

The RIM Newsletter

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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

March 21, 2024

Next Meeting (March 28, 2024, 12-1:30pm) — Meatloaf Buffet at the Delta
Program Topic – DEI Committee – The Great Michigan Read

What's Coming

March 28 – DEI & The Great Michigan Read
April 4 – How to Birth - Doulas
April 11 -- Tri-Share Program/State of
Childcare

Upcoming Birthdays

March 28 J.J. Lewis
March 29 Howard Hardesty
March 31 Gregory Pittman
April 1 Jeremy Garcia
April 1 Brandon Turnbull
April 3 Tom Palmer

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Greeters This Week

Walter Mrotz & Irma Carney

Reflectors

Darlene Collett	Mar 21
Roger Morgenstern	Mar 28
Eileen Stoffen	April 4
Jane Clingman-Scott	April 11

RIM Reporting this Edition

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3/21/2024 Muskegon Rotary
YouTube Video Link: [Click Here](#)

VISITORS & GUESTS



Don Kalisz introduced **Matt Ryzenga**
(Kindred Marketing Lead Director)



Melissa Moore introduced her
guests, **Jenna Lakos** (Read Muskegon
Development Coordinator) and **Jeane
Carefelle** (Read Muskegon)



Rob Mathis brought prospective new
members **Angela Ferrier** (ATA Title
Account Executive) and **Ken Ferrier**
(HomeFlex Realty Broker/Owner)



Tim Arter brought **Tim Tuthill** as his
guest (Association for Blind & Visually
Impaired CEO)



Kendrah Robinson got the crowd
cheering for our Reeths-Puffer guests.
Assistant Principal, **Kristia Whitaker**,
introduced two of her seniors, **Emerson
Gezelle** (who plans to attend the
University of Michigan) & **Trent Ryker**
(he plans to attend Ferris State
University).

Meetings at the Delta

Muskegon Rotary Thursday noon
meetings will be at the Delta for
the next few weeks.

ReWine meetings are every first
and third Thursday each month at
5:15pm at Walker's (in the Delta).

Last Week's Program: Reducing Recidivism Among Justice – Involved Women



Speaker: Tatum Hawkins
Introduced by: **Andy Buelow**
Reporter: **Meredith Smillie**

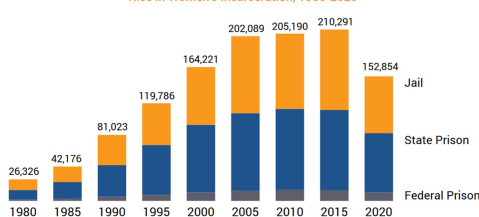
Andy Buelow introduced Tatum Hawkins, Director of Development and Communications for Women's Resource Center in Grand Rapids. Tatum presented on services for Justice-Involved Women in Muskegon County.



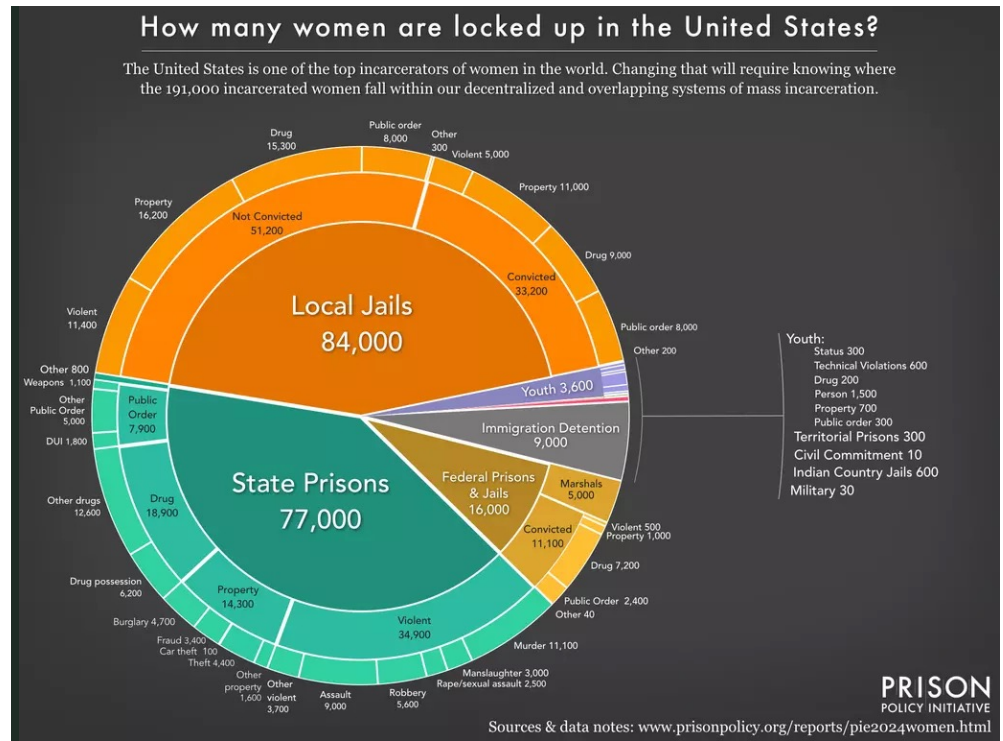
Tatum shared about the Women's Resource Center was founded in 1973 and focused on work force

