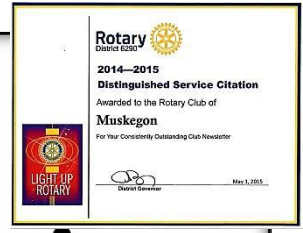


"Service Above Self" Muskegon Rotary in Motion



<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>

Jason Piasecki, President
Jane Clingman-Scott, President-Elect
Ginny Sprague, President Nominee
Mark Meyers, Immediate Past President
Tim Arter, Treasurer
Kathy Betts, Secretary
Kim Boersma, Club Coordinator



Muskegon Rotary Club
Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
Next Meeting August 5, 12:00-1:30pm
Hybrid Style – Delta Marriott & Zoom
ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 8/5 5:15 pm



Mary Anne Gorman, Director
Jeff Lewis, Director
Doug Wood, Director
Asaline Scott, Director
David Ramos, Director
Marty Gerencer, Director
Jackie Farrar, RIM Reporter
Lori Weiler, RIM Editor



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 (8/5/21) — Polish Fest

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

Jane Clingman-Scott

REFLECTORS

Michael Miller July 29

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Nancy McCarthy August 8
Mark Meyers August 8
Mary Tripod August 8
Frank Peterson August 9
Diana Osborn August 10
Don't forget [Caring Connection Fund!](#)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

7/29 Remarkable Service
8/5 Polish Fest (appearing before a LIVE studio audience)
Next ReWine meets 8/5 in person most likely [Rake Brewery](#) (794 Pine St) 5:15 pm

The Trivia Question from President **Jason Piasecki** this week is, "Who can name the youngest member of our club?"



It's **Blake Cramer** at 24 years of age. Other Rotarians

under 30 include: Chip Chipman, Srah Pearson, Melissa Boughner, and Karly Kelly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parties in the Park Volunteers Needed

Although this year is going to look a little different, we are SO ready to party! On **Friday, August 20** or **Saturday, August 21** come help make this two events a success. It will be the same Parties in the Park with amazing bands (will announce soon), great drinks, and delicious local food vendors! Funds raised will benefit the "Rainy Day Fund" to support future parties that are "rained out." Sign up to volunteer [here](#). **Friday 5pm-9pm & Saturday 3pm-9pm**

Spring Lake Rotary Club Fundraiser

Jeff Clark from the Spring Lake Club reached out to our club for their Battle on the Bayou Football game between Fruitport and Spring Lake. There are some Rotary International Matching Funds available and they want to make this fundraiser a huge success. They are looking for any Fruitport area residents or business owners who are willing to place some information and help get the word out. Reach out to **President Jason** and he'll get you in touch.

Luncheon Updates

President Jason reported he has received a lot of feedback from members signing up for meals the Friday before the meeting. It's taking some getting used to.

PLEASE BE PATIENT

We met with the Delta this week and had good discussion about how we can work with them. They are only about a month back into doing in-person meetings and were receptive to our concerns. They will look at their options with Food and Beverage Group. Our goal is to encourage members to attend the meetings in person. For now, please continue to register in advance for weekly meetings.

Harmony Park Instruments

While it is always wonderful to report good news, **Susan Crain** wanted everyone to know that some of our Harmony Park musical instruments have been vandalized. A drum was beaten out and music was ripped out of one at the Farmer's Market.

Any ideas on how to prevent this are welcomed.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Orville Crain's guest was Kevin Cummings, retired from the State of Michigan.



Annette Jack brought along her brother, Ralph Wellington from Philadelphia.



David Ramos introduced us to Sam Montgomery also from Ramos and Sons' Body shop.



Bob Scolnik welcomed Past Muskegon Rotary President ('03-'04) Mary O'Connor.



Vocational Spotlight

This week's Two-Minute Member Spotlight was on **Jonathan Wilson**. Watch the entire video [here](#).



Jonathan Wilson is a Regional Manager for DTE Energy. He has been

a Rotarian for six years and joined because he wanted to be a supporter of the community and give back.

Originally from Kalamazoo, he has been in Muskegon for eight years with his wife of seven years, Melissa. As a Regional Manager for DTE, he is the outward-facing spokesperson and leads all outreach and engagement efforts in a 24-county region which includes Muskegon. His background in Economic Development, Public Relations and Marketing provides an expertise he brings to Rotary to help with supporting our newsletter and helping to moderate programs. As a liaison with DTE Foundation and those resources he is always looking for partnership opportunities where DTE can be a contributor and community partner.

