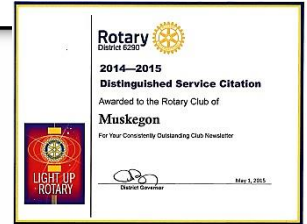


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## Muskegon Rotary Club

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

Next Mtg—January 26, 2023, 12-1:30pm

**The Delta – No Zoom Option**

**ReWine Sat Club—Next mtg 2/2/23 5:15 pm**



**IMAGINE  
ROTARY**

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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 (1/26/23) — Muskegon Innovation Hub

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

Samantha Scott & Lisa Stafford

### REFLECTORS

Darlene Collett Jan 19  
Bill Erickson Jan 26  
Meredith Smillie Feb 2  
Tom Palmer Feb 9

**Contact Alan Alpert if you can help**

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Heather Brolick Jan 30  
Jim Nielsen Feb 1

[Caring Connections Fund](#)

### PROGRAMS / EVENTS

Jan 19 – Rotary Int'l Ukraine Relief  
Jan 19 – **ReWine at 5:15 pm**  
Jan 26 – Muskegon Innovation Hub  
Feb 2 – Greater Muskegon Economic Development in 2023

### Muskegon Rotary Board

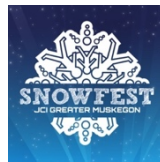
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**Please email Club Board**

**Members through this [link](#):**

Missed last week? Watch the  
1/19/23 meeting [here](#).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Muskegon  
Jaycees Snowfest  
- Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.jcimuskegon.org).

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



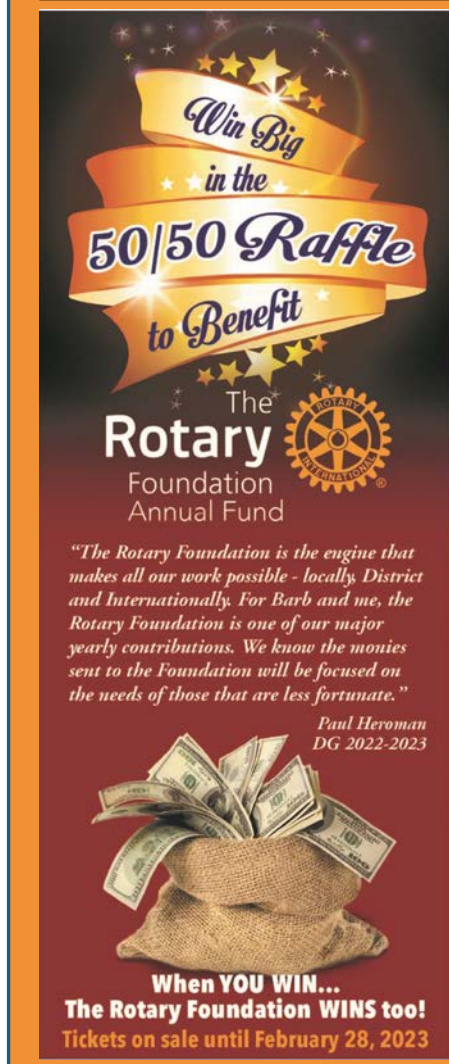
**Andrew Cutler** and guest Josh Foster stayed after to raise funds for the West Michigan Food Banks & Food Related Programs. Thank you, gentlemen, for your continued efforts for our community!

### Evening at the Museum

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



See 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.

## VISITORS & GUESTS

Josh Foster  
- guest of  
**Andrew Cutler**



Julia Straley  
& Jerry  
Conrad -  
guests of  
**Bill Loxterman**



Jessica Cook -  
guest of **Marcia Hovey-Wright**



Jenna Lakos -  
guest of  
**Melissa Moore**



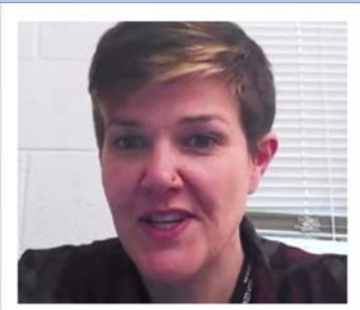
John Manchester -  
guest of **Tom Ludwig**

Chuck  
Murray -  
guest of  
**Tom Palmer**



Channe'  
Hicks -  
guest of  
**Myra Dutton**

## Sarah Coleman -- Director of Instructional Services, MAISD



Our people are our greatest assets because we have people who are supporting teachers. But we have access to technology that other districts might not otherwise purchase that we bring to support students. We have highly technical science equipment and a part of our department services students who need special technologies to have access to learning.

They might have a visual impairment or other type of impairment and we can provide support technology to help that student. We also have coaches who work closely in classes supporting the teachers and their instruction to help them grow together to meet students' needs. We have specialists in our department who provide more of the technical support on the other side. One of our focuses in our county is providing reading for our young students. The State of Michigan provides us with funds for early literacy coaching and the Community Foundation has also chipped in to support that work to provide that early literacy coach in the classrooms for our teachers. Having access to someone who is working alongside them really inspires them and allows them to do that hard work.



