

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

January 9, 2025

Next Meeting (January 16, 2025, 12-1:30pm) — Tacos at the **DELTA**
 Program Topic – DEI Committee

What's Coming

- Jan 16 – DEI Committee
- Jan 23 – Youth Exchange Reveal and MCC Rotaract Update
- Jan 30 – Musk Co Bicycling Coalition

Upcoming Birthdays

- January 16 Remi Schloff
- January 20 Brandy Carlson
- January 20 Kate Scarbrough
- January 20 Duane Schecter
- January 20 Samantha Scott
- January 22. Marcia Hovey-Wright

Caring Connections Fund



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

Greeter This Week

Pete DeBoer

Reflector This Week

Darlene Collet

RIM Reporting this Edition

Photographer – Wyatt Huggett
 RIM Reporter – Jackie Farrar
 RIM Editor – Susan Besteman

ReWine meetings are every 1st & 3rd Thursday each month at 5:15pm at **Unruly Brewing**

1/9/2025 Muskegon Rotary
 YouTube Video Link: [Click here](#)



Darlene Collet delivered the reflection

Visitors & Guests This Week: Is This a Record?



New member **Tara Foreman** must be setting a record by bringing a guest on her first official day in Rotary, her husband Mark Foreman (an internist at Trinity Health).



Mary Anne Gorman introduces former Rotarian **Melissa Boughner** who is leaving us to become the new president of the Hispanic Center of West Michigan. Congratulations, Melissa!



Dave Alexander introduces his guests, **Max McKee** (Chairman) and **Scott Musselman** (CFO for Sand Products Mart Dock)



Bill Erikson introduced his guests, **Jonathan Scouten** (Bill's good friend and colleague) and **Harold Hans** (friend and former executive VP of the Meijer stores)



Joanie Smith introduces her guest, **Madeline Lombardo** (COO at the Muskegon YMCA and runs Camp Pandalon)



Matt Farrar introduced his guest (who already knew half the crowd), Greg Borgman



Alex Fonseca introduced his guest, Trevor Hopkins (owner of Bekin Home Inspections)



DJ Hilson introduces his guest and son, Trevor Hilson



Pam Babbit introduced her guest and good friend, Paula Martin (retired from Trinity Health and turned in her membership application)



Rachel Gorman introduced her guests from their work together with the City of Muskegon, Jonathan Seyferth (City Manager), Jay Kilgo (Ward 1), and Destinee Keener (Ward 3)



David Ruck, owner of Great Lakes Outreach Media, joined as guest of **David Mendendorp**



Andrea Riegler introduced Senator Jon Bumstead



Emma Peterson introduces her guest, Michelle Gravlin (Trinity Health Community Health Well-Being Director)



The North Muskegon Norsemen were guests at this week's meeting. **Marty Sytsema** introduced Middle & High School Principal Jennifer Schultze who presented two inspirational and famous seniors, Avery Lynn and Tate Pannucci.



Brandon Turnbull introduced his guest Kody Gerkin (project management consultant)



Melissa Horton introduced her guest, Ryan Hoekstra (CEO Harbor Terrace Senior Living and Feb 6th Presenter)

Muskegon Rotary Board

- Tim Arter, President
- Dave Alexander, President-Elect
- Roger Morgenstern, President Nominee
- Ginny Sprague, Past President
- Kristi Nagengast, Treasurer
- Jane Clingman-Scott, Secretary
- Kim Boersema, Club Coordinator

Directors:

- Aaron Maiké
- Brandon Turnbull
- Marty Sytsema
- Tom Palmer
- Esther Ricco
- Lisa Tyler

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This week's program: Future of Great Lakes Shipping

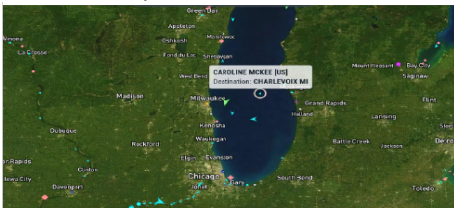
Presenters: Chuck Canestraight
Introduced by: **Dave Alexander**
RIM Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**

Chuck Canestraight, President and Manager of parent company Sand Products and its subsidiary Port City Marine, shared a wealth of information today with Rotarians and guests.



