

# 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 27, 2024

**Next Meeting (July 11, 2024, 12-1:30pm) — Pesto Chicken - at the Lake House**  
**Program Topic –District Governor, Brianna Scott's visit to the Muskegon Rotary Club**

## What's Coming

July 11 –District Governor Brianna  
Scott's visit to the Muskegon Club

## Upcoming Birthdays

July 4 Sue Samaniego  
July 6 Bob Irwin  
July 6 Mary Beth Ramos  
July 7 Andy Buelow  
July 8 Mary Boyd  
July 8 Bill Johanson

**Bonus Birthdays this issue due to no  
meeting this Week**

July 11 Lisa Hegenbart  
July 12 Katherine Hegedus  
July 15 Ken Johnson  
July 17 Karen Hayslip

## Caring Connections Fund

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



## Greeter This Week

Brad Hastings  
Lisa Tyler

## Reflectors

Eileen Stoffan

June 27



The Rev. Eileen Stoffan provided the Reflection.

## RIM Reporting this Edition

Photographer – Roger Morgenstern  
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YouTube Video Link: [Click here](#)

## VISITORS & GUESTS



Lisa Kraus with officially soon to be Rotarian Mallory Meston. She's so close to being inducted she already has her badge!



Marcia Hovey-Wright with her guest Stephanie Barrett, candidate for Muskegon County Water Resource Commissioner.

## REMINDERS

\*\*\*\*\*No Meeting July 4<sup>th</sup>  
\*\*\*\*\*No ReWine Meetings in July



**Dayne Robinson** with his guest and work colleague, new Muskegon Catholic Central School President **Jennifer Fellingner**.

## Paul Harris Fellow Award



In a touching tribute, **Kathy Hegedus** presented a Paul Harris Fellow to new Rotarian **Brad Hastings**. Kathy met Brad at a music festival in August 2023. She told him at the time he reminded her of her late son, Matthew Koops. Kathy thought she'd never see Brad again. Then last week, she showed up at Rotary after being gone for an extended time for cancer treatment and there was Brad. She was so moved she decided to award him a PHF from her "points" accumulated by donating to the Rotary International Foundation.

## This week's program: Passing of the Gavel

Speakers: **Outgoing President Ginny Sprague** and **Incoming President Tim Arter**

Introduced by: President **Ginny Sprague**

Reporter: **Kathy Moore**



**President Ginny** thanks Club members for their support during her year as President.

**Ginny Sprague** presided over the first portion of the program and readied the gavel as she delivered her final address as President of the Rotary Club of Muskegon. There was a breeze of bittersweetness in her voice, yet she maintained that calm and compassionate control that we've grown accustomed to over the past year. Ginny revisited the plans and goals shared "just two days short of a year ago" when she accepted the role. At that time, she invited all Rotarians to follow along on her path to highlight the incredible work of the Rotary Foundation, increase financial support to the Foundation, and instill a sense of pride in being a member of

Muskegon Rotary. She expressed appreciation for the "incredible help and support along the way" from the Board, the past presidents breakfast (advisory) assembly, the club's council/committee chairs, and Rotary members. Ginny offered a special shout out to **Mike Vogas** and **Kim Boersema** for their extraordinary commitment and service. A few excerpts from Ginny's closing statements: "We've had a great year working together, embodying service above self...I knew that I was carrying on a tradition of service and leadership forged by 107 of my predecessors...I am humbled by the trust you placed in me...words cannot adequately express how grateful and honored I am to have served as your president this year."



**Outgoing Club President Ginny Sprague** inducts and congratulates incoming Club President **Tim Arter**.

Calling **Tim Arter** forward, Ginny administered the President's Oath of Office and presented him with his President's pin and badge. Tim thanked Ginny for her service and presented her with a Past President's pin, badge, and gift on behalf of the Club. Then the attention turned to our Muskegon Rotary Board of Directors. President Arter thanked the outgoing officers and directors: **Don Hutchins**, **Dave Ramos**, and **Asaline Scott**. The official oath was confirmed by Officers for the 2024-



2025 Rotary year: President-Elect **Dave Alexander**, President Nominee **Roger Morgenstern**, Past President **Ginny Sprague**, Secretary **Jane Clingman-Scott**, and Treasurer **Kristi Nagengast**. Continuing directors: **Aaron Maike**, **Marty Sytsema**, and **Brandon Turnbull** – as well as new directors: **Tom Palmer**, **Ester Ricco**, and **Lisa Tyler** were also confirmed their oath.



