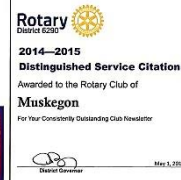


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Muskegon Rotary Club

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

Next Mtg—May 25, 2023, 12-1:30pm

The Lake House – No Zoom

ReWine Sat Club—Next mtg 6/1/23 5:15 pm

Walker's (in the Delta)



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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 (6/1/23) — Health Disparities Coalition

Making sure all people in Muskegon and Oceana County live the longest, healthiest lives possible, with quality medical outcomes.

“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 & Pete DeBoer

REFLECTORS

Emily Morgenstern May 18
 Alan Alpert May 25
 Mary Anne Gorman June 1
 OPEN June 8

(Contact Eileen Stoffan if you can help)

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Marty Sytsema May 27
 Jeff Fortenbacher May 29
 Donata Kidd May 29

Caring Connections Fund

(Remember to donate \$10 on your birthday for this great cause!)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

May 18—Across the Bridge
 May 18—ReWine at 5:15 pm
 May 25—Health Disparities Coalition
 June 1—Rotary Peacebuilder Committee
 June 1—ReWine at 5:15 pm
 Meet at Walker's

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VISITORS & GUESTS



Richard Vanderputte-McPherson
 (Resource Development Director at Boys & Girls Club of Muskegon) -- guest of
Monica Turnbull



Jerry Kuester (prospective member) --
 guest of **Mary Anne Gorman**



Anna Riegler (MSU Neuroscience student and past Life Leadership attendee) --
 guest & daughter-in-law of **Andrea Riegler**

STUDENT GUESTS



With his usual cheer and vigor, **Marty Systema** introduces guests from Whitehall High School. Bobbi Oldenburg is the assistant principal who brought Seniors Kya Mahoney and Alex LeaTrea. Kya plans to head to MCC on the Muskegon Promise then to GVSU for her bachelor's and then to Eastern Michigan University for her master's in Prosthetics and Orthopedic. Alex plans to also head to MCC on the Muskegon Promise for a career in machining.

Thank you, Chris!



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

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Across the Bridge



Panelists: Barbara Lee VanHorsen, Ken James, **Contessa Alexander-Hood**, and Gordon Gallagher
Introduced by: **Arn Boezaart**
RIM Reporter: **Kathy Moore**

The “Across the Bridge” initiative is a newly created cultural immersion collaboration that includes thought leaders from the Grand Haven and Muskegon area communities. It was inspired by Barbara Lee VanHorsen, founder of the Momentum Center for Social Engagement, a nonprofit organization encouraging people to extend more grace to one another; and synergizing partnerships to create a healthier, more inclusive community for all.

The program began with the introduction of speakers.



From left: Gordon Gallagher, Ken James Barbara Lee VanHorsen and **Contessa Alexander**

Barbara Lee VanHorsen – Director of the Momentum Center in Grand Haven, ordained minister, former Muskegon Rotary Club member, and current member of Spring Lake Rotary Club. Ken James – Chief Diversity Officer at Muskegon Community College and co-developer of the Across the Bridge program. Contessa Hood-Alexander – Development Analyst at the City of Muskegon and co-chair of Muskegon Rotary’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

committee. Gordon Gallagher – Spring Lake Township Manager and visiting Rotarian from the Spring Lake Rotary Club.



Ken James kicked off the presentation by explaining why he feels this initiative is important to the Muskegon community...“it helps to tear down perceived stereotypes and minimize the fallacy of separation through discourse dialogue and dissemination of information”. Then Barbara Lee VanHorsen shared her passion and motivation behind her creation. She stated that “immersion is the fastest way to help people see the lens in which they see the world”. Based on her experiences growing up in the Muskegon area, then later moving to Grand Haven – Barbara was alarmed on many occasions by the number of voices (on both sides) who would say things like “they are afraid to cross the bridge” – referring to the drawbridge between Muskegon and Grand Haven. She believes that people really need to spend time with other people whose life experiences are different than theirs.