development and giving voice to pursue goals and dreams. Tatum focused her discussion on the New Beginnings Program which prepares women in successfully returning to their community and alleviate barriers to recidivism. They provide this service 60-90 days prior to their release from incarceration and be more successful when they do return home. There has been a significant increase in the women's incarceration rates. The

Rise in Women's Incarceration, 1980-2020



Sources: Bureau of Justice Statistics: Historical Corrections Statistics in the United States 1980-1984 (1980); Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear Series (1997-2020); Prisoners Series (1980-2020). Washington, DC.



growth is very disproportionate compared to men's incarceration rates. New Beginnings also noted that many services are geared towards men.

Women are most likely to be lodged in their local jails and in state prisons. Many women are found to be serving jail time due to offenses committed by their significant others. There is only one state prison for women: Huron Valley Correctional Facility. County jails are much more accessible as the correctional facility for women is located in Ypsilanti.

New Beginnings supports women both pre and post release. They are provided with career coaching, goal setting, mentorship and workforce classes via individual case managers and group classes. This additional support provides not only support but allows women to truly set their own goals and improve their outcomes post release. The program is offered to all women, and they are able to opt into the program; it is not mandated.

New Beginnings has been involved with the Muskegon County Jail for approximately three years now. They are using evaluative metrics within the

program, such as number of women involved, recidivism, and classification of charges. Tatum did note that women of color are more likely to be incarcerated in the state of Michigan. National recidivism rate is 50-60% and the rate for women participating in New Beginnings is around 16%. The program is in the process of full evaluation, and they continue to work towards this program becoming an evidenced based program.

Key partnerships include correctional facilities, local jails, housing providers, childcare providers, substance abuse treatment, probation and parole offices and counseling. Additionally, there is a business center to access computers/internet, resume writing assistance, scholarship programs for education or training, divorce workshop and mentoring. Locally, the Women's Resource Center partners with Every Women's Place, the Exit Program, and Muskegon Rescue Mission. New Beginnings is funded through Foundation Grants and some funding from Kent County. In Muskegon County, it is through the Michigan Justice Fund and other private donors.

Member Spotlight Don Crandall



Dr. **Don Crandall** is a retired surgeon and has been contributing to local and international efforts in water and sanitation for decades. He and his wife, **Nancy**, have been leaders in our club's efforts to involve students as well. Starting with a request to bring two teenagers along to experience the education and inspiration of international service, our international aid programs now include scores of high school students every year.

Watch the video [here](#).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Truck



Arn Boezaart reminded our 17 volunteers to arrive at 4:00 pm for our Rotary sponsored food truck this coming Wednesday, March 27, at Temple Methodist Church (2500 Jefferson, Muskegon).



The man on the right is MSU head basketball coach Tom Izzo, currently in hot pursuit of an NCAA national basketball championship. Does anyone know the man on the left?