## VISITORS & GUESTS (continued)



Judy Fukrman - guest of **Rob Mathis**



Dayne Robinson guest of **Ken Rasp**



Shawn Perry  
- guest of  
**Kendrah  
Robinson**

## STUDENT GUESTS



From Calvary Christian Schools in Fruitport, Elementary Principal Samantha Anhalt introduced the two top seniors Analise and Anna. They both are very busy with extracurricular activities and have previously interacted with Rotary (Analise with the Leadership Conference and Anna with Law Day).

### RIM Reporting Team

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

## NEW MEMBER – Vee Boeringa



Vee Boeringa (her legal first name is one you will have to ask her to pronounce) was born in India and moved to the US when she was 6 years old. She moved to Texas with her mother, older sister, and grandparents.

Vee moved to Michigan by herself when she was 17 to go to Michigan State. She has her bachelor's degree in criminal justice, political science, and minor in journalism. Vee moved to Chicago for a few years then moved back to Michigan at which time she met her husband, Josh. Vee has 4-year-old twin girls, a stepdaughter, and a stepson.

Vee worked as a VOCA attorney covering 7 counties through the Michigan Advocacy Program. She then worked at the Muskegon Prosecutor's Office and was recently appointed as the new Family Court Referee.



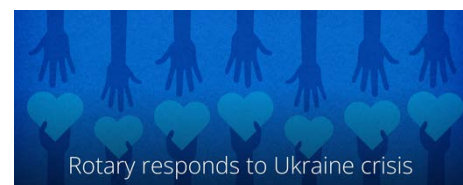
## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Ukraine in Crisis: Update on Rotary Relief Participation

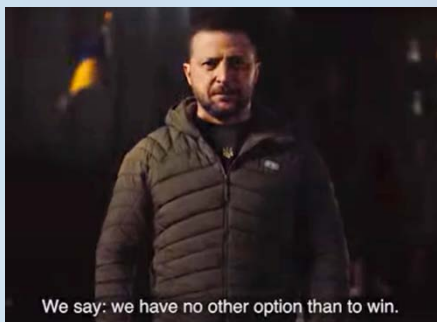


Interview with Rotary International Director,  
**Pat Merryweather-Arges**  
Moderator: **Rem Sprague**  
Reporter: **Lori Weiler**



Pat serves as a Director of Rotary International. She is a Board Member of the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group and is the Health Outcomes and Patient Safety Chair of the International Rotary Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals. She is a member of Naperville Rotary Club. In addition to Rotary duties, Pat is the Executive Director of Project Patient Care, a not-for-profit organization that brings the voices of patients and families to healthcare interactions, research and healthcare policy and regulatory matters. Pat has traveled to over a dozen countries on Rotary projects, most of which have been related to healthcare and clean water.





*Q: Ukraine is in such crisis since the war started in February. How do we know what their most pressing needs are?*

A: They have so many (needs) and it seems to change depending on the season or what is going on in Ukraine. The people that we depend upon for information as well as guidance in what they need most are the Rotarians. They have been working closely within their community and they know best the initiatives needed. It is extremely helpful to have that level of information rather than sending things they do not need and have no use for.



*Q: So, despite the horrendous circumstances, Rotary is still active in the country. How have they been helping?*

A: One example is the people who went to the International Convention in Houston got to meet Dr. Olha. When this first started, we were working with a Ukraine Medical Association of North America, based in Chicago, and the UN started sharing their warehouse with them because they were receiving all sorts of donations from around the U.S. We asked her if she could be on a Zoom

with us so we could engage our members and get them excited and participating. It was dark at night, she was talking from her car, and she said, "I must hurry, I must drive fast because I'm past curfew." She had just finished a surgery and felt it was important to be on the Zoom to communicate to people what was going on. When the war started, Rotary started a disaster fund and garnered over \$15M in just a couple of weeks. Being able to tap into that disaster fund has been helpful, but one thing we have learned is that the people that are in the district who are affected by a disaster of this scope, they don't have anywhere to spend the money because the manufacturers are gone or have been bombed or closed. They depend on Rotarians from outside to purchase equipment and supplies and work to get into Ukraine. They never had a huge need for craniotomies for brain injuries and trauma and now it's a top request.

*Q: Regarding the pressing needs in healthcare, can you explain what Rotary International has provided and why Ukraine medical providers need these?*

A: The needs are tremendous. If you think of trauma cases as well as general services--maternal care and that people are still delivering babies in the worst conditions and still need supplies and equipment--but for trauma care, we started sending the blood clotting gauze and different pieces for more front-line military and front-line emergency medical workers. Then it moved on to we have all these injuries we need specialized surgical equipment and support and found out many were getting infections because wounds were not healing fast, and they also couldn't see where dirty shrapnel was. It just has been a continuous process. One now major challenge is

they have no electricity. They oftentimes are working in the basement; they've moved their emergency services and trauma cases to the basement so if they do get bombed, they can continue doing surgery.



