






“Service Above Self” Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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Muskegon Rotary Club

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

Next Meeting July 1, 12:00-1:30pm

Hybrid Style – Delta Marriott & Zoom

ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 7/1 5:15 pm

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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 (7/1/21) — Passing of the Gavel

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

Joanie Smith

REFLECTORS

Jane Mountain	June 24
Joanie Smith	July 1

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Stephanie Cathey	July 2
Bob Irwin	July 6
Mary Beth Ramos	July 6
Andy Buelow	July 7
John Severson	July 7

Don't forget [Caring Connection Fund!](#)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

7/1 Club Assembly/Passing of the Gavel

7/8 Innovation & Flexibility in Manufacturing

Next ReWine meets 7/1 in person
Wonderland Distillery 5:15 pm

GUESTS

Welcome to Catherine Ristola Bass (right), Carol Swart (center), and Anne Whittlesey (left) who joined us today from Holland Rotary.



Soon-to-be-Rotarians Meggie Kwiatkowski and Cody (Chip) Chipman were also in person today. They will be inducted in the coming weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seaway Run Volunteers Needed June 25 & 26

There are many volunteer opportunities and help is still needed for the following:

Friday night pack & pickup

Saturday Course Marshalls

Saturday aid stations

Please [volunteer!](#) The Seaway Run is **Saturday, June 26.**

**Sign up deadline for July 1
Rotary Lunch is 5 pm TODAY,
June 25. Sign up [HERE](#).**

YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL. Reminder: If you sign up and do not attend your account will still be charged for your lunch. Any questions contact **Kim Boersema** or **Kathy Betts** muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com@clubrunner_email.

WEEKLY COVID REPORT

Kathy Moore's report was delightfully short this week and the great news is *that is the trend!* Muskegon is now in line with the rest of the state. As of today we have a positivity rate of 1.6%, six adults hospitalized with one in ICU and one on a ventilator. The report from the ER Wednesday was that NO ONE came in with COVID symptoms.

Public Health: www.Muskegonhealth.net

Christine Robere from United Way of the Lakeshore: There will be a COVID vaccine June 29 at Hackley Park. They continue to try to transition folks out of the hoteling program into more permanent housing as well as assisting with employment. The Summer Stockup program is under way. Click [here](#) to find out more information.



*Jane Mountain
delivers the first
in-person
reflection of
2021.*

"Patience is not about waiting,
but the ability to keep a good
attitude while waiting."
– Anonymous

WeDiscover Festival July 2-4

If you haven't heard of the WeDiscover Festival you will want to check out all the details right [here](#). This festival will encompass multiple city blocks of Downtown Muskegon & the Beachfront of Lake Michigan over the Fourth of July weekend. The main event will be held **Saturday, July 3rd**, and feature headliner talent, a modified and exotic car show, the new social drinking district, food truck alley, and massive firework festival by Melrose Pyrotechnics. Don't miss it!

Bike Trail Repair Project - North End of Lakeshore Trail (Along Causeway) Volunteers Needed July 17

Rob Taylor and Tom Lindrup reviewed the repairs needed to all of the bike trail bridges along the causeway and past Verplank with Leo Evans, Doug Sayles and Milo Root from the City of Muskegon on Thursday, June 17th. They were very responsive to the need to repair and/or replace rotted and curled boards as soon as possible. They assigned one of their maintenance workers (Ron) who was out their trimming back brush, to screw down any curled boards as he comes across them. If you see Ron out there working, please stop and thank him.

We also looked at the bumps in the asphalt due to tree roots. Doug Sayles, Maintenance Superintendent, will be working a re-pave of that section into their re-paving schedule.

Now for the best part! Besides the rotted boards that need replacing, there are many, many screws sticking up that need to be driven down or replaced. With the realization that the city is drastically short-handed on seasonal help this year, I have offered to put a volunteer work crew together to perform this part of the project. **The plan is to work on it Saturday, July 17 starting at 8 am and going as late as 5 pm.** We could use as many people as are willing. Ideally, we'd have two teams of 5-6 people each working simultaneously, one replacing boards and

the other driving screws back down. If we get enough people to form more teams, we can stagger shifts throughout the day or just split up and cover more sections at once. This is your chance to give back to the community and foster a good working relationship with the City of Muskegon staff (they will have some people there also). So gather your tools (hammers, pry bars, cordless drivers, and sawzalls) and please, please sign-up using this [link](#).

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Muskegon Public Art Initiative

By Jackie Farrar

Ammy Seymour interviewed **Judy Hayner** of the Muskegon Public Art Initiative. You can watch the entire interview [here](#).



**Ammy
Seymour**



Judy Hayner

Judy Hayner retired from her role as Executive Director of the Muskegon Museum of Art in 2017. A few short months later she was approached by former Sealed Power CFO Patrick O'Leary. Patrick was a "temporary" Muskegonite, only living here 5 years, but a permanent member of our community in his heart. It was his vision to bring the Muskegon Public Art Initiative to life and Judy was just the person to head the project.

Muskegon County has so much to offer to the people that live and visit our community. The beauty of our lakes and beaches is just a small portion of what Muskegon has to

offer. By adding the public arts it has created a uniqueness and a sense of commonality across the people in our community. Art gets people thinking and talking, as everyone interprets and perceives art differently from their individual perspective.

