




“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—July 21, 2022, 12:00-1:30pm

The Lake House - Hybrid

ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 7/21/22 5:15 pm

Salty Pecker



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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 (7/21/22) — Disability Network

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

Lisa Tyler

REFLECTOR

Jack Briggs

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Sandwich Buffet

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Eric Messing July 23

Ryan Rozycki July 23

Greg VanWoerkom July 24

Don Crandall July 27

[Caring Connections Fund](#)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

7/14 NAACP

7/21 Disability Network

The full video is available from the July 14 meeting [here](#).

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Lionel Alexander, guest of **Kathy Moore**



Ian McCain, guest of **Tom Palmer**

Rain or shine--see what's happening in Muskegon this weekend:

<https://visitmuskegon.org/events/>



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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

NAACP

Muskegon Branch Unit #3147

Speakers – Floyd Cook, Eric Hood, and Reatha Anderson

RIM Reporter: Jackie Farrar

100 Years of Civil Rights in Muskegon County 1919-2019.
Watch the full documentary [here](#).

Muskegon was a very prejudiced town and if you wanted to see a change in the system of Government and the United States you wanted to be involved. The NAACP was a way to open doors for individuals to be treated fair with employment, housing, and education.

- In 1909 the NAACP established its national office in New York City and over the next decade would grow substantially
- In 1913 the NAACP started organizing and founded branches and cities throughout the United States
- In 1919 the Muskegon Branch of the NAACP was founded as Branch Number 3147 and started the working to improve the political, educational, social, and economic status of African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities in Muskegon



Current Muskegon NAACP President Eric Hood with Floyd Cook

In the 1920s the African-American population was only 150 and by the 1950s the population was over 7,000. The increase in population was due to recruiters from Sealed Power Corporation visiting Magnolia,

Arkansas recruiting young men to work in factories and foundries. The city was not prepared to house this many people; individuals rented rooms, took shifts sleeping in the cots, and this is where the title "hot beds" came from (beds were rarely empty).

The NAACP is a system that allows people to come together and talk about problems of crisis. They have always been at the forefront, fighting for equal justice for everyone. Bill Gill, former President of the local NAACP for 20-plus years, was an excellent president and fighter, never backing down when trying to advance the cause of people in the community. Everyone worked together to accomplish change. Bill was known by several influential people. He worked with Senators, Judges, Nelson Mandela, and President Clinton to name a few.



Floyd Cook and Reatha Anderson

The NAACP worked with organizations, unions, and churches to help get the message out on issues concerning the community and several barriers where broke such as adequate housing. People had been living in rented box cars and those who could afford houses were limited by realtors, lenders restricting available land through illegal practices causing steering and redlining. Thanks to the NAACP, Urban League, and funding from the State Development Housing Authority, 102 townhouses and apartments were built in 1973.

We need to continue to work together for change, fight for equal rights, hope for a future when the NAACP is no

longer needed, speak up when things are not right, and ask ourselves what can I do to make things better for everyone in our community?

Honduras Update from McKenzie Covington and Eliza Piper



McKenzie Covington will be attending WMU as Medallion Scholar this fall, and Eliza Piper will be a Junior at MSU studying landscape architecture.

McKenzie and Eliza opened by thanking Rotarians for the help and support they received. This trip would not have been possible without it.

The week in Honduras gave them the full experience in all the aspects of building houses, installing water source systems, and installing water filters in the houses. McKenzie acknowledged how she takes for granted the water scarcity. There is not a lot of security for water there and she realized as a lifetime resident here that she takes constant access to clean water for granted.

One of her favorite tasks was installing the water filters in houses. Waiting 20 minutes for the filtration to work gave her the opportunity to talk with the families and play hide-and-seek with the kids.

Eliza was amazed when watching the house being built how much time and energy the families contributed. She said it's so special to see how something so minor to us--having a roof over your head--is something they don't have.

<https://www.hondurascompassion.org>

New Member Inductions



Kimberly Taylor is sponsored by **Tim Arter**. Kimberly was born and raised in Muskegon. She graduated from Fruitport High School. She obtained a bachelor's degree in Accounting from GVSU.

Kimberly worked at a couple local firms and then owned and operated a small firm of her own for 20 years.

She now is part owner of Selby Tax and Accounting in Grand Haven.

Selby Tax and Accounting will be moving into its new location at 3024 Glade street after renovations are complete.

Kim's hobbies include spending time with her daughter, Mackenzie, camping and scuba diving.



Morgan Carroll is sponsored by **Mark Meyers**. Morgan joined Muskegon Area First in June 2018 as the Director of Business Development. In her role she assists businesses to expand and relocate to Muskegon County, works closely with the County to provide the expansion of infrastructure, serves as staff liaison for the Business Resource Team, and is closely connected to the manufacturing community.

Morgan is a Muskegon County native. She received her Bachelor degree in Economics at Grand Valley State University. Morgan currently serves on the board of directors of the

Muskegon, Ottawa, and Kent County Foreign Trade Zone, the board of directors for West Michigan Works!, leadership team for Discover Manufacturing, is a Loaned Executive for United Way, and serves on the City of Norton Shores Planning Commission.

