






# “Service Above Self”

# Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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## Muskegon Rotary Club

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

**Next Mtg—June 16, 2022, 12:00-1:30pm**

**Hybrid Style – The Lake House & Zoom**

**ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 6/16 5:15 pm**

**Susan Crain's Home**

**Mary Anne Gorman, Director**  
**Jeff Lewis, Director**  
**Doug Wood, Director**  
**Asaline Scott, Director**  
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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 (6/16/22) — Muskegon City Public Art Initiative

O'Leary Public Art Initiative Updates

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

Jane Clingman-Scott June 9

Joanie Smith June 16

Jane Mountain June 23

### NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Stir Fry Buffet

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Annette Jack June 22

Joanie Smith June 22

[Caring Connections Fund](#)

### PROGRAMS / EVENTS

6/16 Muskegon City Public Art Initiative

6/23 SafeSeniors Collaborative: A

Team Based Approach to Elder Justice

6/30 Passing of the Gavel

### VISITORS & GUESTS



Steve Thiele, guest of Susan Crain



Chani Collins, guest of Jeff Bessinger



Teresa Wendt, guest of Myra Dutton



Mary Ann Houston Wells, Pastor Nathaniel Wells III, Chanita Wells Vance, Jesse Vance, Tiffany Wells Alexander, Courtney Alexander, guests of Asaline Scott

### In Memoriam



Former Rotarian  
 Wayne Arthur Clock,  
 age 90, passed away  
 peacefully  
 surrounded by his  
 family on Thursday,  
 June 9, 2022. He was  
 born in Muskegon, MI on July 19, 1931  
 to Thomas & Addie (Pattenger) Clock  
 Sr. and proudly served his country as a  
 pilot in the US Navy. He married the  
 former Carolyn VanDyke on November  
 27, 1954 and she preceded him in  
 death in 2013. Mr. Clock was the  
 former owner of Clock Funeral Home

The Muskegon Rotary Youth Leadership  
 Conference is June 15-18 at Ferris State  
 University. Click [here](#) to learn more  
 about the awardees on our YouTube  
 channel.



and had served on the board of National Selected Morticians. Wayne was a member of Samuel Lutheran Church where he served on the council and also sang in the choir. He was a past President of the Muskegon Public Schools Board of Education, had served on the board of Muskegon Federal Savings and Loan, the Muskegon Country Club and the Hume Home. Wayne enjoyed golfing, sailing, skiing and playing the clarinet in the Scottville Clown Band. SERVICE Friday, June 17, 2022, 11:00 AM at Clock Chapel - Muskegon. Interment in Restlawn Cemetery. VISITATION Thursday, June 16, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Clock Funeral Home. MEMORIAL: Camp Pandalouan or Harbor Hospice. Please click [here](#) to leave a memory or sign the online guestbook.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**President Jason** - \$12,000.00 was raised at Parties in the Park last week. Volunteers still needed for the Seaway Run on **June 25**. Our goal is 100 participants from Muskegon Rotary.

**DEI** – **Nancy McCarthy** and **Mary Anne Gorman** provided an announcement of the Business Equity Initiative Fund. This fund is for women in business, especially women of color. The application process went live June 1. We have raised \$20K for the first round of grants and hope that it will help people feel like they've got something to succeed with, foster and work together to have a vibrant Muskegon community where everyone succeeds. Fund and eligibility information is available online. The grant administrator organization is Michigan Women Forward <https://miwf.org/>. This is where to apply.

Community Foundation has worked with us helping with the project. Specific requirements to apply for grants between \$1k-5k by women business owners. Must be residents registered as a business and in business at least 1-3 years. Please help get the word out If you know anyone who would be

interested in applying for these grants. Ask Nancy or Mary Anne questions. Big Hairy Audacious Goal is \$300,000 in the next year three years.

**John Noling** provided a Life Leadership update. We will be **honoring Orville Crain's** memory with a tree planted at Rotary Park in two weeks. It was be a beautiful red maple in the center by the musical instruments if anyone is interested in helping. Also working with **Bob Lukens** on improvements to the park. There are 22 young people attending the Life Leadership Conference at Ferris. Raised \$6,500 from our club, without Party in the Park, Seaway Run, or Grape Escape. This is a signature program for our club and our district.

**Tim Lipan** – Clipper game rescheduled for tonight (June 9)

**ReWine Update:** next meeting is **June 16, 2022** at **Susan Crain's** home, 349 Terrace Point Circle, Muskegon. Susan will provide snacks, beer, and wine. Her number is 231-282-1818.

**Marcia Hovey-Wright** – Volunteers still needed for Juneteenth Celebration - Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>.

