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Muskegon Rotary Club

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

Next Mtg—June 23, 2022, 12:00-1:30pm

Hybrid Style – The Lake House & Zoom

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

Doc Demirjian's Porch

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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 (6/23/22) — SafeSeniors Collaborative

A Team-Based Approach to Elder Justice

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

Joanie Smith June 16

Jane Mountain June 23

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Barbecue Buffet

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Marjorie Jones June 24

[Caring Connections Fund](#)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

6/23 SafeSeniors Collaborative

6/30 Passing of the Gavel

To watch the complete video of the meeting June 16, click [here](#).

VISITORS & GUESTS



John Heiss, guest of Lisa Stafford



Kelly DeVos, guest of Ammy Seymour



Kimberly Taylor, guest of Tim Arter



Erin Schmidts, guest of Annette Jack

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Click [here](#) NOW to volunteer or register for the 2022 Seaway Run (June 25).



SO MANY volunteers are still needed to make this--**Muskegon Rotary's biggest fundraiser of the year**--successful!

In Memory of Orville Crain

Our Club will be honoring **Orville Crain's** memory with a tree planted at Rotary Park immediately following the June 23 meeting. Contact **John Noling** if you're interested in helping out.

Meet the Incoming Rotary President

Red Star Members are welcome to meet the incoming Rotary President, **Jane Clingman-Scott**, for Happy Hour on Wednesday, **June 26 from 5-6pm** at Read Muskegon, 26 E Broadway, Muskegon Heights.

ReWine Highlights

From June 16, 2022 meeting

- Chili Cook-Off is traditionally the first Thursday in February and planning usually begins in October once students are back in school, and once we know who is going on trips to Honduras and El Salvador.
- ReWine members may attend New Member Orientations on the 1st Wednesday of every month 8-9:30 am at the Shoreline Inn to inform new Rotarians about the ReWine Group.
- Adopt-A-Highway will probably not have a cleanup until September due to ongoing construction.
- Rotary Apps available at the Apple Store or Google Play include "Rotary Club Locator" and "ClubRunner."

Next ReWine meeting at Doc Demirjian's Porch, 729 Ruddiman Drive, N. Muskegon **July 7, 2022**, BYOB and snack or app to pass.

This Week's Spotlight: Lisa Hegenbart



Lisa Hegenbart joined Rotary in 2016 when she was Executive Director of Big Brothers & Big Sisters of the Lakeshore. She enjoys traveling, especially to places with an ocean. She recently got back into running and ran her first two Disney races. Lisa is currently the Executive Director for Girls on the Run West Michigan, which offers programs to 3rd-8th-graders in Muskegon, Kent and Ottawa counties. This year they hope to serve over 2,000 girls to help them become emotionally, mentally and physically healthy.

When she joined Rotary she was very quickly approached by **Bill Johanson** and got involved with RIM. This provided a great opportunity to meet members of the community, Rotary speakers and other community members. Then she became involved with Grape Escape managing food vendors.

Lisa also stated, "working with members of Rotary to impact our community continues to hit my heart and passion for the change that we can make across our community." Watch the entire video [here](#).

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Muskegon City Art Initiative

Presenter **Judy Hayner**

RIM Reporter: **Meredith Smillie**



Judy Hayner was our presenter on the Muskegon City Public Art Initiative. Judy graduated from Eastern Michigan University and later obtained her Master's from Western Michigan University. Judy has been a member of Rotary since 2001. She also served as the Executive Director at Every Woman's Place and later as the Executive Director at The Muskegon Art Museum for 15 years. Muskegon City Public Art Initiative is her retirement gig.

The City of Muskegon Public Art Collection has been 130 years of collecting in the making. Total works of art on display today in the city is 47. The earliest installment was in 1892, the *Sailors and Soldiers* monument at Hackley Park. The most recent is the *One Drop* at the VanDyke Mortgage convention center which will be installed in July.



Judy noted that the inspiration was *All My Relations* by Jason Quigno, a 16-foot hand carved black granite statue on a 3-foot base. It was commissioned in October

2017 and installed October 2018. *All My Relations* was installed at the Muskegon Visitors Center and inspired the idea for the Muskegon City Public Art Initiative. *All My Relations* was supported by Muskegon Rotary, as are many other pieces throughout the city. The public art has really spurred growth in Muskegon and *All My Relations* was the first of the Muskegon City Public Art initiative.

"Public art is an uplifting part of everyday life; it's free for the public. It inspires people to be proud of their environment. As you think about creating a place where people want to be-and to want to live, not just work-there's no doubt in my mind you have to think about public art", notes Patrick O'Leary who is a leading philanthropist to the Muskegon City Public Art Initiative. Patrick and many others in the community sat down to help develop goals for the Public Art Initiative. Goals since 2018 include:

- Add ten new significant high-quality works of art by experienced and well-qualified artists to the public art collection of Muskegon.
- Link the works of art to the stories and history of Muskegon.
- Utilize open and competitive processes to identify artists to be commissioned to add the city collection.
- Each work of art selected through competitive bid processes and

each work of art qualifies for an initial grant of \$25,000 of support.

- Seek additional funds for each work of art from private, philanthropic and public resources.

