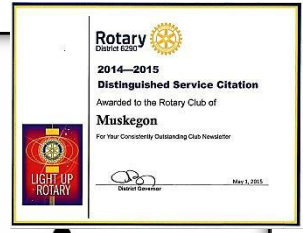




"Service Above Self" Muskegon Rotary in Motion



<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>

Mark Meyers, President
Jason Piasecki, President-Elect
Jane Clingman-Scott, President Nominee
Tim Arter, Treasurer
Linda Juarez, Past President
Kathy Betts, Secretary
Orville Crain, Director



Muskegon Rotary Club
Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
Next Meeting June 10, 12:00-1:00pm
From Your Laptop, Phone, or Tablet
ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 6/17 5:15 pm

Mary Anne Gorman, Director
Jeff Lewis, Director
Ginny Sprague, Director
JD Wallace, Sr, Director
Doug Wood, Director
Susan Holkeboer, RIM Reporter
Lori Weiler, RIM Editor



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 (6/10/21) — Wonderland, Burl & Sprig, Pigeon Hill & Rake Beer Project

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

Eric Seifert June 10
Jim Schiltz June 17
Jane Mountain June 24

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Robert Landman June 15
James Rausch June 15
Dick Witham June 15
Ara Demirjian June 16
Don't forget [Caring Connection Fund!](#)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

6/10 Wonderland, Burl & Sprig, Pigeon and Rake Beer Project
6/17 "SAGA: Sexuality and Gender Advocates"
Next ReWine meets 6/17 in person
Wonderland Distillery 5:15 pm



Dreaming of a glamorous life in journalism? Join the RIM Newsletter Reporting Team. We're kind of a big deal.

GUESTS

Miggie Kikuske (sorry for misspelling) was guest of **Mike Vogas** today. Miggie has submitted application for membership.
Kendall Smith, outgoing Reeths Puffer Interact President joined us; unfortunately his internet connection did not allow us to hear him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Seaway Run registration deadline is June 14 and the run is **June 26**. Remember this is a great fundraiser for our Rotary Club and the YMCA. Please consider volunteering your time for Spirit Stations that day or possible volunteer opportunities on Friday. The sign up is [here](#) as well as our FB page and lists the timeframes the day of the race that we need volunteers. The addresses of the Spirit Stations will be updated as soon as the race route has been finalized. Please make sure to add your email address. **Kim Broersma** has all the details if you have questions.

Kim is also working on the **new directory** and needs any changes. You can make those changes in Clubrunner or pass them along to [Kim](#).

A new visual communication method

was announced by **Mike Vogas**. The system will utilize a Microsoft One Drive storage account and YouTube channel is being developed. This gives us the ability to archive photos and other projects. Send photos you want included to **Mike Vogas** and he will share as soon as it is ready.

KUDOS to **John** and **Sue Noling** along with Kendall Smith, Reeths Puffer outgoing Interact President. Veterans were duly honored and remembered



this Memorial Day as they placed 35 flags along Seaway Drive. They also cleaned litter from

the median strip and brought the flags in at sunset. Volunteers also welcome to help on Flag Day, July Fourth, Labor Day, and Veterans Day. Contact **John Noling** to volunteer.

If you missed this week's Zoom meeting, a recording is available to view [here](#).

WEEKLY COVID REPORT

Kathy Moore The reports continue to get smaller as our cases in Muskegon County continue to decline. Positivity rate raw data showed 6.9%. Statistics change daily. For up-to-date COVID-19 information, check out Muskegon County Public Health's website.

Public Health: www.Muskegonhealth.net

Mask Up Muskegon:

<https://www.maskupmuskegon.org/vaccineinfo>

Christine Robere reminded us to please support public health by helping to get the 20-30-year-olds set up in a vaccine clinic. This age group is the hardest for us to reach. Kellogg Company is supporting the Summer Stock Up. If you would like to contribute go to

www.unitedwaylakeshore.org, on the front page click the Summer Stockup button to donate through the month of June.

Please encourage folks in need to call 211 for services, including mental health on an anonymous line.

The new YMCA Goodwill Early Learning Center in the former McLaughlin Elementary is opening on June 10 and currently has 14 children enrolled with room for up to 72.

Paul Harris Awards

Presented by **Susan Crain** and well-deserved by **Linda Juarez**. Linda has



been managing Hackley Community Care for over 30 years in her current position as CEO. Linda,

as gracious and humble as always, reminds us that what she appreciates most about a Paul Harris Fellow is it is not about an individual. She is blessed and grateful to this community and the amazing people who step up again and again, Muskegon Rotarians in particular.

Orville Crain presented **Kathy Moore** with a Paul Harris Fellow. Kathy,

Muskegon County Director of Public Health, has been providing care and volunteering in our community for over 30 years. Did you know....Kathy started as a Candy Stripper?