### This Week's Spotlight: Rich Kramer



**Rich Kramer** joined Rotary in 1996 to meet people and discover ways to serve in the community. Rich has been married for 28 years to his wife Pam and has two adult children. He was born and raised in Muskegon, attended Reeths-Puffer,

graduated from Hope College, and enjoys spending time outdoors. Rich is a partner and President at Shoreline Insurance (27 years at the agency). Rich is part of the Rotary Scholarship Committee and enjoys watching the students move forward. To view the video, click [here](#).

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Juneteenth National Independence Day

Presenters **Troy Bell** and Jennifer Ross

*RIM Reporter:* **Jackie Farrar**



On January 1st, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation which stated all enslaved people in the confederate territory in rebellion against the Union "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free." At the time, many enslavers moved to Texas. They felt the state was a "safe haven" for slavery since there was not a large Union presence or large-scale fighting over the matter. When the war ended in June 1865, General Granger arrived in Galveston Texas with news of the Emancipation Proclamation. Slavery was officially abolished by December of that year and 2 years after it was written into law.

June 19, 1865, is considered by some to be America's 2nd Independence Day even though it took 155 years to become recognized as a Federal Holiday. It was federally recognized after one of the most intense years of social upheaval in modern American history that included the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery.



## Juneteenth in Muskegon

### 2014 - 2020

- Paul Allen Billings, owner and operator of 103.7 The Beat, started hosting Juneteenth Celebrations in Muskegon from 2014 – 2016



- In the summer of 2020 during the height of Black Lives Matter protests there was a Juneteenth Protest and census push at Hackley Park

### 2021

- After the turnout at the 2020 Hackley Park Protest, Jennifer Ross and others recognized a void in local celebrations of this historic event, especially in a county as diverse as Muskegon, and Juneteenth Muskegon Heights was born
- Muskegon Heights 2020 was mostly a grassroots crowdfunded event put together by local organizers and funded by small dollar donations from individuals and corporate sponsors



- Thousands attended the fireworks and some parked across Seaway Drive to watch the display
- This was an opportunity to show off the local gem that is Mona Lake Park. There was a diverse crowd and no incidents of note. It was an opportunity to celebrate diversity and showcase the City of Muskegon Heights

### 2022

- In 2021 Juneteenth Muskegon Heights proved to be a success. and word of mouth was so strong they raised the vast majority of this year's funds from corporate donors and non-profit groups
- Expansion from 1 day to a 3-day event (June 17-19) partnering with Rotary Club of Muskegon which is hosting their annual Community Mixer on Friday June 17th, a networking mixer on Saturday June 18th, and June 19th is a full day of events including fireworks.

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## Paul Harris Fellow

**Bishop Nathaniel Wyoming Wells, Jr.  
(In Memory)**

Presented by **Asaline** and **Brianna Scott**

Bishop Nathaniel Wyoming Wells, Jr.-- a stalwart leader in the community and the Church of God in Christ (COGIC)—completed his earthly service on March 24, 2020. Over the course of his 78 years, he created a tremendous legacy of devotion to the church, faithfulness to God, and fidelity to his family.

In his early years, Bishop Wells had two loves: music and basketball. He became a star forward on his high school basketball team, The Benton Harbor Tigers. Off the court he could often be found on stage demonstrating his vocal talents or showing off a little swagger on the saxophone as the front man for this band, The Decathlons. But as he grew toward manhood there would be only one great love of his life: Mary Ann (Houston) Wells. The two met in high school, married, and had five children. As a young husband and father, Bishop Wells became a stand-out insurance agent for Metropolitan Life, but even as he rose to the pinnacle of the industry, he knew he had a higher calling.

Working alongside his father, Bishop Wells heeded that call and entered the ministry. He became pastor of Muskegon's Holy Trinity Institutional Church of God in Christ in 1976, and upon the death of his father in 1983, assumed leadership at Community Church of God in Christ in Benton Harbor. With a strong work ethic that was exceeded only by his faith in God, Bishop Wells set about building a ministry that would transform hundreds of lives. His vision was to serve both the spiritual and temporal needs of his congregations, and from that vision, his Total Man Ministry was born.

**"We have always spiritualized our people, but we have never done total man ministry," he told *The Muskegon Chronicle* in 2000. "We don't minister to the mind and body as well as the spirit."**

He would go on to establish programs in education, housing, transportation, and childcare. In 1991, Bishop Wells founded the Trinity Nonprofit Housing Corporation, which built and operated affordable housing developments across the Midwest. In 1995, he founded the Tri-Valley Academy charter school. He also put in place a transportation system that ferried workers to and from jobs in nearby cities. The system contributed \$6 million to West Michigan cities annually.

Additionally, Bishop Wells served on the Board of Directors for TCT Television Network, where he broadcast his Total Man Ministry across the globe to 147 countries on a weekly basis.

He received several awards for his contributions to the betterment of the community. In 1975, he was named an NAACP Man of the Year. He was given the statewide Jeanne Peterson Award in Affordable Housing in 1999. A year

later, he received the Muskegon County Economic Development Award and the Muskegon Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award. In 2003, he was named Most Influential Person of the Year in Muskegon.