Rotarians and Interactors 'Bring It' Again



It was a HOT job on a sunny afternoon – but we all concluded it was better than a cold and snowy day in January!



Nine Rotarians, with the assistance of two fabulous Interact students rallied and responded to the call for volunteers and got the job done! In the space of 90 minutes we distributed #7,500 lbs. of fresh food including assorted fruit, assorted produce, eggs and milk to more than 100 households. Many vehicles picked up

food supplies for extended family, elder neighbors, those without vehicles etc. in some of our needy and outlying residential areas



The brave Rotarians who responded to the call for assistance included: **Don Hutchins, John Noling, Lisa Hegenbart, Mike Vogas, Melissa Horton, Jenny McNeil, Arn B., Chauncy Williams, and Larry Fife**. Our two very able Interact members were: Jessana Gavarreta, Mona Shores Interact Board member, and Alexa 'Ace' Bordeaux, President of the Orchard View Interact club.



The photo above includes both of our student participants. Our Rotary members and students expressed pleasure and satisfaction in providing "service above self" to the community and working together to get a HOT job done!!

The next Muskegon Heights Rotary food truck will take place on **Wednesday, September 22**. We will do a joint Muskegon / Montague-Whitehall food truck on Saturday, August 7 at 10:00 a.m. We will welcome any volunteers available to supplement the turn-out that will be provided by our club members to the North.

Please send your committee reports to [President Jason](#) by end of business day Tuesdays to make sure they are included in the Thursday meetings.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Remarkable Service

Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**

Moderator: **DJ Hilson**

Panelists: Mona Shores Interactors

Simran Tumber and Ana Ivanov

interviewing Detective Sara Trombley from the Norton Shores Police Department



Pictured top: MSHS Interactors Simran Tumber (l) and Ana Ivanov (r)



Bottom: Norton Shores Police Detective Sara Trombley

Two students from Mona Shores School interviewed Detective Sara Trombley. Detective Trombley graduated from Ferris State University Police Academy in 2011. Her career with the Norton Shores Police Department started in August 2011, she has held a variety of roles; Traffic Reconstructionist, Self Defense Instructor, Active Shooter Instructor, Background Investigator, School Resource Officer just to name a few and she has received a variety of awards over the years.

Talk Time with a Detective

Q- Mental Health of Students - How are police officers connected to community resources?

A- Across the state we discuss resources and solutions. We all work together to combat and come up with solutions

To watch the full video of this program, click [here](#).

Q- Why did you choose to be a police officer?

A- I was attracted to diversity, discipline, didn't want to do the same thing every day, and enjoy helping people

Q- Are school resource officers necessary?

A- Yes, everyone was grateful to have a uniform presence in the school. The interactions with the staff, students, and families were positive and important in building relationships in the community

Q- What is the most prevalent issue facing teens today?

A- Social Media and Cyber Bullying - Both affect mental health, are continuously there, and they never go away

Q- Does relating to teens as an authority figure make your job harder?

A- The uniform can be a barrier to some, others see it as a public figure "approachable" - being in the schools made my job easier (students know they can approach an officer)

Q- National Events and Social Justice Movement - How do you uphold the oath you took based on past events and how has social media impacted your job with students?

A- Support from the Community and School has been huge

Q- Treat everyone the same, follow the law, and treat others as you want to be treated - kindness and respect can go a long way

We need to be more diligent in educating students and have open communication on social justice between the public and the police

Q- How to get individuals interested in a law enforcement career?

A- Some days can be hard, but it's so worth it - you are able to help so many people daily in a variety of ways

Q- How is the police department aligning community change regarding diversity changes and demographics?

A- Having open community panels, ongoing education on mental illness, culture/diversity training, and public conversations

Q- What action is Norton Shores Police Department doing regarding to connecting with other communities?