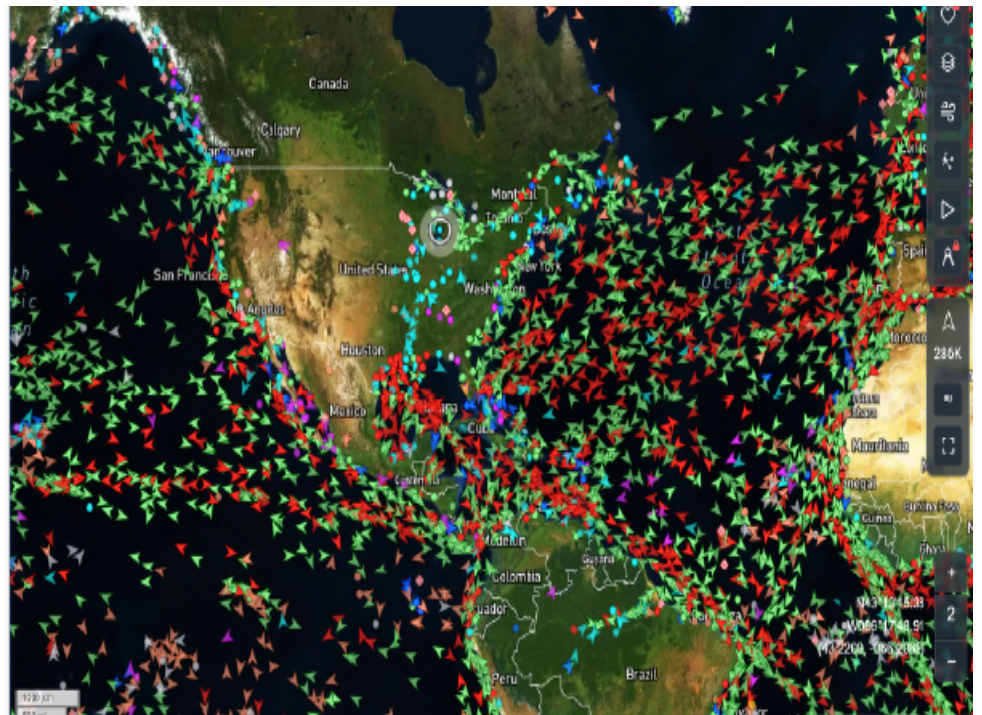
He discussed the partnership between the West Michigan Port Operators: Verplank Dock Co,

Port City Marine Services, and West Michigan Dock & Market Corporation (Mart Dock). Chuck walked us through a tour of traffic control on the lakes (follow the arrows).



He shared information on the Lumber Industrial Era, current downtown development, and the Muskegon focus over the next 30 to 50 years. The focus includes

- Mart Dock Transformation



- Fisherman's Landing
- Property Development
- Preserving and Expanding Public Recreation along the Lake
- Protecting the Muskegon Lake's Habitat

For more information on being part of the discussions, please

attend any or all three sessions below. Scan the QR Code or [click here](#) for the link for more details.

Additional information and pictures can be seen by viewing the presentation today— [click here](#).

City of Muskegon: Connect Muskegon

Connecting Community

To the Water, Ports and Parks!

Engagement meetings

- **Jan. 22, 6 p.m. Smith-Ryerson Park**
- **Feb. 4, 5:30 p.m. DPW offices**
- **Feb. 17, 4 p.m. GVSU HUB**



Rotary In Action
Tom Palmer – Caring
Connections Committee



The Muskegon Rotary is sensitive to the hardships and triumphs of our members. The Caring Connections Committee, on which Tom serves, provides support when it's needed through attentive communication and tribute. Sending a condolence or congratulation supports the fabric of our mutual spirit.

