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Muskegon Rotary Club

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

Next Mtg—June 8, 2023, 12-1:30pm


The Lake House – No Zoom

ReWine Sat Club—Next mtg 6/15/23 5:15 pm

Walker's (in the Delta)

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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 (6/8/23) — Harbor 31

Update on mixed-use development under construction on Muskegon Lake

"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

Stacey Kennedy & Rita Caviness

REFLECTORS

Mary Anne Gorman June 1
 Andrea Riegler June 8
 OPEN June 15
 Kathy Moore June 22
 Emily Morgenstern June 29

(Contact Eileen Stoffan if you can help)

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Stafford June 13

Caring Connections Fund

(Remember to donate \$10 on your birthday for this great cause!)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

June 1—Rotary Peace Builder Committee
 June 1—**ReWine at 5:15 pm**
 June 8—Harbor 31
 June 8-- **ReWine at 5:15 pm**
 Walker's (in the Delta)
 June 15—Rotary Program Committee Tune-Up

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Please email Club Board

Members through this [link](#):

VISITORS & GUESTS



CeCe Riley with guest **Helen Dobb** (works for HealthWest and is the Myalliance Project Manager)



Michael Ramsey with guest **Jacob Eckholm** (City of Muskegon Director of Development Services)

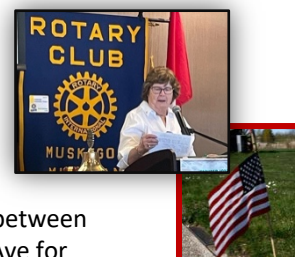


Rachel Gorman with guest **Carmen M. Flanders** (CEO of CMF Marketing and who is assisting our Club with Harvest Fest)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You

Thank you to **John & Sue Noling**, from **Ginny Sprague**, for placing the American flags in the medians between Hackley & Southern Ave for Memorial Day. June 14th is flag day & if you would like to help (or any other future event), contact John for details.



Rotary International People of Action

Below is the link to the RIPA- *Champions of Inclusion* premiere broadcast on YouTube that **Mary Anne Gorman** referenced in her reflection.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/watch-rotary-people-action-champions-inclusion-broadcast-event>

June 16th – Juneteenth (Celebration of the End of Slavery)

Rotarian volunteers needed for 2-hour shifts (4:30-7pm or 7-9pm) for registration, serving food, and children's games. Cotton candy, slushies, and a bounce house will all be there. See **Marcia Hovey-Wright** if you can help.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

Rotary Magazines Needed



We need at least 110 Rotary magazines to take to the Life Leadership Conference at Ferris State University next week, so please bring what you can and drop them off this week in a special box when you come to Rotary. We are acquainting youth

leaders at the conference in a leadership activity with how we communicate as a world-wide service organization. Thanks for your help!

Seaway Run Countdown!



<https://seawayrun.com>



Jim Fisher informed us we need 60 more volunteers (especially court marshals) to assist

with our Club's biggest fundraiser on **June 24**. Please encourage your friends, family, employees, church groups, school groups, and other organizations to sign up.

Sign up to volunteer using this link:

[Click Here to Volunteer](#)

Or sign up to participate in the 5k walk, 5 & 10k run, or the half marathon.

[Click Here To Walk/Run](#)

Greeters Needed

Lisa Tyler, who is the Greeter chair, is looking for greeters for our weekly meetings starting in July. We ask that you can commit to one month and be able to arrive about a half hour early for each meeting. Contact Lisa at lytler@seniorresourceswmi.org to help.

Rotary Clipper Baseball Car-Load Party



WHO: All Rotarians, Interact, Rotaract and their family and friends

WHAT: Rotary social event at a Muskegon Clippers Summer Collegiate Baseball Game

WHERE: Historic Marsh Field, 1800 Peck Street, corner of Laketon & Peck

WHEN: Thursday, June 8, 2023. Gates open at 6:00 pm; first pitch 7:05pm
Rain Date: Friday, June 9th

WHAT DO I RECEIVE?