Mary Ann Houston Wells and Pastor Nathaniel Wells III accept the Paul Harris Fellow on behalf of Bishop Nathaniel Wyoming Wells, Jr.

Even as he focused on the needs of his flocks in Michigan, Bishop Wells became a leader in the national Church of God in Christ, the largest African-American Pentecostal denomination in the United States. In 1985, he was elevated to the position of Jurisdictional Bishop for Western Michigan and went on to serve two terms with the National Trustee Board and the National Judiciary Board. He was then elected to the General Board—the distinguished twelve-member governing body of the national church—and served until his passing. As he continued to grow in his faith, he remained both a student of theology—earning a doctoral degree in theology from Midwest Theological University in 2014—and a powerful teacher. He authored two books that drew upon his faith and family: *Drawing from the Wells* and *Overcoming Satanic Devices*.

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## See What's Happening at YOUR Museum!



**LAKESHORE  
MUSEUM CENTER**

### Upcoming Events

Muskegon Paintings Opening Reception  
 History & Science Museum  
 June 10 - [>>more info](#)

All Access Tour  
 Historic Sites  
 June 10 - [>>more info](#)

Insects & Spiders  
 History & Science Museum  
 June 11 - [>>more info](#)

STEM Workshops: Pioneer Science  
 History & Science Museum  
 June 15 - [>>more info](#)

FREE Community Day:  
 Telecommunication  
 Heritage Museum  
 June 16 - [>>more info](#)

Mini Museum Explorers: Who's in the Forest?  
 History & Science Museum  
 June 16 - [>>more info](#)

Downtown Muskegon Walking Tours  
 History & Science Museum  
 June 17 - [>>more info](#)

Roaring 20s Tea  
 Historic Sites  
 June 18 - [>>more info](#)

Father's Day Card Craft  
 History & Science Museum  
 June 18 - [>>more info](#)

FREE Tours for Dad  
 Historic Sites  
 June 18 - [>>more info](#)

Downtown Muskegon Walking Tours  
 History & Science Museum  
 June 21 - [>>more info](#)

Museum Explorers: History of Copper  
 History & Science Museum  
 June 21 - [>>more info](#)

STEM Workshops: Fluid Dynamics  
 History & Science Museum  
 June 22 - [>>more info](#)

Carnival of Business & Industry  
 Heritage Museum  
 June 22 - [>>more info](#)

Little Learners: Color  
 History & Science Museum  
 June 23 - [>>more info](#)

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# FOOD TRUCK

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**JUNE 15 • JULY 13 • AUGUST 17**

**5PM - 8PM**






## Clippers Carload Photos

June 9, 2022

Courtesy of Susan Besteman



## Snacks Needed for Boys & Girls Club of West Michigan

B&G Club of West Michigan needs YOUR help now-June 30th!

We have a need for shelf stable snacks and beverages for our Summer Programs. Our goal is to collect 6,000 snacks and drinks by June 30th!

Please drop off your shelf stable food and beverage donations Monday-Friday 7am-7pm at The Clubhouse MKG (900 W Western Ave, Muskegon, MI 49441) or you can ship your item(s) to the same address!

You can check our [Amazon Wish List](#) for ideas or to shop. We are looking for individually packaged snacks such as crackers, cookies, chips, fruit snacks, granola bars, fruit cups, applesauce, etc. Also bottled water, mini-Gatorade/sports drinks, flavored waters, etc.

Contact Kendyl White  
[kwhite@bgclubmuskegon.com](mailto:kwhite@bgclubmuskegon.com)  
231-215-5050

*Q: Will I receive a tax receipt?*

A: Yes! Please provide a copy of your store receipt, full name, and mailing address (or email address) and we will send one to you!

*Q: I have fresh fruit; can I bring that as a snack donation?*

A: We prefer shelf stable foods; however, we are able to accept apples, bananas, and oranges. Please do not bring berries or soft skinned fruit as they may expire before they are consumed.

*Q: Why do you need snack and beverage donations?*

A: We need snack and beverage donations due to a gap in funding from grants. Our Summer Program hours have the funding for us to provide lunch and a snack to each member; however, we have several members that will not have the opportunity to

have dinner once they leave the Club. We are relying on you to help us fill this gap in meals for our members.

*Q: Do you have a flyer that I can hang up at my place of work?*

A: Yes! We greatly appreciate you wanting to spread the word about our Snack Drive. You can print our flyer [HERE](#).



The last day to register for the installation of District Governor, Paul Heroman is Friday, June 17th. This event is being sponsored by Amway so there is no cost, but donations are appreciated. This is a chance to show our thanks to DG Gary Chenoweth for all his efforts this past Rotary year, and start out the new Rotary year welcoming Paul. It is also a great time for fellowship with other Rotarians in our district. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register!