




“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 2, 2022, 12:00-1:30pm

Hybrid Style – The Lake House & Zoom

ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 6/2 5:15 pm

Fetch Brewery

Mary Anne Gorman, 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 (6/2/22) — DEI Program at MCC

The impact of Ken James, Chief Diversity Officer at Muskegon Community College

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

Rich Berry

REFLECTORS

TBA June 2

THIS WEEK'S MENU

TBA

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Dale Nesbary June 2

Martin Asplund June 7

[Caring Connections Fund](#)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

6/2 DEI Program at MCC

6/9 Juneteenth National Independence Day

6/16 Muskegon City Public Art Initiative

Link to the May 26, 2022
 Rotary meeting video is [here](#).

New signs alert the public to our flag



section! From Southern to Hackley 35 flags are placed for all major holidays: Memorial, Flag Day, July 4, Labor Day, Veteran's Day.

VISITORS & GUESTS



Jocelyn Hines, guest of Brandon Davis



Tracey, Emma & Grace Piasecki, guests of Jason Piasecki



Dakota Crow thanked Muskegon Rotary and reflected on his 7-year membership. Best wishes to Dakota and his family as they start a new adventure.



Jerry & Nancy Harriman, guests of Mary Anne Gorman

COMMITTEE REPORTS

From Luanne DeVries, Treasurer Rotary Club of Coopersville:

The Rotary Club of Coopersville would like to make a donation to the Rotary Club of Muskegon in memory of Orville Crain.

Rotary's Party in the Park is Friday, **June 3**. We need 75 volunteers!

Rotary Swag orders are in, see **Merica Dobry**.

Rotary Clipper Car Load Party on Wednesday, **June 8, 2022**. Gates open at 6:00 pm; first pitch at 7:05 pm. This is a Rotary social event.

The Seaway Run Committee has challenged us to have 100 Rotarians to participate in the race either by running, walking, or volunteering.



The DEI Committee is sponsoring a table at the **MLK Unity Breakfast**, which is normally in January but was rescheduled to **June 10 at 7:30 am** at the Convention Center. This is a half day conference featuring a keynote address by Donna Brazile, political strategist and news contributor, and 2 breakout sessions. Contact **Andy Buelow** if you're interested.

In the May issue of *Rotary* magazine was an article about the Human Library where books are human beings. There is a similar project right now at MADL where you can nominate someone who you think would be a good "Human Book." It's an opportunity for people to check out a person rather than a book. Deadline is end of May.

Marcia-Hovey Wright announced that on June 17 we are working with Muskegon Heights for **Juneteenth weekend**. Our day is **Friday, June 17th**. We have hired a reggae band, there is free food with Curry Kitchen, The Fish Guy and others. We need about 12 more volunteers--mostly with kids' activities, keeping them safe on the bounce house, etc. There are a few spots for cleanup and serving food 7-9 so you only have to work two-hour shifts.

We completed a successful food truck distribution May 25. In the true spirit of 'service above self', 11 Rotarians, plus a friend, a son, and one Muskegon HS Interactor (thank you Tyrie Ross) distributed 7000#'s of fresh wholesome food to 140 drive-through vehicles representing approximately 180 households. The distribution took place in Muskegon Heights in the Temple Methodist Church parking lot.



Paul Harris Fellow

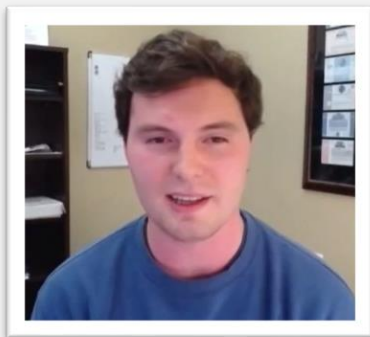
Congratulations to our club's newest Paul Harris recipient, Dr. Jerry Harriman.

Introduced by **Mary Anne Gorman**, Dr. Jerry Harriman, a Grand Rapids native, practiced family medicine in Muskegon for 20 years and has given generously of his time to promote the quality and standard of medical practice in Muskegon. He has served on multiple boards in the community including leadership positions in West Michigan Osteopathic Association, Muskegon Physician Association, Westshore Health Network, and The Osteopathic Foundation of West Michigan. In 2006 he closed his family practice to assume the position of full-time Medical Director of Harbor Hospice.