See the full video—[Click Here](#)

RIM Reporting Team

Co-Editors: Susan Besteman & Jackie Farrar

Reporters: Kathy Moore, Roger Morgenstern, Meredith Smillie, Sue Samaniego, Ginny Sprague

Photographers: Mark Alpher, Wyatt Huggett, & Roger Morgenstern

Contributors: John Noling, Mike Vogas, & Doug Wood



New Member Inductions



Tara Foreman



Tara grew up in Grand Rapids and is a proud Hope College graduate. She received an M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. Before moving to Muskegon, she lived in the great city of Cincinnati, OH. She and her family are proud core city neighbors and feel God's call to live out a ministry of reconciliation, justice, and most of all, love. In her free time, she enjoys yoga, photography, reading, good conversation (preferably paired with good food and drink!), dinner dates with her husband, Mark, playing board games with their boys or cheering for them at soccer games. After many years living out of state, she also enjoys summer trips up north or a trip down the road to the "Big Lake!" She is excited to join Rotary and serve alongside so many incredible people working for good in our community. Tara is sponsored by **Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga**.

Gary Hall



With over two decades of investing and property management experience, Gary Hall is passionate about real estate investing. Currently serving as the President of the Muskegon Area Rental Association and Treasurer of the Rental Property Owners Association of Grand Rapids. Gary is a real estate Broker, General Manager for Westshore Property Management and owner of DeanArrow, a private equity firm managing several real estate funds. His mission is to help as many people as possible to build and preserve wealth. When he is not talking your ear off about investing you will find him spending time with his wife and three daughters, mentoring Mona Shores Middle School robotics teams, gaming with friends, or rolling on the local Jiu-Jitsu mats. Gary is sponsored by **Jeremy Garcia**.

Trudy Enderf



Trudy's first career out of college (CMU) was working as a legal secretary for Michigan Protection & Advocacy. Their focus on disability rights is where her passion began for people and advocacy, serving others to impact more fair and equitable changes in communities, while serving people one-on-one, right where they are.

Over the course of her career (13 years leading and serving three West Michigan non-profits, Susan G. Komen, Refugee Education Center and Humane Society of West Michigan; 12 years in government service, and human resources and community outreach, for profit businesses) her passion for serving others has never been greater. She is humbled and grateful for all these opportunities to learn and grow. To say she is excited to serve Women's Resource Center, our participants and our community, is an understatement. The heart of WRC lies in the resilience and strength of the women we serve. As a firm believer in Roma Gupta Sinha's "Empowered Women Empower Women" – she experiences firsthand the positive ripple of our mission, that is, workforce development for women, impacting their families and the community. Just as other women (and people) have walked along side of her, she gets the special opportunity to do the same. Every woman deserves to be empowered and supported to improve their

economic status for financial independence.

Most of our participants face a myriad of challenges: gender inequity, racism, limited access to education, healthcare and sanitation, transportation, housing, affordable daycare, family care taking, costs and burdens of pregnancy, inadequate social safety nets, low paying work, and violence. Support, resources, economic independence and empowerment are basic rights for women and WRC is an important community source for all these barriers.

She has two children, Ben (24) and Ruby 21. Her and her partner, Jeff, have known each other for 15 years and have been in a committed relationship for 5 years. With their families combined, she gets to be "Grandma Trudy" to Jeff's grandson (4). She's also a dog-Mom (Deja, 13) and a cat-Mom (Luna, 4). She loves meeting people and says, "it's an adventure and we all have so much more in common than we don't." She's an "outdoors person" and enjoys all things "water," exercising, and going on adventures. As an artistic soul, she also enjoys drawing, painting, and journaling. Trudy is sponsored by **Pete DeBoer**.



ReWine Updates

Kaytie Drake is the new Chair for ReWine January 2025!
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Two Ways to Help our Interact Students with International Service!

1. Pop Can Drive

The pop can collection is winding down to help Rotary Interact students with financial need for an upcoming international service in El Salvador, Honduras and Youth Exchange costs. Bring your pop cans next Thursday to the meeting so we can make our \$1000 goal for these students! If you have a large amount of returnables or can't bring them to the lunch meeting, please contact **John Noling** at johnnoling65@gmail.com or call/text at 231-670-3740 or **Esther Ricco** at riccoe@gvsu.edu or call/text to 616-283-1810 to arrange a pick up. Thank you for your continued support of our Interact students!!!