Paul Harris Fellow Mark Eisenbarth

Presented by Matthew Farr

Each Rotarian is to inform all things they say or do through the construct, the lens, the guiding principles:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

This Paul Harris fellow awardee exemplifies our guiding principles throughout his professional career and volunteering in the Community demonstrating, service above self.

1. United Way Day of Caring
2. Honduras, providing his expertise in sanitation to improve water quality in rural communities
3. Spearheading and volunteering for community Recycling events that have removed over 45,000 tires from our ditches, backyards, lakes, and streams and 1,199 barrels of household hazardous waste from our community.
4. Pushing forward working with WMSRDC and the EPA to remove Muskegon Lake as an AOC. His efforts for in-kind services helped leverage over \$80,000,000 to clean up our legacy of pollution
5. Optimists club
6. Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics.

In his professional life, this awardee spearheaded the Dune Harbor Park acquisition (the former Nugent Sand Site) making hundreds of acres of land

made available for public consumption for the foreseeable future. What at first seemed impossible was made possible by his efforts. He continuously reminded everyone, "this will be good for everyone."



Upon the news County facilities needed \$34 million in improvements, he said there must be a better way to pay less, and provide better and consolidated service to the community. It was a long process, but he was able to acquire the Baker College campus for under 10 million. His focus was to help Baker, a cornerstone of this community for decades, to move downtown and join the revitalization of our downtown.

He has been and continues to be actively involved in our community both personally and professionally. He is highly respected by co-workers and community leaders alike.

He has been a member of or served on the many boards and committees to improve Muskegon County:

- Building Authority
- Economic Development Corporation Board
- Employers Association of West Michigan Board of Directors
- Foreign Trade Zone Committee
- Great Muskegon Economic Development (Muskegon Area First)
- International City/County Management Association (ICMA)

- Local Development Finance Authority
- Michigan Association of Counties (MAC)
- Michigan Association of County Administrators Association (MACAO)
- Muskegon Areawide Plan Advisory Committee
- Muskegon County Central Dispatch Board
- National Association of Counties (NACo)
- Norton Shores Economic Development Committee
- United Way of the Lakeshore
- Veteran's Memorial Park Committee
- WEMET Policy Board
- Rotary Club of Muskegon

And 14 more.

The recipient of this award hails from a rather large family in the Midwest. He relocated his family to Muskegon County where he and his wife have made their home nearly two decades ago and raised their four children.

All four have earned higher education degrees and have graduated from Michigan colleges. Just this year the next generation was welcomed to the family with the birth of a precious granddaughter and a second grandchild is on the way.

In his spare time, he enjoys glamping, racquetball, soccer, and hitting the open road on his Harley Davidson.....fulfilling bucket list trips with his wife of 31 years.



Mark Eisenbarth and family

Rotarians In Action

Contributed by **Bill Loxterman**

Following are some pics of several Muskegon Rotarians enjoying a sunset dinner cruise 7 July 2022 aboard the Aquastar in support of Every Woman's Place's 47th year of service to our community.



Susan Cloutier Crain, Mary Anne Gorman, and Kim Suarez



Ginny & Rem Sprague, as well as photographer Bill Loxterman

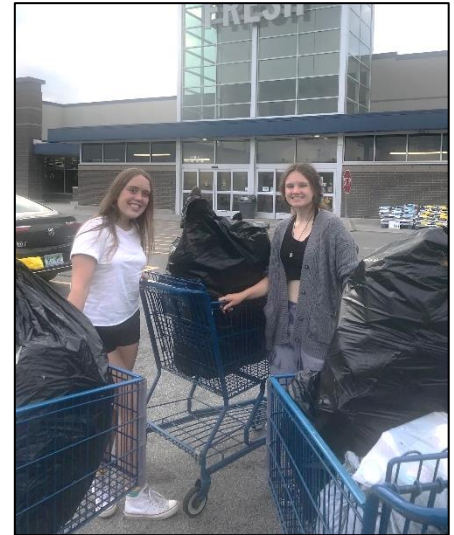


Marcia Hovey-Wright

<https://aquastarcruises.com/>

<https://everywomansplace.org/>

Pop cans provide head start at North Muskegon



Interactors Riley McEvoy and Allie Friesner are teamed up to help North Muskegon Rotary Interact build back their club with a new advisor this year and a fresh energy for Service Above Self. Pop cans brought in \$225 this week to help build their treasury.

Don't Miss WaterWalk

July 22, 7-9:30pm

**FILMED IN MUSKEGON
AND THE MIDWEST**



10th Anniversary Screening of Made-in-Muskegon Film *WaterWalk* Honoring Tom Harryman. A portion of the proceeds from this special event will be donated to two of Tom Harryman's favorite theater companies, Muskegon Civic Theater and the Playhouse at White Lake.

July 22, 7-9:30 pm

Orchard View High School
Auditorium

16 N Quarterline Rd
Muskegon, MI 49442

See the Trailer at

<https://vimeo.com/41629710>