March Madness Brave Rotarian Contest



Meredith Smillie has seven slots in the draft for March Madness. We need to fill up this bracket! Not only do you have three chances to win a Paul Harris Fellow, but you will also fulfill your suggested contribution to the Rotary Foundation. It is a win-win situation for all. \$100 is due on March 28 for all participants. If you have already completed sign up and paid, thank you. I will be at Rotary on March 28 and can take your cash or check (put March Madness on the memo line), or you may mail it to my attention at 175 West Apple Avenue Muskegon MI 49440. Contact me at 616-566-9828 or msmillie@bethany.org to register!

Great Michigan Read

Irma Carney gave an announcement encouraging all to participate in The Great Michigan Read with the book, "Fire Keeper's Daughter." Register here to meet the author on April 17th at 6pm at Orchard View High School:

<https://madl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=9705&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2024/04/17>



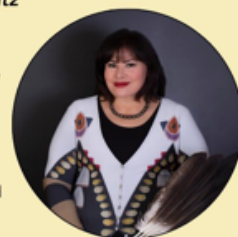
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AUTHOR VISIT ANGELINE BOULLEY

Bestselling Young Adult Novelist Printz Medal & Morris Award Winner

Don't miss out on your chance to hear from best-selling author Angeline Boulley, who will be visiting Muskegon as a stop on her tour for the Great Michigan Read. She will be speaking about her book *Firekeeper's Daughter*, an electrifying thriller layered with a rich exploration of the modern Native experience, a reckoning of current and historical injustices, and a powerful celebration of community. A book sale and signing will follow the presentation.



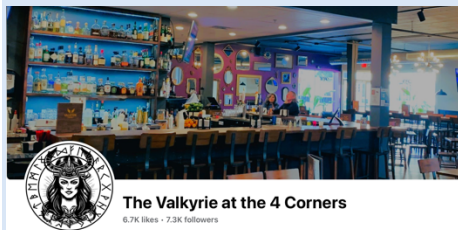
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 | 6:00 PM
ORCHARD VIEW HIGH SCHOOL**

REGISTER AT [MADL.ORG/MIREAD](https://madl.org/miread)

POURS FOR COMMUNITY



The Pours for Community is coming up soon! The proceeds are used for the Muskegon Rotary charities. Below are the designated locations this year; including a bonus Trivia Night at the Valkyrie this year so get your team together now!



Thursday, April 11 – Valkyrie
(This will be a trivia night.)
6 – 9 PM
1900 Ruddiman Dr, North Muskegon



Friday, April 19 -- Wonderland Distilling Co. 4 – 6 PM
1989 Lakeshore Dr, Muskegon



Monday, April 22 -- Unruly Brewing
5 - 7 PM
360 W. Western Ave, Muskegon



Thursday, April 25 at 794 Kitchen
5 - 7 PM
794 Pine St, Muskegon

Rotary After Hours – IndiGrow Craft Cultivation



Ever wonder what goes on in a cannabis dispensary. Interested in learning more about medicinal marijuana and its uses? Ever wonder about the new law that is making recreational cannabis legal? Interested in learning about a new Microbusiness in downtown Muskegon? We have just the opportunity for you; join us for a Rotary Social & Informational Event at downtown Muskegon's newest microbusiness, IndiGrow. All Rotarians are invited to attend (must be 21 years and older) IndiGrow Craft Cultivation Cannabis Dispensary (639 W. Clay Ave, Muskegon) on Thursday, March 28th at 5:30 – 7pm.

Enjoy the comradery of Rotary members in a relaxed atmosphere outside of the meeting setting. Appetizers and a variety of beverages will be provided (no alcohol). Learn about the cannabis business from beginning to end. A brief presentation will be shared and tours of the dispensary showroom to educate and inform Rotary members on the many uses of cannabis for recreation, as a tool for combating pain and anxiety, and many other medicinal uses. There is no cost to attend but sign up with this link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44AFAA2CABFFC16-48642152-social>

Muskegon Rising Ep 11: Marisela Sierra - Navarro's Mexican Takeout



This week on the Muskegon Rotary Club's Muskegon Rising Podcast, we're serving up a delicious conversation with Marisela Sierra, the third-generation owner of Navarro's Mexican Take-Out in Muskegon Heights.

