

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

June 13, 2024

Next Meeting (June 20, 2024, 12-1:30pm) — Meatloaf Buffet - at the Lake House
Program Topic – Honduras & El Salvador Trips

What's Coming

June 20 – Honduras & El Salvador Trips

Upcoming Birthdays

June 22 **Annette Jack**
June 22 **Joanie Smith**
June 24 **Marj Jones**

Caring Connections Fund

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



Greeter This Week

Pete DeBoer
Brad Hastings

Reflectors

Darlene Collett	June 13
Adam Bell	June 20
Kendra Robinson	June 27

RIM Reporting this Edition

Photographer – Roger Morgenstern
RIM Reporter – Susan Besteman
RIM Editor – Jackie Farrar



Darlene Collett provided the Reflection. See **Rabi Alan Albert** if you'd like to get on the schedule!

Muskegon Rotary Board

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6/13/2024 Muskegon Rotary
YouTube Video Link: [Click here](#)

VISITORS & GUESTS



Here's some good potential member recruitment. **Mary Anne Gorman** met Pat and Marty Greene at our recent Parties in the Park and they wanted to learn more about our Club, so she brought them to the meeting! As head of the Membership Committee, Mary Anne also let us know she has new "rack cards" which can be displayed in offices lobbies, community display racks, etc. that provide an overview of our club. See her if you could put some at your business!



Nancy McCarthy introduces her guest **Andrea Copeland**.



It's the Claires! **Claire Root Benson** introduces her guest and potential new member Claire Ritter.

This week's program: Muskegon Rotary Year in Review

Speakers: **Ginny Sprague**

Introduced by: **Ginny Sprague**

Reporter: **Susan Besteman**



With her trademark wit, **President Ginny** lets the club know "it's just me" as she introduces herself as this week's speaker.

"People with goals succeed because they know where they're going." – Earl Nightingale

Our 2023-2024 Muskegon Rotary President **Ginny Sprague** had a successful vision for our club this year that led us to new heights. Ginny presented her initial July 2023 goals for Members & Engagement, Youth Services, Community Outreach, Service Projects, and the Rotary Foundation Giving and delivered the great news of our accomplishments over these last 11 months.

Since last July, Muskegon Rotary has added ten new members (with two more waiting to be inducted), added new leadership for our Rotaract Clubs at MCC and Baker, added two new Interact Clubs (total of seven now with Mona Shores Middle School and Oakridge High School), added new leadership for Lincoln Park Elementary Early Act and a new club at North Muskegon Elementary, increased the number of students participating in the Life Leadership Conference to 26 (largest number yet for this program that began with our club), continued International service trips to Honduras and El Salvador, continued our Rotary Youth Exchange, and increased community outreach. The Marquette Neighborhood Micro Forest, Muskegon Rising Podcasts, the Family Night Community Mixer, \$15,000 in community grants, \$1,700 for two food trucks, "This is What I Do" interviews, and our increased use of social media through Facebook and YouTube helped increase the community's knowledge of our club. Muskegon Rotary also participated in the United Way Day of Caring preparing the Marquette Neighborhood Micro Forest for our later planting seedlings, trees, and shrubs. Additionally, our club helped pay and distribute food with the March and April food trucks.



The Rotary Foundation was top of mind for President Ginny this year and awareness has been raised successfully with the monthly themes, weekly videos and slides, and through our Program Committee coordinating at least one theme-related weekly program. Through this increased awareness, donations have increased for both the Polio Plus Program and Annual Fund. Nine Paul Harris Fellow awards and five Paul Harris Fellow Plus awards were also presented this year. Ginny explained that Rotary International is hierarchical and the Rotary Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Rotary International and exists to further the work of the organization. As Paul Harris said, "We are here to serve." Ginny continued, "Our district is our connection to the other levels" and we have our own **Brianna Scott** to help continue that connection as she becomes our District Governor soon.



What was President Ginny's greatest reward from serving this past year? Her greatest joy was getting to know others in our club with a deeper connection and understanding. She revealed, "I broadened my knowledge of everyone in this club and all the good work you do because of my honor of serving in this position." Ginny also said, "Thank you to all of you. None of this would happen without your support, care, and your commitment to Rotary's Service Above Self."

