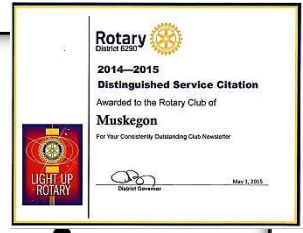


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Muskegon Rotary Club

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

Next Meeting May 27 12:00-1:00pm

From Your Laptop, Phone, or Tablet

ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 6/3 5:15 pm

Mary Anne Gorman, Director
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WATCH US GO

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 (6/3/21) — MSU Extension / 4-H

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

Jane Clingman-Scott

REFLECTORS

Bill Loxterman 5/27

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Martin Asplund 6/7
Don't forget [Caring Connection Fund!](#)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

6/3 MSU Extension/4-H
6/10 Wonderland, Burl & Sprig, Pigeon and Rake Beer Project
6/17 "SAGA: Sexuality and Gender Advocates"
Next ReWine meets 6/3 in person Wonderland Distillery 5:15 pm

GUESTS

Ammy Seymour welcomed Nancy Johnson from Portage Rotary. Nancy now resides in White Lake and is seeking a new Rotary home (we think you're going to love it here with us, Nancy).



Barb Sheren, Montague/Whitehall Rotarian and Muskegon Community Toastmasters member, talked about the possibility of teaming up some Toastmaster mentors and providing public speaking virtual training to our Muskegon Rotarians. Look for details coming soon.



Donata Kidd, guest of **Jim Fisher**, will become a new Muskegon Rotary member June 10. Donata is the Director of The Department of Health and Human Services.



Simran Tumber, Mona Shores Interact 2021 President, was introduced by



John Noling. Despite the pandemic, this club really came together this year under Simran's leadership.

Cody Chipman (new member to be) was introduced by **Nancy Crandall**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

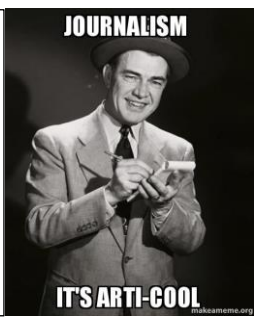
The Seaway Run is coming up **June 26** (in person this year!). Not a runner? No worries, you can also walk a 5K. This is a fabulous fundraiser for our Rotary club! Sign up [here](#) today.

Rotary Foundation's fiscal year begins July 1. If you are considering giving this year, you are encouraged to give by June 30. Here is a [link](#).



*"Ceremonies are important. But our gratitude has to be more than visits to the troops and once-a-year Memorial Day ceremonies. We honor the dead best by treating the living well."
--Jennifer Granholm*

Enjoying RIM? Join our journalistic dream team! A less than once-per-month reporting gig is waiting for you. Contact Lori.weiler@summitlawncare.net to find out how easy and fun it is to be a RIM Reporter. No experience necessary.



Food Truck Updates: Fourteen loyal and dedicated Rotarians plus significant others and a visitor from as far away as Iowa gathered at Temple Methodist Church Wednesday to distribute 8,000 lbs. of fresh food brought to us by the Feeding America – West Michigan program.



Close to 100 vehicles drove through the food line to receive pre-packaged food boxes, fresh fruit and many gallons of fresh milk. We partnered as always with the logistics team from Muskegon County Cooperating Churches to make the event possible.

Mona Shores HS Interact members Grace Opsommer, Ashton Ross, Emily Kuznar, Mikenna Weiler, Samantha Sewick, and Simran Tumber



make \$165 look easier for Mona Shores Rotary Interact! Thanks Muskegon Rotary for keeping us in mind. We have had a great year serving our world and community!

Memorial Day Celebration



(photo and article courtesy of VisitMuskegon.org)

Due to the ongoing pandemic, there will not be a Greater Muskegon Memorial Day Parade in 2021.

However, a **Memorial Day Ceremony** will be held on Monday, **5/31/21, at 10:00 am** in the parking lot adjacent to the USS LST 393 at 560 Mart Street. (NOTE: In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be relocated inside the LST.) The Mona Shores Marching Band, under the direction of Jason Boyden and Justin Sarns, will be performing at the ceremony.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS NEED TO BE ADHERED TO.

Additionally, the Greater Muskegon Memorial Day Committee is sponsoring the USS LST 393 in honor of Memorial Day. Attendees will be able to tour this historic WWII ship at “No Charge” from 10:00 am until 5:00 PM.

WEEKLY COVID REPORT

Kathy Moore reported the downward trend continues in Muskegon County, Michigan, and nationwide.

Positive cases: 11.5%, down from 12.9% last week.

Daily average cases 29.1 per day, down from 44 last week and in the 60s the week prior.

NOTE: Data changes quickly. Current graphs can be found on the Muskegon County Public Health website.