- Admission for everyone in your car
- Free Marsh Field Meal (hot dog and bag of chips)
- Free soft drinks and adult beverages
- VIP Seating
- Games & Giveaways
- In game recognition
- Loads of fun

COST: \$10 per carload

HOW TO SIGN UP: Just sign in your guests at the main gate ticket table at the field. You will be given tickets for your meal and beverages once inside the stadium.

QUESTIONS: Contact Tim Lipan at Lipant@comcast.net or 231-740-0982

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\$500 District Match Opportunity



Rotary District 6290 is offering a \$500 Match opportunity for Rotarians to purchase a Paul Harris Fellow award for themselves or as a gift to another deserving individual. This is only through June 9th, so don't wait any longer!

- You must contribute the entire \$500 during this period. Past contributions will not be included.

- The contribution form must accompany your check.

(Attached on the last page or click here.)

- If you wish, Ginny is happy to complete the form and submit your Match along with the Muskegon Rotary Club's Match forms.
- Give your check and the name of the person you wish to honor as a Paul Harris Fellow **no later than Monday, June 5**, so Ginny can mail the required paperwork and checks to meet the District deadline.

Contact **Ginny Sprague** if you have any questions at 231.740.0916 or by email at remsleep1@comcast.net

Muskegon Rotary Harvest Festival

Thursday, October 26th, 2023

A new festival for Muskegon Rotary! This event will benefit the Muskegon Rotary Foundation and will be held at Baker College where the culinary students will serve an amazing meal (adult beverages available too). Stay tuned for more details.

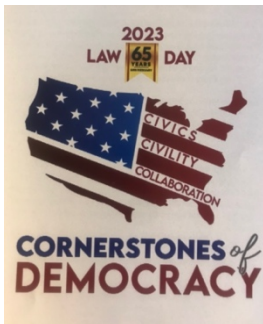
Register for Lunches



Don't forget to register for lunches by Monday via SignUpGenius. If you haven't registered by the Monday before the meeting, the greeter will be as accommodating as possible; however, the late registration fees will be added to your bill. Communicate with **Kim Boersema** via email at muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com.

Interact Insider

By John Noling



A large turnout of Rotarians and parents at ReWine this week listened intently to three outstanding Law Day Speeches by Rotary sponsored students. Our

sincere thanks to Rotary Youth Exchange, Interact, and Life Leadership student **Emma Krichbaum** from NM, **Kalvin Ginn**, NM freshman and First Place winner in the 9-11th Grade Division, and **Tobias Melton**, MHS Interactor and Life Leadership participant. Their speeches focused on Cornerstones of Democracy, Civics, Civility, and Collaboration and the current state of American democracy. Youth voices on this important topic offered all of us new insights and hope that we can restore what we have lost.



FEATURED STUDENT LEADERS

RIM, in this week's issue, heartily congratulates our final 8 conferees of the 19 total area youth leaders sponsored by Muskegon Rotary this year. These leaders will participate June 14-17 in the 74th annual Rotary District 6290 Life Leadership Conference to be held at Ferris State University.

We wish you all well and are anxious to hear your reports when you return. CONSIDER OURSELVES BLESSED MUSKEGON ROTARY!

Madeline Horenziak, RP sophomore, Secretary RP Rotary Interact, dependable and multi-talented leader and volunteer on many fronts, accomplished singer, dedicated to improving her community.



Emma Krichbaum, NM senior, Rotary Youth Exchange inbound from Austria, Law Day Speech contestant, active in track, Competitive cheer, Rotary Interact, all



Conference Scholar Athlete Award, wants to study Medicine.

Zuri LaBrenz, MHS junior, incoming Rotary Interact President for 2023-24, Honors Orchestra violin and piano, race car driver, El Salvador service trip volunteer, plans to study Music Therapy and Business at WMU.



Sophia Lindsay, active NM junior school leader, Rotary Interact Secretary, El Salvador service trip volunteer, strong Environmental Sustainability



interests, loves Varsity Volleyball and Tennis.

Cora McGinn, MHS sophomore and newly elected Secretary of Rotary Interact, active volunteer, Law Day speaker, honor student in Early College program, wants to learn more about what it takes to be a leader.