The Public Art Initiative is to link stories with art and create significant works of art at a larger scale that makes a bigger impact that highlight Muskegon. Below is a list of the Public Art Initiatives project to date:

- Moxie: a life-like Mastodon - located in front of the Lakeshore Museum Center



- A City Built on Timber – located at Heritage Landing



- Celebrating Muskegon – located at the traffic circle at Beach Street and Lakeshore Drive



- The Muskegon Rails Project (four railroad bridge murals) - located at Seaway Drive (2) one between Hackley and Laketon Avenues, and the other between Sherman and Broadway Avenues

- One Drop, 27-foot water inspired sculpture, sponsored in part by celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Women's Division Center of Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, installed in the fall of 2021 – location on the north side of the VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center

- What defines Muskegon, a mural by award winning Detroit muralist Dr. Hubert Masse, is in the concept phase – located outside the Mercy Health Arena on Western Ave.

- Four additional pieces are in draft form

Muskegon County has a generous community with a vision for the arts. The funding for the Muskegon City Public Art Initiative has not used any tax dollars. The funding for the projects has been done through fund raising – 85% are private funds, 5% local funds, and 10% state art funds. The Chamber of Commerce develops a map for the summer months of places to visit. On the back of the map, you will find the locations of the art pieces. This is an opportunity for you to get outside and explore the outdoors.

Hackley Attic Escape Room – June 25

Experience the Hackley House as you never have before! For many years, the Hackley Attic has been a mysterious place for visitors. Now it is up to you and your closest friends to escape a Victorian storage room filled with puzzles, locks, and riddles. Brush up on your Muskegon history and escape the attic in 80 minutes! Space is limited to 10 people per-session, so be sure to order your tickets quickly! [Here](#) is a link to the event on their Facebook page.

LAKE SHORE ART FESTIVAL

After you run, walk, or volunteer at the Seaway Run this Saturday, make your next destination the Lakeshore Art Festival. This weekend, June 26 & 27 in Downtown Muskegon. Visit their website with all the details [here](#) and then download a map of the festival layout and a map of Muskegon's arts, architecture and gardens right [here](#).

Together Again

What a fantastic in-person/hybrid meeting we had this week! **Mike Vogas** and team worked SOOO hard to pull it together and we are so grateful for them. It was great to see so many smiling faces. **President Mark Meyers** took to the mic to present his "Top Ten-ish" List of reasons to Zoom (he's had this prepared since the beginning of the pandemic).

Top 10 (actually eight... 🤔) Reasons to Attend a Zoom Rotary Meeting:

You can check stock prices on your phone without getting fined by Kevin Donovan!

- Presenters don't have to worry about whether or not the mic will work. 😊
- You can participate in your PJs.
- You can get a cup of coffee in the middle of the presentation without walking in front of someone.
- If you doze off during the presentation no one will notice.
- No jack fruit!! (Sorry **Josh Wallace**, that just won't die. 😊)
- Alcoholic beverages are allowed (hey, it's 5 o'clock somewhere 🍷)
- You're not distracted by Gary Nelund's and John Severson's socks. 🧦



ReWine Meeting Notes 6/17/21:

Kaytie reported about the Life Leadership Conference. She said it went very well and that being virtual was very successful. Great program, great speakers and seemed like the students bonded very well.

Julie shared that the DE&I committee was given the green light by the board to pursue the PEACEBUILDER Club designation. Look for more info coming soon on this initiative.

Other business:

Kaytie volunteered to check with Kathy Betts about any balance remaining in our ReWine account this year. It was suggested that we purchase a Rotary Banner, table tent, tablecloth, t-shirts to display/wear when we meet in the community. No one knows who we are and we'd like to use that to recruit new members!

A new chair and note taker were selected for the 21-22 year! Blake Cramer agreed to be the ReWine chair and Michelle Burley will be the note taker for the 21-22 year. Thanks to you both!

A big thanks to Michelle for chairing this past year and keeping the group together via Zoom and searching out good outdoor meeting spaces!

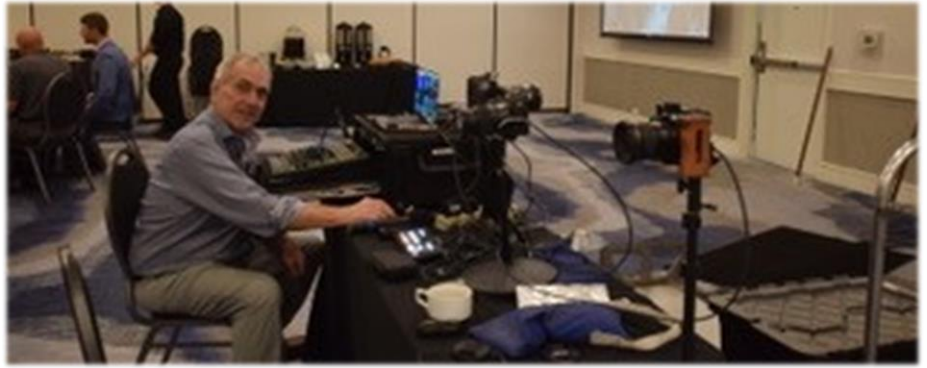
Upcoming Events:

July 1: Meeting IN PERSON at Wonderland Distilling Co, 1989 Lakeshore Dr Suite B, Muskegon, MI 49441 (if the weather is good we will be outside in the back of the building, if not so good, we will meet inside)

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Special Thanks to **Susan Besteman** for grabbing these shots of all the smiling faces attending in person this week! And a HUGE shout out to the technical team (**Mike Vogas, Kim Boersma, Kathy Betts**) who worked SO HARD to put this hybrid meeting together!



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