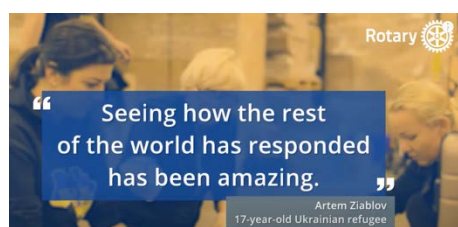
*Q: Things have evolved over the duration of this assault. How have needs changed?*

A: They have changed. Everyone hoped it would be short war, but it's gone on, drained their supplies, medical equipment. Over 120 of their hospitals have been bombed and targeted so the needs are many and they are trying to prioritize the greatest needs to save the most lives. Surgery is at the top of list. All sorts of equipment, the wound vacs really provide an opportunity to heal quicker and clear up infection. The C-Arms allow them to see what's inside that person. Sometimes they can only see what's evident. It has evolved to craniotomy kits but now it's also the basics. They are doing surgery and then the lights go out and the oxygen machines go out, they need backup generators, that's a priority as well. We've been providing them with solar lights that can light up a whole surgical room and they can also recharge their phones. (C-Arm is an X-ray machine that provides real time imaging of the soft tissue. Wound vacs are sort of a saran wrap that is attached to a vacuum and keeps the wound continuously clear.)



*Q: During this time Rotary membership has grown in Ukraine. How is that possible?*

A: Rotary is on the ground; they have been not stoppable. They keep moving and doing things in the community, helping neighbors. People see what Rotary is doing and they want to be a part of it. The other thing is it provides hope. When you're in a situation and everything is crashing around, you just don't know how you're going to get out, Rotary surrounds itself with fellowship and support. It gives people a purpose. We know Rotary is about peace and saving lives.



*Q: All of us have been struck by the resilience, innovation, the perseverance of the people of Ukraine and it is interesting to compare bombardment of citizen areas--hospitals, schools—and it hasn't broken the spirit. What have you learned about Rotary members in Ukraine you would like to share?*

A: They know best their needs. Sometimes it's water, generators, or backup systems. They know the equipment, the supplies, what is best needed for their communities and the people they are serving. Their resilience is amazing, their faith that things will get better. This is just part of a journey that things will turn around and they are not leaving. Many of the physicians and clinicians are females and they are staying, they are providing the services. They could leave but they've chosen to stay. The compassion and caring for other people shows through. It's true Service Above Self because most are

not getting paid, they are staying because that's what they believe in.

*Q: How can Rotary Muskegon be helpful?*

A: Opportunities come along. Pulling districts and clubs together is one way. There are many initiatives that will be ongoing because health care needs haven't gone away, only increased. The need for water, light. This is sort of like the beginning. Once the war is over and the time comes for rebuilding, we all need to come together.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-responds-ukraine-crisis>

Questions/comments from the audience:

**Melissa Moore** from Read Muskegon commented on something we can do today. Over half of our English is A Second Language Class are refugees from Ukraine and continues to grow weekly. We don't want to turn anyone away but our capacity to serve them all is probably reaching capacity. We need volunteers in class, or to work one-on-one, to break into smaller groups. There will be a volunteer training session at end of this month. You don't have to be teacher or know another language than English, but we would love extra volunteers.

[\(Click here to contact Melissa.\)](#)

*Q: John Noling remarked that a few weeks ago he Googled and found there were about 62 Rotary clubs in Ukraine, 24 Rotaract clubs, and six Interact clubs. He asked, here we have almost 60 clubs in our district and they have 62; has that number changed?*

A: Dr Ohla always sends a photo. Sometimes they meet by candlelight. They all come together; they don't miss their meetings. It's very important for them to have that

fellowship and ability to lean on each other. (Extra note after the interview from Pat, "Ukraine has 62 Rotary clubs and seven satellite clubs — about 1,100 members in total, as well as 25 Rotaract clubs that combined have more than 300 members.")

To see the entire interview, including an opening New Year's message from the Ukrainian president to the people of Ukraine, [click here](#).



Follow-up from Pat on 1/20/23: The Rotary Foundation will be re-opening the 'Disaster Fund' for Ukraine until December 31, 2023, with the expectation that funds will be expended by June 30, 2024. There are \$700,000 worth of grants awaiting funding so the ones that came in and were approved before the funding ran out will receive priority for funding.

Additionally, they are starting a Pakistan fund with the same parameters and timelines as the Ukraine fund.

Look for information on the Ukraine and Pakistan funding opportunities within the next four weeks....they are readying their IT systems to be in place to accept funds for Ukraine, Pakistan, and the general Disaster Fund. This all came about at The Rotary Foundation Trustees meeting where Pat serves as the Board Liaison to the Trustees.

Pat said, "Thank you for the opportunity to share the Ukraine experience. In a week or so, I will share some photos from the delivery of 11 ambulances and 2 fire trucks that is occurring this week with support from Rotary."