

Next Meeting (5/18/23) — Across the Bridge

Muskegon and Grand Haven Rotary Clubs show they can build goodwill and better friendships as well as be beneficial to all concerned. "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

Rachel Gorman

REFLECTORS

Rich Houtteman	May 11
Emily Morgenstern	May 18
OPEN	May 25
(Contact Alan Alpert if you can help)	

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Kendrah Robinson	May 19
Peter DeBoer	May 20
Peter Wills	May 21
Pam Babbitt	May 22
Craig Pirrotta	May 24
Bob Scolnik	May 24
Caring Connections Fund	
(Remember to donate \$10 on your	

<u>birthday for this great cause!)</u>

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

May 11—A Kid Again May 18—Across the Bridge May 18—ReWine at 5:15 pm Meet at Walker's May 25—Health Disparities Coalition



VISITORS & GUESTS



Cathy Brubaker-Clarke and her guest and future daughter-in-law, Taylor Hawley



Jillian Pastoor, the new executive director of Every Woman's Place, was introduced by her sponsor Jackie Fisher



J.J. Lewis mugs for the camera with his guest, United Way of the Lakeshore intern Shemya Gilmore



Brandon Turnbull, right, and his guest Josh Herder with New School Marketing

STUDENT GUESTS



Students from Reeths Puffer were introduced by Assistant Principal Krista Whitaker: Lauren Nelson & Dylan Mason. Lauren is heading to University of Michigan this fall for a program in nursing and Dylan will be heading to Grand Valley State University for environmental and sustainable studies.

Muskegon Rotary Board

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Please email Club Board Members through this <u>link</u>:

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: A Kid Again



Speaker: Amy Vining Introduced by: **Camille Jourden-Mark** RIM Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**



A Kid Again was founded in 1995. They offer hope, happiness, and healing for families raising a child with a life-threatening condition. This is done by offering year-round group events "Adventures" to help

take their minds off daily stress and challenges while creating memories. When a child experiences a lifethreatening medical illness or a condition, it impacts the whole family. The adventures offered through A Kid Again helps strengthen and rebuild the family unit. Families come together who share similar medical journeys and are given an opportunity to create networks so they can be a support to one another. A Kid Again launched in Michigan in December of 202They have served families across the entire state and are currently serving 1,236 families. Eight adventures have been scheduled for 2023: Virtual Game Night, Detroit Pistons, Michigan Adventures, Jimmy John's Field, Grand Rapids Public Museum, Traverse City Pit Spitters, The Henry Ford Museum, and Milan Dragway. These adventures can help families remember what it's like to live carefree.

Volunteer - Adventure Guide!

Adventure Guide:

There are two main requirements to becoming an

Register as an Adventure Guide with A Kid Again
Complete an A Kid Again background check

In 2016, a study was completed by the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Parents reported on the adventures and experiences both the child and parent had from participating with A Kid Again. The results include:



Kid Data

• Less depression or sadness (83%)

A Kid Again.

- A shift in focus away from illness, toward an optimistic anticipation of something to look forward to (98%)
- An increased desire to give back and help others (86%)
- Improvement in health behaviors and choices made regarding health (57%)

Parent Data

- A stronger connection with other parents and children experiencing similar situations (82%)
- A sense that their family is closer (87%)
- Increase in self-confidence as a parent (77%)

Enrollment and Referral Process

- Family must be the primary caregiver to a child with a lifethreatening condition* (as determined by our medical advisory team or a physician/healthcare specialist)
- Medically complex child must be under the age of 20
- Families can be referred or selfenroll and it's FREE

For more information visit www.akidagain.org or email medicaloutreach@akidagain.org

> A Kid Again Where Illness Stops and Adventure Begins!

New Member Induction-Jillian Pastoor



Jillian is the new Executive Director of Every Woman's Place. She grew up in Muskegon and earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Michigan State. She started her career to end domestic and sexual violence after completing an internship at MSU's Safe Place. Jillian went on to accept a position with AmeriCorps's Vista program as a volunteer coordinator with Safe Harbor on the Flathead Reservation in Montana. In 2006, she moved back to Lansing to utilize her skills with the Eve Program (End Violent Encounters) where she was the **Community Relations Coordinator and** worked for several years before heading back to school for her master's degree in 2013 in Colorado. She then took a job as the Outreach Coordinator for a small, non-profit in Colorado where she was a Crime Victim Advocate and Director of Administration and Outreach. Jillian came back to Michigan in 2017 to work at **Communities Overcoming Violent** Encounters Inc in Ludington. In 2020, she became pregnant with her son and took a short break from social justice. In fall of. 2022, she was recruited and hired as the Director of Development with Every Woman's Place and then went quickly into the role of Executive Director in January. When she is not working or taking care of her family, Jillian spends time outdoors hiking, kayaking, and camping. Jillian is sponsored by Jackie Fisher.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Brandon Davis

An attorney by background, Brandon now heads the Department of Oversight and Accountability for the City of Grand Rapids. He is enthusiastically a Muskegon Rotarian since 2022 and is involved in multiple service organizations. His goodwill and kind spirit make themselves known as soon as he walks in the room. He was born and raised in Michigan and has two adult daughters. Outside of his professional world, he loves spending time with his friends and family.

Interact



Want to see the best of our recent El Salvador Service Trip? Check out this 2.5-minute slide show with music created by **Mike Vogas**. 13 Interactors and 3 Rotarians from Muskegon County made a positive contribution to the lives of grateful families from El Salvador. We are all the better for it!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U68htLFcpqlif0vFO OnmO7QaPEbschmh/view?usp=sharing

Saturdays in May!

