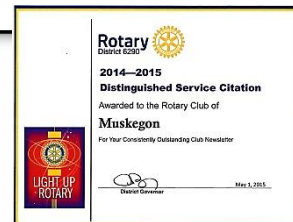


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Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916

Next Mtg—June 1, 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) — Rotary PeaceBuilder Committee

"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

Alan Alpert	May 25
Mary Anne Gorman	June 1
Andrea Riegler	June 8
OPEN	June 15
Kathy Moore	June 22
Emily Morgenstern	June 29

(Contact Eileen Stoffan if you can help)

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Jason Piasecki	June 1
Martin Asplund	June 7

Caring Connections Fund

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

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

May 25—Health Disparities Coalition
June 1—Rotary Peacebuilder Committee
June 1—**ReWine at 5:15 pm**
Meet at Walker's
June 8—Harbor 31
June 15—Rotary Program Committee Tune-Up

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VISITORS & GUESTS



President Jane introduces her guest and visiting Rotarian from the White Lake Club, Tom Moore (and at the time unbeknownst to us all....the spouse of our latest Paul Harris Fellow **Melissa Moore**)



Rachel Gorman and her guest **Carla M. Flanders**. Carla's firm, CMF Marketing, has been retained by the Club to assist with our new fall event, Harvest Fest, scheduled Oct. 26 at the Culinary Institute of Michigan (CIM) downtown.



Arn Boezaart, right, and his guest **Pastor Jared Rider**.



Lorie VanGennep – guest of **Asaline Scott**



Nancy McCarthy, right, and her guest **Jill Montgomery Keast**, mug for the **RIM** camera.



Mort Kantor, left, brought as his guest his very wise son in law **Dr. Nick Vitale**. He said he took the microphone to keep Mort from saying what was really on his mind!

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Health Disparities Coalition



Introduced by: **Nancy McCarthy**
RIM Reporter: **Meredith Smillie**
Speakers: Catalina Burillo (Community Health Improvement Coordinator Trinity Health-Health Project) and Lionel Alexander III (Process Manager Public Health Muskegon County)

Nancy McCarthy introduced our speakers for today. Nancy is also on the Muskegon Health Disparities Coalition as the Rotary DEI committee representative. Catalina has been with the Health Project for 8 years but is based in Oceana County. Trinity Health is the fiduciary for the Coalition. Their mission is to serve together in the spirit of the Gospel, as a compassionate and transporting healing presence within our communities. The Coalition hopes to make connections and lead the community through their health journey and overcoming health barriers and to ensure diversity of various areas coming together to promote well-being. Coalition exists to help providers and residents improve the overall health of Muskegon County, assisting us to live longer and to ensure that the hiring of staff is representative of the population served.



access to health services, as well as respectful and inclusive of recipients of our health systems. Catalina noted that each Rotarian was provided a card noting the health disparities present in Muskegon County. This includes key data points and how we can work together to better achieve health equity in Muskegon County.

MHDC's efforts as a result of the CHNA
Health Disparity Report Card



The health disparity report card has evolved over time and is located on their website, as well downloadable as a PDF. They were able to tabulate infant health and mortality rates, mental health, diabetes, sexually transmitted infections, substance use, poverty and other health conditions associated as disparate for persons of color.

Catalina also provided us a timeline of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives that have been provided by the Muskegon Health Coalition over the past ten years. The Coalition is helping to promote and teach culturally and linguistically appropriate standards by promoting



health and diversity at a leadership level, offering language services at no cost to ensure equal access, ensuring competence of language of service providers, establishing culturally and linguistically appropriate goals and conducting assessment of service provision. They are also offering BOCA CLAS which are the national standards for Building Organization Capacity to Adopt and Implement Culturally and Linguistically standards to eliminate disparities and improve health to all groups of people and to increase workforce diversity. The BOCA-CLAS Standards are part of a statewide initiative to increase awareness and adoption of a set of 15 guidelines designed by the Office of Minority Health to help organizations integrate cultural competence into their operations. Visit the HHS.gov website to learn more and see if your organization meets these standards. The Coalition is actively working to increase the number of organizations that adopt or implement the enhanced standards. They are impacting local governments through education on CLAS, providing training options in CLAS standards, implement new policy actions and to improve cultural competence in local county businesses and to submit a resolution to the county government and local businesses.

Muskegon Health Disparity Coalition continues to raise awareness and educate our community via outreach events (such as Juneteenth and the Latino Festival). Catalina also noted that much of the information that was presented today is available via their website.



The Coalition was formed in response due to disparity of access and data for information and state of health for minority parties. This group was formed to help solve the inequities of

Learn more about who we are:



Our website:

muskegonhealthdisparities.org

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 another seven Life Leadership student leaders so Rotarians can see the hope and promise we are cultivating.