Project 1 was *Mastodons on the Loose!*. This gift came in August of 2019 by artists Gillie and Marc. It was the gift of many individual and corporate donors, the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, the Michigan Council for Art and Cultural Affairs and the Muskegon Rotary Club. Michigan's state fossil is the Mastodon. There are nine mastodons throughout Muskegon.

Project 2 was a *City Built on Timber* by artists Erik Nordin and Israel Nordin in June 2020. The couple responded to an RFP for an art piece that showcased how many people came to Muskegon during the lumber era. *A City Built on Timber* is located at Heritage Landing.

Project 3 *Celebrating Muskegon*, by artists John Littleton and Kate Vogel in



April 2021. This art structure is located in the round-about at

Pere Marquette Beach. It is a 22½-foot-tall sculpture and took an entire week to install. It was an amazing math problem to create, make, design, engineer and install.

Project 4 *The Muskegon Rails City Bridge* by Ed Irmen (of Detroit) and Ashley Nash (Muskegon High graduate), Jimmy Cobb (Muskegon) and Dan Parker (Muskegon). Collaboration between owners of the tracks, who runs the tracks, three municipalities and the state of Michigan had to all approve this project. The rusty bridges are now covered in murals and are a bright spot for visitors and guests coming to Muskegon.



Project 5 is *What Defines Muskegon*, a mural by Dr. Hubert Massey on the side of the VanDyke Mortgage Convention Center-Trinity Health Arena. It occupies a 65-foot by 12-foot space on the Western Avenue side of the venue. Multiple community partners are supporting this mural and it was unveiled in December 2021. To inform the mural, four community forums and multiple feedback sessions were conducted with the artist and the over 60 participants examining these four questions over 12 months. Is it our diverse community? Is it our natural resources? Is it our mighty industrial heritage? Over the last 150 years, what has defined us?

Project 6 *One Drop* will be unveiled on July 18, 2022 and is by artist Marc Moulton in honor of the 70th anniversary of the Women's Division.

Six total projects have been unveiled by Muskegon City Public Art Initiative. Patrick O'Leary has invested \$25,000 per piece to jumpstart this project. \$923,046 total funds raised and 82% from private donors, 14% State of Michigan Art and Community and Development Funds, and 4% local city and county development funds.

The schedule for 2022/2023 includes a sculpture for Muskegon Heights (installation number 7): *Band Together with Tiger Pride*- a 12-foot bronze statue commissioned to a local artist and will be at Rowan Park on Broadway. The Muskegon Heights band is the pride and joy of Muskegon Heights High School High Stepping Band under the leadership of Robert Moore.

And two additional projects that will be located within the City of Muskegon; installation number 8 may include an elephant, a boy named Buster and a catcher's mitt! Number 9 in the series is a sculpture for the Muskegon Museum of Art expansion and would be incorporated into the new entranceway and public plaza for the Museum. Judy concluded that project number 10 is still a mystery, and it is unclear when that project may even start. The American Public Works Association is exploring the idea of a monument to honor the public works profession and has inquired with the city of their possible interest in supporting this idea with a site location in downtown.

Paul Harris Fellow

Joshua Silvas

Presented by **Jay Wallace, Jr.**

Jay Wallace, Jr., presented the newest Paul Harris Fellow, **Joshua Silvas**. Josh was joined by his wife, Amy, and three sons, Owen, Keaton and Merit.



Josh graduated from Fruitport Community Schools in 1998 where he lettered in baseball and football. He is a 2002 graduate of Hope college. After his graduation from college, local

visionaries **Rich Kramer** and Bruce Potter hired him to the Commercial Lines Team at Shoreline Insurance. He is now a partner at Shoreline and leads the Commercial Lines team. Josh has served our community as a member of the Jaycees, served on Builders Association, on the board of The Block, the board of Michigan Irish Music Festival, as president of Parties in the Park, board of North Muskegon youth baseball, ambassador of the Art Museum capital campaign, a coach, and blood donor. Congratulations, Joshua Silvas!

New Member Inductions



Sponsored and introduced by **Contessa Hood**, **Kelsey Rhoda** is the Program Director for Greater Muskegon Economic Development PTAC program. Kelsey has been with the PTAC since October 2019. Kelsey is originally from Holland, MI and graduated from Davenport University with a Bachelor Degree in Healthcare Administration. Kelsey currently resides in Muskegon. Kelsey has 2 beloved (but demanding) dogs who

she can be seen walking daily in the Lakeside neighborhood. Kelsey spends her time off work by enjoying anything outdoors, and especially loves the summer season in Muskegon of boating, and dining al fresco!



Kris Collee introduced **Michael Ramsey**, a California native, who has been a resident of West Michigan for the last 20 years and a City of Muskegon neighbor for the last 15. During that time, he has worked for Trinity Health as an HIV Educator and Medical Case Manager, Community Health Innovation Region Director, and currently as a program design, implementation, and monitoring coordinator for local efforts supporting the social influencers of health, Community Health Needs Assessment, and Community Health Improvement endeavors. Michael lives in the Nelson Neighborhood and was elected to the City of Muskegon Commission in 2019 as the Ward III Commissioner and currently serves as the Commission liaison for the Housing Board of Appeals and leads the Community Relations Committee.

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There's still time!
 Muskegon Rotary still needs many volunteers for this weekend's Seaway Run. We can't do it without your help! Click [here](#) to volunteer.

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