No pop cans but want to give a donation? Scan the peach colored QR Code on the next page or click this link – [CLICK HERE TO DONATE \\$\\$](#)

2. Donate for Building Supplies in El Salvador

Unfortunately, the Chili Cookoff was not able to get off the ground this year and that has been our fundraiser for building supplies for the El Salvador trip in the past. This year we are asking for donations to fund this effort. If you are able to give,

please see the QR code below. To give you an idea of the difference our building efforts in El Salvador make:



Above is a picture of a typical house in Talnique, El Salvador – metal sheeting, bedsheets, tarps, mud, sticks, dirt floors, basically anything they can find to put a roof over their heads.



This is a house built with a Talnique family, Rotarians and Interactors – bricks, metal roofing, windows, doors, and cement floors.

We appreciate any support you can give to provide safe housing for the people of El Salvador!

Muskegon Rotary Fdn El Salvador Bldg Supplies



Braver Angels

Nancy McCarthy, on behalf of our Rotary Club's Peacebuilders Committee, invited everyone to attend an upcoming Braver Angels Red Blue workshop on March 21st at 9am-noon called Bridging the Political Divide. Many attended the introduction course last year and this workshop will move forward to the next step with helping conservatives and liberals rebuild trust and engaging in productive conversation. Contact Nancy to sign up.



Senator Jon Bumstead helps draw the first raffle ticket with **Erik Seifert**



Is This Your Coat?

Melissa Horton has a coat that was left at the last Rotary after hours event at the Lakeshore Museum. If this is your coat, or you know whose it is, please contact Melissa.

Muskegon Rising Podcast Ep 51: Susan Houseman - Harbor Hospice



Need help understanding hospice care?

Tune in to Episode 51 of the Muskegon Rising Podcast, featuring an interview with Susan Houseman from Harbor Hospice. Susan explains the "when, why, and how" of their services, including the Poppen Hospice Residence, palliative care, and grief support.

Learn how Harbor Hospice has been a compassionate guide for families in Muskegon and surrounding counties since 1983. Plan ahead for life's tender moments.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/episodes/16328798-susan-houseman-harbor-hospice>

Muskegon Rising Podcast Ep 52: Jackie Halberg - Mediation & Restorative Services



Muskegon Rising is celebrating ONE YEAR of weekly podcasts with a special episode featuring Jackie Halberg from Mediation &

Restorative Services!

Learn how this organization helps people resolve conflict through conversation, avoiding court and empowering crime victims.

Discover how Mediation & Restorative Services builds trust and reduces recidivism in Muskegon and beyond.

Tune in now for valuable insights on conflict resolution:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/episodes/16362024-jackie-halberg-mediation-restorative-services>

Muskegon Rising Podcast S2E1: Jennifer Baranga - Community Food Club



Muskegon Rising is BACK for Season 2!

We're kicking off a brand new season with Jennifer Baranga from Access Health. Imagine a grocery store where everyone feels welcome and empowered. Jennifer discusses The Community Food Club (CFC) and its potential to transform how we access food in Muskegon.

Tune in now and discover how this exciting initiative is shaping our community.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/episodes/16398134-jennifer-baranga-community-food-club>



2025 MLK UNITY BREAKFAST



The 28th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast of the Lakeshore on Friday, January 17, 2025, will

take place at the VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center from 7:30AM – 11AM, in downtown Muskegon. MCC is honored to announce this year's keynote speaker, NBC News Washington Correspondent and PBS Washington Week Anchor Yamiche Alcindor, who has become one of the most trusted journalistic voices and political analysts in recent years. In addition, the event will feature a panel discussion of local equity leaders following the keynote who will discuss the hard task of establishing unity in our community after this current election season.

[LEARN MORE](#)
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This link connects to the entire collection of our YouTube Muskegon Rising video podcasts.

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We Remember Past Rotary President Nathan McClure 1944-2025



Nate served as president for his local Rotary clubs and was outspoken in their mission to eradicate polio. Nate's father was a polio survivor, making Rotary's mission to end polio worldwide a personal one. Nate, along with his father, his wife, and his three daughters, were all Paul Harris Fellows.

Nate was passionate about his role in public service, specifically with the Association of Public Communications Officers (APCO). His involvement with APCO spanned over 60 years where he served as State President (IL) and National President as well as held many committee positions. He attended over 50 national conferences.

[Full Obituary – Click Here](#)

[Click here](#) for some of MADL's recommended reads for Martin Luther King Jr Day!