La'Taizah Allen, sophomore, Muskegon Heights Academy, active in Track and Band, wanting to meet other leaders, learn new things, and take action.

Kaydynce VandenBosch, sophomore, Mona Shores High School, Concert and Marching Band, Interactor, upcoming Youth Exchange outbound to Italy, no stranger to volunteering to serve others.



Mallory Rich, sophomore, Muskegon Catholic HS, established student leader and organizer in many sports and clubs, student Class President, always

interested in leaving things better than she found them.

Veer Saini, sophomore, Mona Shores High School, very talented and driven school leader and volunteer with strong business skills, wants to open more doors for Mona Shores Rotary Interact Club.



Apichaya (Design) Laorattanakul, Senior, Reeths Puffer HS, Youth



Exchange inbound from Thailand, played basketball this year and volunteered for Interact projects, wants to improve her leadership skills and lead in her home country.

Victoria Guerrero, junior, Muskegon High School, active in Orchestra (violin and piano), dependable volunteer, newly elected Treasurer for Rotary Interact club, definite desire evident to expand her leadership abilities and stretch her comfort zone, all-A student.



Jakob "Jake" Price, junior, Muskegon High School, exemplary student and athlete, Varsity Football All-Stater, Team Captain, Track All-Conference, NHS, Student Leadership Council, wants to be the first cardiovascular surgeon in his family.



Expanding Rotary Nursery!



The newly expanded Rotary Tree Nursery on View Lane got major help last week from Reeths-Puffer Interactor **Noah Douglas**, Rotarian **Darlene Collet**, and Rotary spouse Susan Noling as over 500 new trees and shrubs of seven varieties were potted up for future donations to Muskegon County Parks and public spaces.

So far, 436 trees in the last two years have been raised from seedlings, donated, and planted around Muskegon County. This project serves the new major Rotary focus area of Supporting the Environment and has involved many Interactors, Rotarians, and community members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greeters Needed

Would you like an opportunity to serve? Do you want to put a name to a face of other members? Have we got the opportunity for you!! Lisa Tyler, who is the Greeter chair, is looking for greeters for our weekly meetings starting in July. We ask that you can commit to one month and be able to arrive about a half hour early for each meeting. Contact Lisa at lt Tyler@seniorresourceswmi.org to sign up.

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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June 16th –Juneteenth (Celebration of the End of Slavery)

36 Rotarian Volunteers Needed
2-hour shifts (4:30-7pm or 7-9pm) for registration, serving food, and children's games. Cotton candy, slushies, and a bounce house will all be there. See Marcia Hovey-Wright if you can help out.



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. **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](#).**

Don Hutchins reminds members there's still time to sign up to volunteer and participate in the June 24 Seaway Run, the Club's largest fund-raiser. Sponsors are still welcome to join too!



Muskegon Rotary Harvest Festival

Thursday, October 26th, 2023

A new festival for Muskegon Rotary! This event will benefit the Muskegon Rotary Foundation and will be held at Baker College (thank you, **Aaron Maie**) where the culinary students will serve an amazing meal (adult beverages available too). Stay tuned for more details and a logo from **Jason Piasecki**.



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** via email at muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com.

\$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 on the last page 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



Law Day – Aspiring Ladies of Law

With Senior Assistant Public Defender Kendrah Robinson



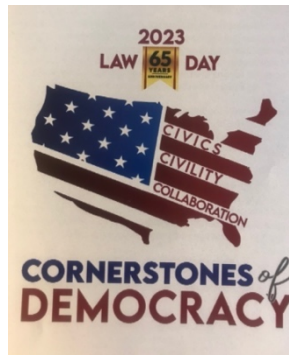
Ladies from seven different Muskegon County High Schools have been meeting with Rotarian and Attorney **Kendrah Robinson** in a mentoring group throughout this school year. On Friday, May 26th, they were able to come together in celebration of a successful year. They were able to watch Attorney Robinson and another Rotarian, **Judge Annette Smedley**, in live court.



Then, they headed to meet another Rotarian, Muskegon County's Prosecutor **D.J. Hilson**, where they were given time to talk with D.J.



The day was completed with a trip to MCC's Downtown Sturgis Campus where they ate a wonderful lunch catered by DaKidd Bar-B-Que and had a question/answer session with Attorney Kendrah Robinson, and panelists Attorney Shawn Perry, Honorable Annette Smedley, Justice Elizabeth Welch, Honorable Kameshia Grant, and Honorable Paula Mathes. Thank you to Kendrah for your work in this mentorship program throughout the year, to the mentors, leaders, & parents at the schools, Chief Public Defender Frederick Johnson, Jr., and Law Day panelists for investing your time and support for our future Aspiring Ladies of Law.