Congratulations and thank you Linda and Kathy for all that you do!

New Member Induction

Nancy Crandall provide a bio for new Member **Mary Tripod** (pronounced Tre-po). Mary has actually been a



Rotarian since May 2020 but was never formally inducted. Mary has 10-year-old twins, and

after moving to Traverse City a few years ago, they took a year off to travel around the country in an RV. After returning she took her current position as Executive Director of Muskegon Surgical Associates. Mary lives in Whitehall and is finishing her first year of studying toward her Doctoral Degree in Health Care Administration at Central Michigan.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Michigan State University Extension: Conversation about MSUE and its value and importance to the State and Muskegon County

RIM Reporter: **Susan Holkeboer**



Facilitator: **D.J. Hilson, Muskegon County Prosecutor**
Panelists: Tanya Pel and James Kelley



Tanya Pel is the 4-H coordinator for Muskegon County. She has been here for over five years and in her present role about 3 1/2. She

studied History and Women's Studies at CMU for her undergraduate program and is currently studying Social Innovation for her Master's Program at Grand Valley University. She grew up in Fremont on the family dairy farm and was a 4-H member for most of her childhood. She has loved having her job for the last five years and giving back to an organization that meant so much to her and her family. She's also a member of the Greater Muskegon JCI and has lived in Muskegon for three years now and loved getting to know the community and diving into what makes Muskegon so wonderful.

"We're trying to teach the youth of today to become the leaders of tomorrow through the programs and projects they participate in."

Tanya explained that at its core 4-H is a youth development program where youth learn life skills through participating in various programs and projects. Members can learn about raising and showing animals, they can build up their STEAM skills (science, technology, engineering, art and math), they can learn how to sew and bake and grow vegetables in community gardens, and a lot more. With the help of adult 4-H volunteers, who are vital to the program, they're trying to teach the youth of today to become the leaders of tomorrow through the programs and projects they participate in. Most of the Muskegon County members participate in animal science projects

by raising and showing livestock, horses, and small animals such as dogs and cats. Tanya is looking forward to being able to have many of them participate in the Muskegon County Fair again this year. It's a great way to show off their 4-H animal projects.

One of the longest serving programs in 4-H is their 4-H Tech Wizard program. It's about nine years old and is an after-school mentoring program where adult or teen members are paired up with youth mentees. They get to work on STEAM projects. In the past, they've worked on robotics projects and dissecting old technology like projectors and old laptops. They've gone geocaching in local parks and designed video games and board games.

With the pandemic, the amount of programming 4-H members can participate in has increased. They have been virtual since March 2020 up until very recently. 4-H staff around the state have introduced programs in an amazing variety of interests. Some clubs have Lego building, writing poetry, hiking, babysitting, and Tonya herself created a Harry Potter book club.

4-H also plans and organizes events on state, national, and international levels. 4-H is an international program. Members can attend statewide events like 4-H Exploration Days. This is a large pre-college program at MSU, and those who participate are eligible for a pre-college scholarship at MSU. Youth get to stay at MSU for three days, get a feel of college life, meet club members from across the state, and participate in some unique and fun learning opportunities. It's going to be virtual this year and they are still allowing and accepting registrations for it.

They also get to have national programs like Citizenship Washington Focus. Youth get to go to DC for a week. Internationally, 4-H hosts international students in various study

abroad programs and they also sent 4-H members in the state abroad.



James Kelly has been with MSU Extension for about 2 1/2 years. He is a district director providing support to five counties including

Muskegon. He came to Muskegon from Australia through the YMCA many years ago. He worked at the YMCA camp and then downtown. He transitioned to Baker College for a while, and then directed an extension site in Fremont for Baker College. Now his role is to be a part of community conversations to see how MSU Extension services could be brought into the county and communities to bring the resources of the university out which is the foundation of the university's land grant university title. Back in 1855, the State of Michigan gave MSU some land to put together a university to make learning and knowledge more accessible to the Midwest. With that came the responsibility to spread that knowledge and learning out into the community.

D.J. asked James to explain what MSU extension has to offer. James explained that they have a presence in all 83 counties of the state.

Traditionally, people know them through their agricultural services or 4-H. Before starting his career with them a few years ago, James told us he really didn't know that much about them. Their network across the state allows them to respond to a lot of issues on a pretty effective rollout level which is drawn them into other areas which are probably less traditional.

They have four main areas of focus beyond the agricultural business area. Health nutrition programming is where they have community nutrition instructors who are doing

programming for school systems, working with senior's food pantries, doing a lot of policy systems and environmental work. In Muskegon County we have a couple of folks who are working on those areas with different institutions.

Another institution is called community food and environments. They have a really broad net that they cast related to community engagement supporting local governments. They provide new commissioners school training for new commissioners across the state. They do financial assistance as far as homeownership education, community development, and land-use planning.