Jazmine Nguyen, Oakridge sophomore, ambitious, multi-tasking student government leader and talented volunteer, Marching Band musician, sailor, soccer player and



coach/mentor to younger students.

Jacinda Patrick, NM freshman, incoming President of NM Rotary Interact, active community volunteer, El Salvador service trip volunteer, VarsityTennis, driven to help others succeed and desiring more leadership skills and networking.



Connor Smillie, Mona Shores freshman, incoming Rotary Interact President, volunteer on El Salvador service trip, interested in Rotary Youth Exchange,



wants to work to improve mental health of students and take action on climate change, enjoys basketball and volleyball.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Rotary Peace Builders Committee



Presented by: **Cathy Brubaker-Clarke & Doug Wood**
RIM Reporter: **Susan Besteman**

As part of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, the Peace Builders Committee began in 2021 from being "deeply concerned about the local community divisions on many issues here" according to **Cathy Brubaker-Clarke**. Cathy and **Kelly DeVos** are co-chairs and current members include **Contessa Alexander, Andy Buelow, President Jane Clingman-Scott, Jim Fisher, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Annette Jack, Bob Lukens, Nancy McCarthy, John Noling, and Doug Wood**.



There are seven Rotary Centers of Peace around the world: Thailand (Bangkok), England (Bradford), Australia (Brisbane), Uganda (Kampala), North Carolina (Durham and Chapel Hill), and Japan (Tokyo). Designed to enhance the Rotary International (RI) mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace, our Peace Builders Committee



uses similar models of programs and projects that align with RI's six areas of focus. Our Peace Builders Club concentration is on peace, conflict prevention, and conflict resolution with three major responsibilities which are "raise the profile, educate and empower, and engage."

Their first activity was the International Peace Day 2022 Celebration at Rotary Park with the dedication of three peace poles (from artists Hallie LeBlanc, Bryce Thompson, & Brenda Rodriguez), a keynote address from Rotary International Peace Fellow, Gaia Pampu, Kylee Foster's spoken word poem "Peace", and Cruz Pena on the violin.



The committee also educated themselves through the Institute for Economics and Peace with a short course to introduce the transformational framework of Positive Peace where they learned Positive Peace "is not only the right way to live but also the best way to live economically." The course included five modules (overview, understanding peace, peace in the world today, peace as a solution, and Rotary and Positive Peace) which ties these elements back to our Rotary Club. Cathy encouraged all our members to visit the website at www.economicsandpeace.org and participate in the free course as well.



A highlight of the course that Cathy appreciated was that peace is not just the absence of war or physical combat, it includes so much more and is demonstrated through indicators such as healthy life expectancy, low levels of corruption, a sound business

environment, well-functioning government, and good relations with neighbors. The Positive Peace Index (PPI) was developed to evaluate factors that lead to a peaceful society and there are 23 indicators grouped into three subdomains: societal safety and security, levels of domestic and international conflict, and percentage of Gross Domestic Product being spent on militarization. In 2022, Iceland was the most peaceful country and the U.S. ranked 129th out of 163 countries measured.



Doug Wood spoke about the eight Pillars of Peace:

- Well-functioning government
- Sound Business Environment
- Low Levels of Corruption
- High Levels of Human Capital
- Free Flow of Information
- Good Relations with Neighbors
- Equitable Distribution of Resources
- Acceptance of the Rights of Others



When examining the eight Pillars, he posed the questions of if our attitudes, institutions, and structures are ready and designed to tackle the idea of Positive Peace? Doug mentioned he is honored to be wearing the Rotary logo today because with Rotary's diverse approach to peacebuilding and conflict prevention, the Positive Peace



framework is a natural fit for Rotary members. The framework helps communicate and contextualize Rotary's work in building peace locally and around the world. Doug proudly said, "If you're a Rotarian, you're part of a peacebuilding organization." We are practitioners, educators, mediators, and advocates.