ReWine chair **Kevin Ricco** decided to feature Law Day student speakers at the ReWine meeting this Thursday, June 1st at 5:15-6:15pm at Walker's in the Delta Hotel. All Rotarians invited to ReWine this week to listen to these outstanding youth voices on the current state of American democracy. Four-minute speeches from the recent Law Day speech competitors with the opportunity for questions. Hope you can join!



Congratulations to Our Three Newest Paul Harris Fellows!

Melissa Moore Meredith Smillie Jenny McNeill



RIM's crack photography team captured this sly look from **Ginny Sprague** as she began her presentations of three new Paul Harris Fellows. While the recipients are meant to be a surprise, the intrigue was turned up a notch when one of the presenters, Judge **Jenny McNeill**, turned out to also be one of the recipients!



A surprised **Meredith** greets her family after receiving her Paul Harris Fellow.



Jenny McNeill introduces her friend and colleague **Meredith Smillie** as a PHF.



Meredith Smillie is overjoyed to discover her family is hiding outside the meeting!



Nancy Crandall, right, points out something funny, (perhaps the *RIM* photographer), to new Paul Harris Fellow **Jenny McNeill**.



New PHF **Jenny McNeill** got to share the experience with her husband and parents.

Jenny McNeill by Nancy Crandall

Jenny was raised by public school educators



Kenneth and Patricia McNeill just outside of Lansing in Mason Michigan where she graduated high school. Jenny attended the University of Michigan, graduating in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts in American Culture. Jenny attended Northern Illinois University College of Law where she met her husband Cavan. Jenny excelled in law school, graduating cum laude in 1996 while earning awards for NIU Outstanding Women Student Award, Francis X. Riley Lawyering Skills Award and Outstanding Contribution to Law School Community. Jenny began her legal career as a civil legal aid attorney for Prairie State Legal Services representing indigent client in family, landlord/tenant, public benefits, and consumer matters. In 1998 Jenny and her husband moved to Muskegon where she continued working as civil legal aid attorney for what is now Legal Aid of Western Michigan and raise her two sons, Kyle and Colin. From 2007 until 2018 Jenny was a small business owner and partner with the law firm of Ladas Hoopes McNeill Law, PLC. Representing litigants in custody, divorce, parenting time, adoption, guardianship, and other family law matters. In 2018 Jenny went back into public service and became a Family Court Referee for the 14th Circuit court. Jenny was overwhelming elected in November 2022 to serve as one of Muskegon County's 14 Circuit Court Judges. (The list of awards, recognitions, and community service/associations that Jenny is a part of is too long to list! Thank you, Jenny, for being a great asset to our community!)



Meredith Smillie by Jenny McNeill

I had the pleasure of meeting this Paul Harris Fellow when I began my work with the Court as a Referee, handling abuse and neglect cases. I have learned that people who work in foster care are a special kind of people. It's hard work. Tough work. And only amazing people can do it for 25 years. Meredith has over 25 years' experience working in child welfare- covering roles in Foster Care, Foster Care Adoption and Licensing. After completing her bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University, and her MSW from GVSU, Meredith began her career with Muskegon County DHHS and eventually transitioned to Ottawa County DHHS. Subsequently Meredith landed at Bethany's Holland branch, where she served as the Program Manager and Branch Director. Meredith eventually returned to working in Muskegon County, where she currently is the Branch Director for Bethany Christian Services of Muskegon. In her free time Meredith enjoys spending time with her husband Trent, son Conner, and her array of pets. Most importantly, Meredith values people and goes above and beyond to help everyone on staff feel welcome and valued. Ladies and Gentlemen, our newest Paul Harris Fellow, Meredith Smillie.

Melissa Moore by President Jane Clingman-Scott

I met our Paul Harris recipient when working in the non-



profit sector – it was a great relationship with a person who had been an expert in non-profit development. Before moving to Muskegon, our candidate had spent ten years in advocacy and development work raising over \$100,000 for school and community latch key programs in the state of New Hampshire. This was a resource we could really put to work in Muskegon! What I did not know about our candidate was the interesting career before this. Our candidate worked as a white-water kayak guide in Northern California and paddled down the Grand Canyon, worked as a cross country ski instructor in Tahoe, and traveled as a professional skier. Before all this, our candidate, who was born in Rockville, Illinois attended the University of Colorado, Iowa State University, and graduated from Rockville College and then received a master's in fine arts from Northwestern University. In 1995, she married her Aussie husband, Tom, and settled in New Hampshire for 10 years where she worked for Plus Time – the previously mentioned Latch Key program. In 2005, she came to West Michigan and worked for American Youth Foundation and in 2012, Muskegon got lucky when she became the Executive Director of READ Muskegon. Tom and Melissa have three children: Liam, Clara, and Alice. (The speech continued with Melissa's great contributions to our community.) Thank you, Melissa, and congratulations on being one of our newest Paul Harris Fellows!

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