Dr. Harriman has had an enormous impact on the growth and high quality of hospice and palliative care which is offered all along the Lakeshore. He has a wonderful reputation as a gifted teacher. He is Assistant Clinical Professor for MSU's Department of Family and Community Medicine, serves on the Graduate Medical Education Committee for Trinity Health Muskegon, and for several years has generously shared practice experience and provided rotations for dozens of third- and fourth-year medical students, residents and interns, teaching them both the science and art of hospice and palliative care. Last year Mercy Health Grand Rapids awarded him the Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship Educator of the Year award. He is an author of many professional articles and a frequent speaker at professional meetings and conferences. He has provided calm and reassuring support to his staff during the pandemic.

This Week's Spotlight: Blake Cramer



Blake Cramer has been a Muskegon Rotarian for about three years. He joined for the comradery and a need to want to help grow Muskegon, figure out what the underlying needs of the area are, and make the world a better place. Blake and his wife Danielle enjoy heading north for lots of outdoor activities. During the day, Blake teams with his father to prepare financial plans for people who want to build or maintain wealth and plan their retirements. He offers an outgoing personality and says his out-of-the-box-style of thinking helps bring people and ideas together.

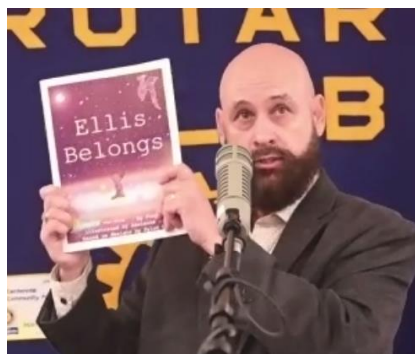
For Blake's video: [click here](#)

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Cartoonversations

Speaker introduced by Doug Wood
RIM Reporter: **Chip Chipman**

This week, Rotary was able to host Tim Wheeler and hear about what he has been up to! For those who don't know Tim, he is an alumnus of Western Michigan University, Northwestern University, and Villanova University. He is the founder of Wheeler Creative Studios.



Tim has earned accolades for his humor column "Obstructed View" which has appeared in newspapers, magazines, and radio stations, with his writings receiving over 300 national and international awards.

Tim is also the creator of Cartoonversation which are award-winning cartoons and interactive read-along books. The most recent books were focused on Covid safety, and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Both were honored at this year's Healthcare Advertising Awards and the Education Advertising Awards.

The mission of Cartoonversation is "To Rescue Childhood" with a vision in mind to have "a planet that is covered in kids that are safe, secure, and silly." Emphasis on silly.

Or to put it another way, Tim is seeking to become "Michigan's leader in the development and distribution of trauma-informed products." So that way we can tackle the difficult conversations with children, and learn from them how they can be happy healthy people.

What is a Cartoonversation though?

"It is a structured video followed by a facilitated conversation" or put more simply, "you watch a cartoon, and you talk about it."

Alternatively, it is also interactive reading sessions with children. Where it is read out aloud, by you, or the child, or both, in person, or virtually, together or separately, and then you speak about it.

Afterwards, there is a card with five questions and five factoids to guide the conversation between you and the child.

How are they made?

All of the Cartoonversations are made to be classroom ready. They are written and designed to be in align with Michigan state teaching standards for K-12, national and

Michigan social emotional core competencies, and all except one are written at a fourth-grade level.

Tim is very modest, and knows the limits on his expertise in trying to cover such a wide range of topics to be given to children though. That is why he has on every publication a technical advisor to help best present and navigate the topics.

Where can I get one?

The Cartoonversations cover a wide range of topics—basically anything that might be hard for an eight-year-old. In addition to the already mentioned topics, they have covered topics like: cyberbullying, self-esteem, truancy, school violence, kitchen fire safety, pledging to be kind, a ride with pride series covering vehicle safety, and water safety. There are in total around 30 books available online at <https://cartoonversation.com/shop/>

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