Navarro's has been a community favorite for nearly 45 years, and Marisela is keeping the family recipes alive while introducing exciting new flavors to their loyal customers.

Tune in to hear Marisela's story, her passion for food, and how she's making a positive impact in the community.

Listen to Episode 11 wherever you get your podcasts.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/14720558-marisela-sierra-navarro-s-mexican-takeout>



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Or visit it on YouTube at:
<https://youtu.be/NMa8NK0LhVo?si=TiQvRaBWL7UGp4R3>

NEW INDUCTIONS

Darwin Smith



Darwin Smith was born and raised in Muskegon Heights, MI. He attended and graduated from St. Michael's Elementary School, Muskegon Catholic Central in high school. After high school he attended Muskegon Community College then transferred to Ferris State College to eventually get accepted to the School of Pharmacy and graduated in 1986. After receiving his diploma and passing the Board he returned to work with his mother, Carolyn Patterson. His mother, the owner and operator of Patterson Drugstore in Muskegon Heights, MI. In addition, he worked at Eastside Clinic to dispense methadone for to people recovering for addiction. In the next 10 years he ventured in owning and operating two convenience stores and becoming a landlord with the assistance of a business partner. In 2010, he decided to relocate to the Metro Detroit Area and open an Independent Retail Pharmacy of his own called, DLS Discount Pharmacy on Grand River Ave. The store was eventually moved to a better location on Woodward and Grand Boulevard Avenue in the Midtown area to serve marginalized and elderly patients. In later 2019, he challenged with dealing with becoming a caretaker for his elderly parents, who were so instrumental in his growth and

developed, that after having to traveling to town quite frequently, that is was the best decision to relocate back to Muskegon County during their Golden Years. The promise to his dying mother to continue her legacy of teaching the youth Mentorship, Entrepreneurship and acquiring seed money leads him here today to become a part of this great community of high achievers to network and connect to Empower the youth and young adults of Muskegon County through his 501.3.c, Muskegon County Renaissance Fellowship to educate and empower the next generation. Thank you, for accepting him, Darwin Smith into this great community of people and he was ever intention to make you proud. Darwin is sponsored by **Karen Buie**.

Amanda Rupert



Amanda was born in Fremont and raised in Muskegon by her mother Laura and stepfather David. She attended Muskegon High School but graduated from Orchard View. Amanda also has a daughter named Elizabeth, who is 21 years old.

Amanda is the self-proclaimed Volunteer Queen! She volunteers for many events in Muskegon, including the Michigan Irish Music Fest, Unity Christian Music Festival, Taste of Muskegon, Lakeshore Art Festival, and the Seaway Run. She also

volunteers in Nashville, TN at a homeless shelter.

Amanda is a current student at MCC, where she is studying Business Management. She would like to eventually own a music production studio and promote new singers to the world. While she was attending Baker College, she was a member of the Baker College Rotaract Club, where she helped to raise money for The Muskegon Rescue Mission, Kids food Basket, and the Boys and Girls club of Muskegon.

While prepping for today, Kevin asked Amanda this question: What inspires you about being a member of the Muskegon Rotary Club? Her response was, "I will have to say the people because everywhere I go, I see a lot of you all volunteering and making a difference. I want to continue to make a difference for my community as well."

Amanda currently works at Big Lots in Muskegon, where she is training to be a team lead.

In her free time, (you know, when she isn't working, volunteering, or attending classes) Amanda likes to hang out with her daughter and watching a good movie. They also like to shop!!!

Amanda will be a member of the ReWine satellite group, where she has already jumped on the volunteer bandwagon by helping at the chili cookoff back in February.

In Kevin's opinion, Amanda epitomizes the Rotary motto, "Service above self". She is going to be a fabulous Rotarian and I look forward to working with her on many Rotary service projects.

Amanda, welcome to the Muskegon Rotary Club! Amanda is sponsored by **Kevin Ricco**.