and I joined my school's folk-dance group. Whenever I get free time, I like to spend it with my friends, they like to invite me out to their favorite parts of the country so I get to see many different parts of the Estonian way of life, from music festivals to their favorite boba tea shop.



In Estonia, December is a very dark time with the sun barely peaking over the horizon during the midday, the sun rises at 9:30 and sets at about 3:30. Most of Estonia is well-lit with Christmas decorations during this time. In the

center of Tallinn, there is a famous Christmas market that is open from November 25th to January 8th selling many things such as amber jewelry, clothes, and Estonian Christmas food. The food eaten during the Christmas season is the food that was made while they were under Soviet rule. A typical meal would consist of blood sausages, pumpkin salad, lingonberry jam, and glögi. Christmas in Estonia is celebrated similarly to the American Christmas, although it is also celebrated on the 26th with a dinner party bringing the extended family together. The Christmas tree is put up on the first day of advent and taken down on January 6th, the day before the Russian Christmas.

I would like to thank Rotary for all that they've done for me, I wouldn't be able to experience this new way of life without the support of the Muskegon Rotary Club. I'm looking forward to coming back and sharing part of the Estonian culture with everyone back home in Muskegon. I'm eternally grateful for everyone who has supported me so I could have such a great exchange year.