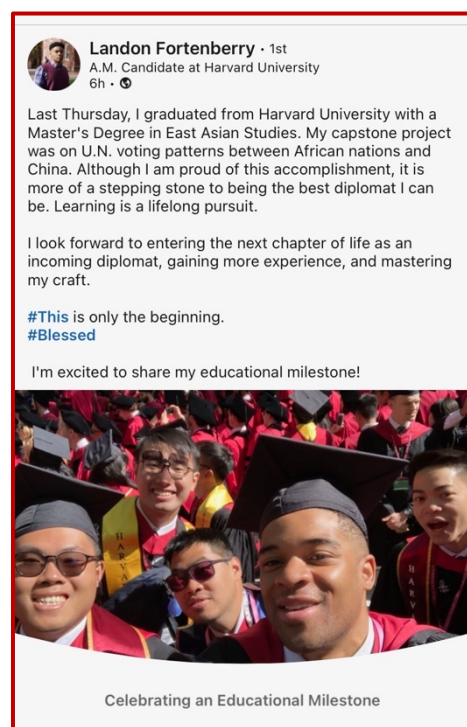


Ways to become a larger part of the peace builder community are to join the Rotary Action Group, become a member of Muskegon's Peace Builder Committee, provide grants and financial support (humanitarian projects, scholarships, youth programs, vocational training programs), and share the role of Rotary in building peace. The committee recognized that our community is lacking data for the PPI and is looking into trying to get some of their questions onto the county health surveys. Another way to participate is attending the International Peace Day celebration on September 21st with a special guest speaker from Braver Angels.



Where Is He Now?!

"Our Own" Landon Fortenberry, former Reeths-Puffer Youth Exchange Student to Brazil and now a Life Leadership Conference Staffer, has been making great progress at Harvard and in marriage. Landon is now newly married and is celebrating in Muskegon this week with his wife, Yixi. Landon will be featured as a speaker at the Life Leadership Conference at Ferris State University this year and we are sure will represent our country at the highest levels.



June 7 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

There are two new four-legged reading helpers in Youth Services! Practice and strengthen literacy skills by reading out loud to our friendly therapy dogs who are calm, non-judgmental listeners. They're excited to hear all the stories — and receive all the belly rubs.

Free. Call 231-722-8014 or click the link below to register for a 20-minute timeslot.

<https://www.hackleylibrary.org/event/paws-and-read-14/>



Fifth Annual Sandcastle Contest
Sat., July 15th at 12 PM

Muskegon State Park Beach House
Brought to you by the Muskegon Friends Movement. Meet at Muskegon State Park's beach house on Saturday, July 15th and join in our fifth annual sandcastle building competition. Awesome prizes in store for our winners this year, so bring your whole family and make a day of it! Registration opens at 12 noon at the beach building and teams will have until 2:00 pm to build their castles before our celebrity judges decide on the winners. The sign-up fee is \$2 per person, and all proceeds from the event will go towards the Muskegon Friends Movement's trail and playground fund.

Click here for their link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/799557671358896/?ref=newsfeed>

Rotary International District 6290
Rotary Foundation 500 Recognition Point Match Program

For a limited time only, **April 10 2023, through June 9, 2023**, on a first come first serve basis, Rotary International District 6290 is offering to match a ***new*** gift of cash or credit card, \$500 to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund, with 500 recognition points to name a Paul Harris Fellow. (Note: "***new***" means that the entire \$500 contribution must be made within the program dates. Earlier partial donations cannot be counted towards the match.)

Please complete the information below and send along with a \$500 USD check payable to *The Rotary Foundation* to: (Please type or write clearly) Please also Note; Credit Card payments are acceptable and CC numbers must be clearly marked on the attached form. Your CC number will be totally private and confidential.

PDG Gary E. Chenoweth
District 6290 Foundation Chair
843 Millers Park
Elk Rapids, MI. 49629

Forms must be accompanied by a \$500 USD check and postmarked no later than June 9, 2023.

The following Rotarian wants to participate in the district 6290 recognition points match program:

Rotarian's Name

Rotarian's Member ID Number

Rotarian's Address

Rotarian's Phone Number

Rotarian's Email Address

Rotarian's Club Name

\$500 Check payable to The Rotary Foundation, check # _____

Name (as it is to appear on PHF certificate) of person to receive Paul Harris Fellow

Questions? Gary Chenoweth C: 314-814-5324 or E: gchenoweth@ridistrict6290.org