Barbara also thanked the Muskegon Rotary Club for seeding the first \$500 grant that was leveraged with matches from both the Grand Haven and Spring Lake Rotary clubs to raise a total of \$1,500 to launch Across the Bridge in partnership with Muskegon Community College.

Eight thought leaders from both the Muskegon/Muskegon Heights area and the tri-cities Grand Haven/Spring Lake/Ferrysburg area were recruited to learn, experience, and explore unique qualities, as well as cultural and racial challenges in each community. The participants committed to spending three days and two nights (Friday morning through Sunday afternoon) immersed in each other’s community, sharing the experiences, and discussing truths, while dispelling misconceptions.

Contessa Hood-Alexander shared her experience as a resident of Grand Haven who really didn’t engage or interact much in the area. Her opinion of the tri-cities had been influenced by comments and criticisms she heard from co-workers and other associates – most of whom were white. She described the collaborative immersion weekend as an “impactful experience” that allowed her to explore more of Grand Haven and to talk about diversity and inclusion (one of her many passions). Contessa highlighted that she learned the “power of discernment” in her interactions and beliefs as it relates to interpreting and understanding various encounters, especially in unfamiliar territory. She stated that she was grateful for the opportunity to participate.



Gordon Gallagher advised the audience to positively respond to Ken or Barbara if either of them request participants for this endeavor. He informed us that “this was a remarkable experience” for him. Gordon also shared that he intentionally wore “red” in an effort to fit in when the group attended a Muskegon Big Reds football game; but due to the cold weather, he had to put on his jacket – which, unfortunately, was the opposing team’s school colors. Fortunately, his feelings of awkwardness were comforted by his cohort members and he still felt welcomed. (Probably helped that Muskegon won the game.) Gordon stated that the reflection time that the group held each evening was really special to him. In conclusion, Gordon said that through this experience, he “built relationships that he hoped will stay with him for the rest of his life”. Ken James concluded the program by informing us that they would like to do a second reiteration of the program this fall. Stay tuned for more information.

New Member Induction- CeCe Riley



CeCe Riley grew up in the Muskegon area attending North Muskegon Public Schools and transferring to Mona Shores High School as a Sophomore. After graduating High School, she went on to study at Grand Valley State University, where she obtained her bachelor's degree in communications, minored in tourism management and event planning, and spent a summer studying abroad in Italy. She has spent most of her professional career in the Muskegon area, serving as the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce's Communications Director for 6 years and then working for 6.5 years at HealthWest in a variety of roles, most recently as the manager of their community relations department. In April 2023, she joined the team at Hackley Community Care as the Associate Director of Marketing and Communications. She loves passion oriented non-profit work and is excited to use her skills to support HCC in their marketing and communication efforts. She is an active member in the community, celebrating more than 10 years as member of the Greater Muskegon Jaycees and serving as the past president on the Parties in the Park Board of Directors. She is passionate about JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) work, serves as a member of the Community Foundation's LEAD Giving Circle, and has attended the Institute for Healing Racism and Coming Together for Racial Understanding.

She lives in the southern part of Muskegon County with her husband Steve, daughters Emma and Aria, and their dog Zoe. Her and her family spend a lot of time camping and enjoying Muskegon's wonderful amenities,

festivals, and events. In her free time, she also enjoys kayaking, disc golf, pickleball, cornhole, reading and board games. She is looking forward to joining the Muskegon Rotary Club and supporting the important work of the club. CeCe is sponsored by **Julia Rupp**.

Welcome!

Please welcome the following prospective new members:

Gabrielle Gerlack who is CEO of Muskegon YMCA. Gabrielle is sponsored by **Randy Lindquist** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Gabrielle will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Lisa Kraus who is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. Lisa is sponsored by **Tom Palmer** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Lisa will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Stacey Gomez who the Executive Director of Community Access Line of the Lakeshore Inc. (CALL 211). Stacey is sponsored by **Jim Fisher** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Stacey will be inducted in the next few weeks

Interact Insider

By **John Noling**

Eighteen area high school leaders (and hopefully future Rotarians!) are being sponsored by our club to attend the 74th annual Rotary District 6290 Life Leadership Conference at Ferris State University June 14-17. Developed by Muskegon Rotary in 1949, the Life Leadership Conference, a RYLA program of Rotary, has served over 7,000 youth leaders since its inception. This is our investment in the future.