A- Several schools participate with Ride With Pride, attend events at different schools, and attend meetings to discuss what is going on in each school district

Q- Share information about Ride with Pride Program

A- This is a positive behavior program that has been around for almost 10 years

Students sign a pledge starting in Elementary School through High School

Students receive prizes at the end of the school year for good grades and behaviors

The teen data shows a decrease in alcohol & drug use and discipline

The goal is do something good - When we do something bad you get in trouble with a consequence. However, if you do something good, we want to reward that behavior

Q- How are Police reaching out to students and the community about safety?

A- We teach several safety topics for all grade levels and use social media to share safety tips

The students asked great questions and Detective Trombley's passion for her work was evident. The Norton Shores Police Department collaborates with other communities/schools across Muskegon County to support students and the community.

Interact Insider

Devin Wilson Reflects on Life Leadership Council



**Devin Wilson, Senior,
Muskegon High School**

All I wanted from the Life Leadership Conference or the LLC was to meet new people who shared the same interest as me, gain new views on how to lead, and to improve my own leadership skills. Due to covid-19 the LLC did not go as planned. Instead of seeing each other with our eyes we saw each other through our screens. Even through these hard times, the leaders at Rotary managed to give us a show we would never forget. I'll live with the values this conference has taught me for the rest of my life, I will remember the speeches given to me, and hold on tight to my fellow rotarians.

One face and speech I'll remember is Molly Kennedy. She is a diamond in the rough of success stories. Molly is an amazing woman with an astounding

outlook on life and I'm glad she shared hers with us. The speech she gave wasn't even a speech. It was a way to live your life and it all revolved around two dimes. She made every situation seem so simple as if you're only flipping the other side of a dime.

There's always a positive to every negative, and that's what flipping your twenty means. I am now following the fy20 page on instagram and my two dimes are still on my dresser. I look at them to remember that it's just like flipping a dime over to change my "paradigm".

It's all in your head right? Ben revealed the voice that's in the back of all of our heads that is always telling us it's too high, too heavy, and too hard. Ben gave us a brass key and told us to bend it and we did, but the key was covered in black paper so we didn't know it was a key. How did we bend a brass key? I've tried before and failed, but this time I did it. It was because I didn't give that voice a chance to utter a word. I put my mind to bending that key and it bent. For the past few weeks I've been trying to bend the key back and forth some days it would bend some days it wouldn't budge. One day, though, I said I'd stop bending it and I would break the key in two. Today there is half a key in my left hand and half in my right. I was able to do all this because Ben's speech taught me how to break through that "I can't do" mindset. The mindset I'm trying to adopt now is the "eye's closed mindset". When your eyes are closed you can see nothing, you don't know what you're looking at, and you never know what is too high. The possibilities are endless. You can do anything, be anything that's what LLC taught me and what I will continue to do.

RIM Reporting Team

Susan Besteman susan@bestemanproperties.com
Jackie Farrar farrarjackie@yahoo.com
Susan Holkeboer sholkebo1905@aol.com
Bill Johanson bill.johanson@yahoo.com

Kathy Moore MooreKa@co.muskegon.mi.us
Lori Weiler lori.weiler@summitlawncare.net
Meredith Smillie mmsmillie@bethany.org
Cody "Chip" Chipman codychipman@gmail.com
Roger Morgenstern rogmorgan@gmail.com

Mona Shores Interact

MSSH Interact Past President Simran Tumber presents the bell and gavel to newly elected President, junior Kyan Bohn.



High up on the agenda today was new member recruitment, especially freshmen and sophomores to continue to build continuity and leadership for the club.

Our thanks to Simran Tumber for a great year of leadership as President, despite COVID, and to Advisor Aaron Santa Maria for his continuing solid support and guidance offered to Interactors.



Rotarians **John Noling, Kristi Pawlak, and Blake Cramer** helped explain how our two clubs can work together even more this year.

Muskegon Rotary Board

Jason Piasecki jason@revel.in
Mark Meyers markm@nortonshores.org
Jane Clingman-Scott janecs1@comcast.net
Tim Arter timarter935@gmail.com
Kathy Betts kbetts01@gmail.com
Mary Anne Gorman ma.gorman@hotmail.com
Jeff Lewis jeff.lewis@shorelinecity.com
Ginny Sprague ginny.e.sprague@gmail.com
Asaline Scott ascott03169@gmail.com
David Ramos david@ramosautobody.com
Marty Gerencer marty.gerencer@gmail.com
Doug Wood doug.wood@orchardview.org