Public Health: www.Muskegonhealth.net

Mask Up Muskegon: <https://www.maskupmuskegon.org/vaccineinfo>

THIS WEEK’S PROGRAM:

Law Day Presentation

Facilitator: **Belinda Barbier**

RIM Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**

The rule of the law is the bedrock of American rights and liberties - in times



of calm and unrest alike. The 2021 Law Day theme, “Advancing the Rule of the Law,” reminds all of us

that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of the law, defend liberty, and pursue justice.

The Golden Apple award for a law related program in a school setting went to Jessy Thompson from Whitehall High School. Jessy was grateful to receive the award and shared how much his students look forward to Law Day each school year. Students who took part in this contest would be eligible to win prizes, awards, and scholarships.

A panel was formed and consisted of Judges Timothy Hicks, **Annette Smedley**, Raymond Kostrzewa, and Prosecutor **D.J. Hilson** who had the honor of listening to the students present their speeches in a Muskegon County courtroom. Judge Smedley shared how impressed she was with how well the students had prepared their speeches and courtroom presentations.

Law Day 2021 was wonderful despite having fewer students participate than the past years. The Judges and students really enjoyed using the courtrooms. Moving forward, the Muskegon County judges have agreed to continue to allow us to use the courtrooms for the speech contest (pending any trials or unforeseen events). WZZM came and did a small segment on the event.

Three students who took part in the contest shared a brief video of their presentations with us. All did an amazing job! See below for links to the students' full presentations:

Shelbie Noel (1st Place Winner – 12th Grade Speech Contest) [here](#)



Luke Assaad (1st Place 9th-11th Grade Speech Contest) [here](#)



McKenzie Covington (2nd Place 9th-11th Grade Speech Contest) [here](#)



Shelbie Noel joined our Rotary Zoom meeting to answer a few questions after the video presentation.

These three students are going to do so many amazing things in their future and we know our community will be a better place because of their passion for the law.

We have provided the list of winners to the Bar Association for gift cards to send to the winners.

Here is the complete list of winners:

Golden Apple Award: Jessy Thompson (Whitehall High School Instructor) \$500 Gift Card

12th Grade Speech Contest:

1st Place: Shelbie Noel \$2,000 Scholarship
2nd Place: Olivia Woodring \$1,000 Scholarship
3rd Place: Sydni Erikson \$500 Scholarship
4th Place: Gabriel Bass \$250 Scholarship

9th – 11th Grade Speech Contest:

1st Place: Luke Assaad \$500 Gift Card
2nd Place: McKenzie Covington \$250 Gift Card
3rd Place: Allison Tate \$100 Gift Card
4th Place: Devin Wilson \$75 Gift Card

Non-Placing Participants:

Samien Oliver \$25 Gift Card
Ca'mya Jackson \$25 Gift Card
Halea Nicholes \$25 Gift Card
Sydney DeCamp \$25 Gift Card

Essay Contest:

1st Place - Lily Britton \$100 Gift Card
2nd Place - Clare Westerlund \$75 Gift Card
3rd Place - Mari DeRose \$50 Gift Card
4th Place - Remington Whelpley \$25 Gift Card
5th Place - Isla Dykman \$25 Gift Card

Winning Student Teacher - Mrs. Bobbi Friend \$100 Gift Card

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Interact Insider

Life Leadership Reflection

Bret Hosmer, Holton High School

With the conclusion of the 2021 Life Leadership Conference, I was overcome with absolute inspiration. I learned so much about myself, and how to lead and bond with people significantly better. I learned about my personality type and how to respond to other personality types. The list really goes on, but to shorten this up, I'm going to tell you about some of my favorites.

The first thing that stands out to me is the "flip your 20" mindset. When Molly Kennedy first went over the meaning of "paradigm", I immediately loved the thought of it. I've recently discovered myself that everything really is only as big of a deal as I make it, and the way Molly put it into words was fantastic. The "pair of dimes" relation is a great way to give the philosophy of paradigm a physical form, and it makes it almost impossible to forget. I will definitely explain the concept of paradigm and flipping your 20 to all of my friends, and anybody that I think needs to know it.

The second message I was left with is that you should never let somebody else "live in your head without paying rent". If I recall correctly, Molly is the one that said that too. I just absolutely love Molly. The things she said really stuck with me, and she brought so much value to the conference. Although Molly really moved me, I can't say that I didn't love everybody there. Dave, Kaytie, Anne, Pinky, and everybody else that joined us were all really amazing people. Anyway, simply put, I learned that you have to be the pilot of your own mind.

The 2021 LLC was unusual from the rest, however the messages delivered were just the same. I learned so much over those 4 days, I can't imagine that in-person could be that much better, although I've never attended one in person. Point being, the Rotary program did an outstanding job of adapting to the virtual setting. If the opportunity of me attending a conference in person appeared, I would be elated. The Muskegon Rotary is such a great organization, and being a part of it in any way is a major goal of mine.