STEAM Along the Lakeshore at Hackley Park, 1-3 pm on Saturdays in May. Presented by Muskegon Museum of History and Science. More info can be found <u>here</u>.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Chris Bunda!



BOB BROOKS COMPUTER SALES INC.

We would like to thank Chris Bunda from BBCS (Bob Brooks Computer Sales) who not only came out to help us figure out what type of a scanner we needed to replace our current attendance scanner, but then donated it to us!!!

Thank you, Chris, for all your help and this very generous donation! -Muskegon Rotary

Summer Meetings



Here's a reminder of where we're meeting for the summer, the beautiful Lake House overlooking Muskegon Lake!

No Zoom for a While

Our Rotary lunch Zoom link is not going to be an option for the next couple of months for our weekly meetings. (Our digital expert **Mike Vogas** had shoulder replacement surgery.) If you are a Satellite member and want to attend a meeting, just let **Kim Boersema**

(<u>muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com</u>) know no later than the Monday prior to the meeting. There will be a \$15.00 charge to attend.

Register for Lunches



Don't forget to register for lunches by Monday via SignUpGenius. If you haven't registered by the Monday before the meeting, the greeter will be as accommodating as possible; however, the late registration fees will be added to your bill. Communicate with **Kim Boersema** as quickly as possible regarding the lunch sign-ups via email at muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com.



Seaway Run Countdown!



https://seawayrun.com

Our Club's biggest fundraiser is June 24 and includes a 5k walk, 5 & 10k run, and a half marathon. Your Seaway Run Committee is hard at work securing the allimportant sponsorships and asking for volunteers. And we'll need LOTS of volunteers. Regular exercise, like running or walking, is one of the best ways to improve the health and wellness of our community. Please encourage your friends, family, employees, church groups, school groups, and other organizations to sign up to register by clicking here or to volunteer by clicking here.

Login to ClubRunner



Don't forget about your ClubRunner account! Head online to <u>www.MuskegonRotary.org</u> and click on the "Member Area" button at the top right of the webpage to login. Update your profile (including your

picture), view the directory, check out the committees, and more. Click this link for a video tutorial on "How Do I Login?"

https://www.clubrunnersupport.com /kb/articles/video-how-do-i-login

Is there an app for ClubRunner? YES! Mike Vogas created a video tutorial just for this (click the link below): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-UOj0BvTVmU

Rotary District Conference in Grand Rapids This Year



Register for the Rotary District 6290 Conference in Grand Rapids on May 19th and 20th this year via the QR Code below or click here for the website for more details:

https://www.ridistrict6290.org/page/ district-conference-2023

\$500 District Match Opportunity



Once again, Rotary District 6290 is offering a \$500 Match opportunity for Rotarians to purchase a Paul Harris Fellow award for themselves

or as a gift to another deserving individual. For a limited time only, from April 10 through June 9, 2023, on a firstcome, first-served basis, Rotary District 6290 is offering to match a new gift of \$500 to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund with 500 District recognition points.

• Your contribution must occur between April 10 and June 9, 2023.

• New means you must contribute the entire \$500 during this period. Past contributions will not be included.

• The contribution form must accompany your check. (Last page of this RIM Newsletter or CLICK HERE.)

• If you wish, Ginny is happy to complete the form and submit your Match along with the Muskegon Rotary Club's Match forms.

• Give your check and the name of the person you wish to honor as a Paul Harris Fellow no later than Monday, June 5, so Ginny can mail the required paperwork and checks to meet the District deadline.

Contact **Ginny Sprague** if you have any questions at 231.740.0916 or by email at remsleep1@comcast.net.

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Spotted by RIM's roving camera, Dr. **Todd Rexford** enjoying a conversation with Past President **Roger Spoelman** (right) who is home for the summer from Palm Desert, CA and catching up with fellow Rotarians.



The dates for the play Old Heart are coming up soon! If you would like to attend the play, please visit the link below to purchase your tickets and enjoy the show!

https://silversidesmuseum.us16.listmanage.com/track/click?u=36dd3935c258 08911f4323645&id=4dec966eb5&e=775e 7ff1a8



Rotary International District 6290 Rotary Foundation 500 Recognition Point Match Program

For a limited time only, **April 10 2023, through June 9, 2023,** on a first come first serve basis, Rotary International District 6290 is offering to match a *new* gift of cash or credit card, \$500 to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund, with 500 recognition points to name a Paul Harris Fellow. (Note: "*new*" means that the entire \$500 contribution must be made within the program dates. Earlier partial donations cannot be counted towards the match.)

Please complete the information below and send along with a \$500 USD check payable to *The Rotary Foundation* to: (Please type or write clearly) Please also Note; Credit Card payments are acceptable and CC numbers must be clearly marked on the attached form. Your CC number will be totally private and confidential.

PDG Gary E. Chenoweth District 6290 Foundation Chair 843 Millers Park Elk Rapids, MI. 49629

Forms must be accompanied by a \$500 USD check and postmarked no later than June 9, 2023.

The following Rotarian wants to participate in the district 6290 recognition points match program:

Rotarian's Name

Rotarian's Member ID Number

Rotarian's Address

Rotarian's Phone Number

Rotarian's Email Address

Rotarian's Club Name

\$500 Check payable to The Rotary Foundation, check #_____

Name (as it is to appear on PHF certificate) of person to receive Paul Harris Fellow

Questions? Gary Chenoweth C: 314-814-5324 or E: gchenoweth@ridistrict6290.org