One of the best gifts for an outgoing Club president; a new badge declaring Ginny as Past President, allowing her to sit in the back of the room and not run a meeting!



**President Tim** presents **Ginny Sprague** with a gift in appreciation from the Rotary Board of Directors.



**President Tim** addresses the Club for the first time as its official leader.



**President Tim** inducted all new and returning board members. Here are the three new members, from left, **Tom Palmer**, **Lisa Tyler** and **Ester Ricco**.



**President Tim** thanks three departing board members, from left, **Directors Dave Ramos** and **Asaline Scott** and **Secretary Don Hutchins**.



Your Rotary Board of Directors for the 2024-25 year. From left, **Tom Palmer**, **Lisa Tyler**, **Ester Ricco**, Treasurer **Kristi Nagengast**, Secretary **Jane Clingman-Scott**, **Marty Sytsema**, **President Nominee Roger Morgenstern**, **President Elect Dave Alexander** and **Past President Ginny Sprague**. Off Camera is President Tim Arter, who swore everyone in! Not in attendance were Directors **Brandon Turnbull** and **Aaron Maike**.



Departing and incoming Board Secretaries **Don Hutchins** and **Jane Clingman Scott** take a break from their work to mug for the *RIM* camera.

**President Tim Arter** concluded the program with his inaugural presidential address. Expressing appreciation for the opportunity to serve this year, Tim shared that he was “thankful for past leadership and members in establishing our traditional culture of service and networking”. He commented that the Muskegon Rotary Club is a dynamic

organization that is part of a global network of 1.4 million members in over 40,000 clubs; and highlighted our magic potion of dedicated members who are agents of change, visionaries, and community servants. President Arter announced that he plans to focus on “YOUTH” in the upcoming year by enhancing support to Rotoract, Interact, EarlyAct, Life Leadership and other student-based projects. His goal is to improve member knowledge and awareness of the value-added strengths of Rotary membership through various initiatives like Rotarians-In-Action spotlights, and increased opportunities for socialization and fundraising. Lastly, President Tim encouraged every Rotarian to align with our new **District Governor Brianna Scott** in supporting her goals and objectives as well.

### Muskegon Rotary Board

Tim Arter, President  
 Dave Alexander, President-Elect  
 Roger Morgenstern, President Nominee  
 Ginny Sprague, Past President  
 Kristi Nagengast, Treasurer  
 Jane Clingman-Scott, Secretary  
 Kim Boersema, Club Coordinator  
 Directors:  
 Aaron Maiké Tom Palmer  
 Brandon Turnbull Esther Ricco  
 Marty Sytsema Lisa Tyler

**Please email Club Board Members through this [link](#):**

### RIM Reporting Team

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### Member Spotlight Rabbi Alan Alpert



This week’s member spotlight is **Rabbi Alan Alpert**. Fellowship in the Muskegon Rotary Club is fostered in the conversations and interactions we share in our meeting each week. Rabbi Alan cites the positive changes that have promoted this communication over the past forty years he has been a member. To view his spotlight, click [here](#).

### 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](mailto:riccoe@gvsu.edu))

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ep 25: Michigan Irish Music Festival



It's a Double Anniversary Celebration!

Episode 25 of the Muskegon Rising Podcast is here, and we're clinking our glasses to two noteworthy milestones.

This week, we're highlighting the rich culture and lively entertainment of the 25th annual Michigan Irish Music Festival. Like the Muskegon Rising Podcast, this festival is celebrating its silver anniversary, bringing a taste of Ireland to Muskegon.

Get ready to hear about:

- Unforgettable live music: Amazing Irish bands will be rocking six stages throughout the festival!
- A taste of tradition: From savory dishes to delectable desserts, prepare for a culinary adventure.
- Family-friendly fun: Enjoy dancing, story time for the little ones, and even an area dedicated to our furry Celtic friends!

Tune in and raise a glass with us!

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/15310496-michigan-irish-music-festival>

ReWine meetings are every

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month at 5:15pm at **Unruly Brewing**



Brianna Scott  
Rotary District  
Governor Induction  
June 2024