"We look for parity in all different areas from race, age, and religion. We want to make sure everyone has equal access to our programs."

There is also trial and youth institute which is what 4-H is part of. They also do other programming relating to social and emotional health, certainly active lifestyles and just supporting family development from birth to 19. It's a really broad list of programming which allows them to really bring resources where there's need. That's the key message James wanted to share that they are only as helpful and successful as the community allows them to be. If you're struggling with a process or any issue within the community, reach out to MSU extension as a resource to see what they might be able to bring to the table in terms of the university resources. James feels he's been challenged over the last 2 1/2 years on many occasions to provide resources for a range of topics, some of which he knew nothing about. He was pleased

to find they had meaningful assistance that could be provided to most folks.

They are very conscious of who they serve through their funds which are federal, state, and county funding. They have a responsibility to make sure they are actively serving all people across the community. One of the things they really push people like Tanya to do is to be aware of what programming she's providing and what pockets are underserved. They look for parity in all different areas from race, age, and religion. They want to make sure everyone has equal access to their programs. That is really important to them.

D.J. asked Tanya how people could become more involved if they wanted to volunteer or somehow provide some service or help to 4-H.

Tanya replied that they're always looking for adult volunteers. There is a process to become a volunteer so if any Rotarian would be interested in starting a 4-H club, starting at 4-H program, or they have a great idea for something, reach out to her and we can get that started.

In general, just like we have partnerships with organizations businesses and community groups to provide new programs and events. For example, in the 4-H Tech Wizard program, they partner with Mona Shores Middle School, the MCC Fab Lab, and the elementary school up in Montague to provide programming.

They recently partnered with a Greater Muskegon JCI group to provide a scavenger hunt this spring on St. Patrick's Day and so many local businesses, especially downtown, donated prizes to that program. So really it's just about teamwork and collaboration. We can't do all the things mentioned about partnerships without adult volunteers to help us. Tanya encourages anyone who is coming up with a new idea, a new program, a new event they could

potentially provide some partnerships with to reach out because she would love to chat.

James also encourages Rotarians who are interested in being a part of working with an issue to keep them in mind when forming a task force or a collaborative group looking at any issue. It may be housing, broadband, increasing the output of your dairy farm, early childhood education, the list is extensive. They have a team that's based in Muskegon County and located the Health Department.

They have an active presence on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/MSUEM.uskegon>). They are posting a lot of programs daily including new programs outside of Muskegon County as well.

Tanya added they are very excited about another scavenger hunt with the Lakeshore Art Festival in June (<https://events.art.may.edu/lakeshoreartchase/>) and are in need of prizes to give away. Any businesses and organizations that would like to donate to that would be welcomed.

Tanya is also leading a statewide nature journaling club that will last July through August and is open to all youth. Follow them on Facebook for when registration will be open. It will be a great way for youth to be more mindful and engaged in nature this summer.



Of course, the Muskegon County Fair is happening the last week of July. Tanya encourages us to come out and see youth in our community

showcase their 4-H projects. The schedule of events should be on the fairground's website in the next month or so.

(<https://www.muskegonfairgrounds.com>)

James stated that they are in the middle of a hiring process that will allow us to provide a manager for the new farm facility and the MCC campus, the new Food Agricultural Research Manufacturing Incubator. So, we're excited to bring MSU resources to that project more formally through staffing.

Another piece to be highlighted is some of the mental health programming that developed over the past year or so. Training in mental health and first aid, both are for adults and youth, has been a huge concern following all the pandemic activity. Also, mindfulness training, anger management training, all kinds related to mental health.

More information about volunteering with 4H & MSU Extension can be found at https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/#/volunteer_home

Tanya can be reached at (231) 724-4739.

Muskegon Rotary Board

Mark Meyers markm@nortonshores.org
Jason Piasecki jason@revel.in
Jane Clingman-Scott janeecs1@comcast.net
Tim Arter tarter@brickleydelong.com
Kathy Betts kbetts01@gmail.com
Linda Juarez juarezl@hccc-health.org
Orville Crain orvilles@comcast.net
Mary Anne Gorman ma.gorman@hotmail.com
Jeff Lewis jeff.lewis@shorelinecity.com
Ginny Sprague ginny.e.sprague@gmail.com
JD Wallace, Sr jdw Wallace88@comcast.net
Doug Wood doug.wood@orchardview.org

RIM Reporting Team

Susan Besteman susan@bestemanproperties.com
Jackie Farrar farrarjackie@yahoo.com
Susan Holkeboer sholkebo1905@aol.com
Bill Johanson bill.johanson@yahoo.com
Kathy Moore MooreKa@co.muskegon.mi.us
Meredith Smillie msmillie@bethany.org
Lori Weiler lori.weiler@summitlawncare.net