

The RIM Newsletter

Rotary InMotion



Club 16 (2809) District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
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*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 20, 2024

Next Meeting (June 27, 2024, 12-1:30pm) — Pasta Bar & Cake - at the Lake House
Program Topic – Passing of the Gavel

What's Coming

June 27 – Passing of the Gavel

Upcoming Birthdays

July 1 Susan Besteman
July 2 Stephanie Cathey

Caring Connections Fund

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Greeter This Week

Brad Hastings
Lisa Tyler

Reflectors

Adam Bell June 20
Kendra Robinson June 27

RIM Reporting this

Edition

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



Adam Bell provided the reflection.



Esther Ricco introduces Interact student Megan Adams, a brand new Reeths-Puffer graduate who has visited El Salvador twice.

VISITORS & GUESTS



Melissa Moore with her Read Muskegon colleague Jenna Lakos.



Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga introduces a group of Grand Haven Rotarians who made the recent trip with our Muskegon Club to the new school library in Honduras. From left are **Ken Lahey, Bari Johnson, Colleen Curran and Gail Ringelberg**. It was great having them visit as an added bonus of this week's program. Some of them have helped with similar Rotary projects going back 20 years!



Jamie Sowa with her Baker College colleague and doctoral student Kalysta Millis.



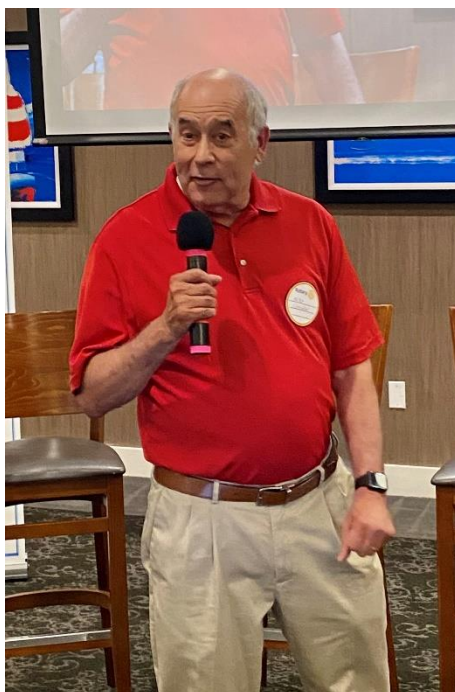
Joanie Smith introduces her guest, long time friend Mary Jane Johnson.



Melissa Horton introduces her guest and Lakeshore Museum Center colleague Erin Schmitz.



Larry Fife introduces his guest William Walters.



Visiting Rotarian **Mike Steindler** from Waxahachie, Texas, who is spending the summer in the Muskegon area.



Arn Boezaart with guest and soon to be Rotarian Mallory Meston.



With next week's meeting the 'passing of the gavel,' our June 20 meeting marked **President Ginny Sprague's** last full meeting as the presiding officer. In a great bookmark to her year,

Ginny had one of the 50/50 winning tickets, confirmed by **Eric Siefert**. Loyal and astute *RIM* readers will recall Ginny was also a winner at her first meeting almost a year ago! Thank you **President Ginny** for a great year as our leader



This week's program: Honduras and El Salvador Service Trips

Speakers: **Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga, Esther Ricco, Michelle Burley & Students**

Introduced by: **Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga**

Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**



Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga introduces our program about the Honduras library and El Salvador home building trips and our Club's work there earlier this year.

The Manuel Bonilla Library Project was a partnership of Rotary, Chispa, and the local community. Sarah shared this project was owned by the local community, the Rotary presence was working alongside parents, teachers, and students to help complete the project.



Gail Ringeklberg, a member of the Grand Haven Rotary Club, visited our Club last Thursday to listen to Sarah and Esther's programs about the service trips we sponsored this year. She shared this photo of a plaque in the school library in Santa Rosa de Copan. This service trip to Honduras was to build and equip a school library that included Sarah, her son, and Muskegon High School Interact students Zuri La Brenz and Victoria Guerrero



Joining in a panel discussion on the Honduras and El Salvador trips were from left, moderator **Michelle Burley**, Muskegon High School Interactors Zuri LaBrenz, Victoria Guerreo and Tobias Melton and Terrell Jones from Mona Shores High School. Michelle, along with Sarah and Esther Ricco, accompanied the Interpreters on the service trips.

The students worked on Library construction. They did some painting, labeled, scanned, and did an inventory check on the books with the Parent Advisory Team.



Muskegon High School Interactor Victoria Guerreo.



Muskegon High School Interactor Zuri LaBrenz.

Building in Talnique



The students worked on building houses. They dug holes to put posts in weighing 400-pounds. They also had some fun playing soccer, enjoying the water, trying different foods, and learning the culture.



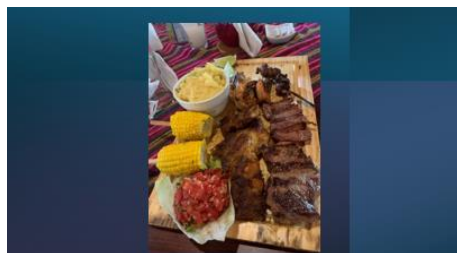
Mona Shores High School Interactor Terrell Jones.





Muskegon High School Interactor Tobias Melton.

Culture Pictures



Culture included shopping, trying foods, gardens, and much more!

Donation Pictures



Donations included a variety of items such as clothes, shoes, books, personal hygiene, etc.

Activity Pictures



A Soccer game that they did not win – But still had fun



From All Of The Muskegon Area Travelers
Thank You Muskegon Rotary Club
for Your Support!

The students shared a lot of information and pictures with us on the service trips to Honduras and El Salvador. You don't want to miss this!

6/20/2024 Muskegon Rotary
YouTube Video Link: [Click here](#)

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Member Spotlight

Kim Boersema



This week's member spotlight is **Kim Boersema**. Kim became an invaluable member of the Muskegon Rotary team for the past four years and enables our membership to accomplish much more than would be possible without her attention detail and organization. She is a source of joy and motivation for those of us working to make each meeting the best it can be. To view her spotlight, click [here](#).

ReWine Update

***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**



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



Andy Buelow from the DEI Committee thanked everyone who volunteered to work at and those who attended the June 14 Muskegon Heights Juneteenth Family Fun Night made possible by the 18 individual donations of a group of Rotarians.



Incoming District 6290 Governor **Brianna Scott**. RIM Founder and Editor Emeritus **Bill Johanson** created the montage. Brianna officially begins her DG term July 1 and will be installed in a June 25 ceremony in downtown Muskegon. She served as our Club President in 2014-15.

Ep 24: Changing the Narrative: How One Man's Mistake Transformed into a Lifelong Mission



Did you know that 90% of people who are incarcerated eventually return home? But what happens after they've served their time? This week's Muskegon Rising Podcast dives into the challenges those re-entering society face.

Nate Johnson knows these struggles firsthand. After his own experience with the justice system, he co-founded Fresh Coast Alliance, a non-profit that provides housing and support for people coming home who want to make a positive change.

In this episode, you'll hear Nate's powerful story and learn about the important work Fresh Coast Alliance is doing in our community.

Listen now and help us spread the word.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/15269512-changing-the-narrative-how-one-man-s-mistake-transformed-into-a-lifelong-mission>



Lisa Tyler is looking for folks to sign up to be a greeter at meetings. The workload is light and a great way to meet more members. Please see her if you're interested.



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)



Our Club Treasurer **Kristi Nagengast** shared that our club cleared more than \$18,000 from this year's Parties in the Park, more than originally projected. Thanks to everyone who worked the very busy but obviously successful event.

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