Member Spotlight Susan Besteman



This week's member spotlight is **Susan Besteman**. As co-editor of the Muskegon Rotary In Motion (RIM) newsletter, Susan Besteman creates interest and involvement in our club and in the community we are a part of. The hours of concentrated focus pay off in a weekly update of our efforts to bring positive change locally and internationally through our club and outreach projects. To view her spotlight, click [here](#).

Join Us for the Installation of Brianna Scott as Rotary District 6290 Governor

It is with great excitement and pride that I invite you to the installation of our new District Governor, Brianna Scott. This significant event will take place on June 25th at 6:00 pm at the beautiful Hilt Building in downtown Muskegon.

Brianna Scott, our third woman to hold this esteemed position in our district, is not only a distinguished lawyer but also a dedicated advocate for the principle of "Service Above Self." Her unwavering commitment to our district and her passion for making a positive impact are truly inspiring.

The evening will be filled with memorable moments, including insightful words of wisdom from past District Governors who have paved the way for leaders like Brianna. This is a unique opportunity to celebrate the achievements of current District Governor, Jeff Coil, and to be a part of a magical evening that promises to be both uplifting and motivational.

We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you. Your presence will not only honor Brianna Scott but also reinforce our collective dedication to service and community.

Please RSVP by June 19th by registering [CLICK HERE](#).

**We hope to see you there to
celebrate this milestone with us!**



Brianna Scott

District Governor 2024-25
Rotary International District 6290

Hilt Building
427 W. Western Ave.
Muskegon, MI 49440

\$35 per person

Cash Bar

6:00 pm Reception and Fellowship
6:30 pm—Buffet Open
7:00 pm Ceremony begins with Master of Ceremony

National Anthems of Canada and The United States

Introduction of Past District Governors

Introduction of District Leadership

Final words from
Jeff Coil
District Governor
2023-2024

Words of Wisdom by Past District Governors

Installation Ceremony

Passing of the Pins
Presentation of Home Club Banner

Introduction of District Governor, **Brianna Scott**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary
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YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM
March - June - September - December

Online Auction
June 26, 2024

Donations needed - Scheduled Pick-ups
June 4 - June 14 2024

ITEMS NEEDED

- Household Items - Exercise Equipment
- Appliances - Bedroom Set - TV - Couch
- Chairs - Cars - Jewelry - Tools - Toys
- Seasonal Items

CONTACT

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- Joanie Smith
- Chip Chipman
- Chauncy Williams


ONLINE AUCTIONS
<https://bid.shorelinetopbid.com/auctions>

Adopt-A-Highway MDOT Pickup



The next pick up will be on Saturday, July 13. If interested in helping at the next pick up, please email Esther Ricco (riccoe@gvsu.edu)

RIM Reporting Team

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Jackie Farrar

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ReWine Update

***The next meeting is June 20th

***There will be NO meetings in July

***Will meet on August 1st

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



JOIN US FOR A ROTARY NEW MEMBER
MEET AND GREET AT:

USS SILVERSIDES MUSEUM

JUNE 25 - 5:00-7:00 PM

1346 BLUFF ST. MUSKEGON MI 49441

RSVP TO: MELISSA@LAKESHOREMUSEUM.ORG

THIS INVITATION IS FOR
NEW ROTARY MEMBERS & THEIR SPONSORS

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

HARVEST FEST

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Join us at 11 a.m. June 20 to learn more
on how you can help!

Ep 23: Ensuring School Safety: A Conversation with Jon Gale



Listen to the latest episode of the Muskegon Rising Podcast for a timely discussion on school security.

We're joined by Jon Gale, the new Safety and Security Liaison for Muskegon Area ISD, who dives deep into:

- * His role in prioritizing school safety across the district

- * Initiatives and programs to ensure a secure learning environment for students

- * How parents and the community can be involved in keeping our schools safe

Click the link below for this informative episode, in which we explore ways to create a safe and secure learning environment for all students in the Muskegon Area.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/15233749-ensuring-school-safety-a-conversation-with-jon-gale>

The West Michigan
Juneteenth Celebration
2024



Muskegon
Rotary Family
Fun Night