FEATURED STUDENT LEADERS

In this week's RIM, we feature four Life Leadership student leaders so Rotarians can see the hope and promise we are cultivating.



Tobias Melton, Sophomore, Muskegon High School. Captain of the Wrestling team, 3.9 GPA, plays guitar and saxophone, Law Day speaker, new Rotary Interact member.

Ava Berghuis, Freshman, Holton High School. Strong, talented emerging leader, 3.7 GPA, serves on Superintendent's Advisory Board, DEI, a reader, writer, and designer.



Trenton Rogers, Sophomore, Orchard View High School. Top of his class, involved in Chess, Quizbowl, Robotics, Two sports, and Student Council as an established leader: plans a career in astrophysics and astronomy.

Aricka West, Sophomore, Muskegon Heights High School Academy. Emerging student leader who loves to read and bake, considering business and culinary education.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You, Pam Babbitt & Family!

Thank you for the pretty and tasty cookies for your birthday treat on Thursday.



Muskegon Rotary Harvest Festival



Thursday, October 26th, 2023

Dave Alexander and **Roger Morgenstern** announced this new festival for Muskegon Rotary with a brief and fun dialogue. This event will benefit the Muskegon Rotary Foundation and will be held at Baker College (thank you, **Aaron Maike**) where the culinary students will serve an amazing meal. Since this is Muskegon, Roger and Dave did mention there will be adult beverages as well. Stay tuned for more details and a logo from **Jason Piasecki**. This is scheduled for Thursday, October 26th, 2023. (The announcement at the meeting on Thursday was 10/12/23 but it was quickly found it conflicted with another community event; so it is now set for 10/26/23.)

No Zoom for a While

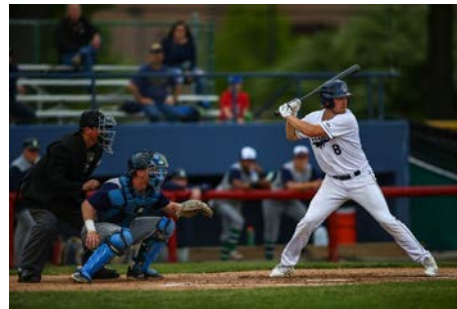
Our Rotary lunch Zoom link is not going to be an option for the next couple of months for our weekly meetings. (Our digital expert **Mike Vogas** had shoulder replacement surgery.) If you are a Satellite member and want to attend a meeting, just let **Kim Boersema** (muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com) know no later than the Monday prior to the meeting. There will be a \$15.00 charge to attend.

STEAM Final Saturday!

STEAM Along the Lakeshore at Hackley Park has their last event at 1-3 pm on Saturday, May 27th. Presented by Muskegon Museum of History and Science. More info can be found [here](#).



Rotary Clipper Baseball Car-Load Party



WHO: All Rotarians, Interact, Rotaract and their family and friends

WHAT: Rotary social event at a Muskegon Clippers Summer Collegiate Baseball Game

WHERE: Historic Marsh Field, 1800 Peck Street, corner of Laketon & Peck

WHEN: Thursday, June 8, 2023. Gates open at 6:00 pm; first pitch 7:05pm
Rain Date: Friday, June 9th

WHAT DO I RECEIVE?

- Admission for everyone in your car
- Free Marsh Field Meal (hot dog and bag of chips)
- Free soft drinks and adult beverages
- VIP Seating
- Games & Giveaways
- In game recognition
- Loads of fun

COST: \$10 per carload

HOW TO SIGN UP: Just sign in your guests at the main gate ticket table at the field. You will be given tickets for your meal and beverages once inside the stadium.

QUESTIONS: Contact Tim Lipan at Lipant@comcast.net or 231-740-0982

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"This is your captain speaking. We apologize for the delays, however, my crew and I will do everything we can during this flight to let you know it's not our fault."

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 all-important 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](#).**

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.

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\$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 first-come, 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. **(Attached below.)**
- 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.

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