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Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
Next Mtg—May 11, 2023, 12-1:30pm
The Lake House – No Zoom
ReWine Sat Club—Next mtg 5/18/23 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 (5/11/23) — A Kid Again

A Kid Again is dedicated to providing hope, happiness and healing for families raising children who are living with a life-threatening condition.

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 & Peter DeBoer

REFLECTORS

Joanie Smith May 4
 Rich Houtteman May 11
 Emily Morgenstern May 18
 OPEN May 25

(Contact Alan Alpert if you can help)

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Doug Brown May 11
 LaSandra Gaddy May 14
 Arn Boezaart May 15

[Caring Connections Fund](#)

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

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

May 4—Muskegon's New City Manager
 May 4—**ReWine at 5:15 pm**
 Meet at Pigeon Hill
 May 11—A Kid Again
 May 18—Across the Bridge

Muskegon Rotary Board

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Please email Club Board

Members through this [link](#):

VISITORS & GUESTS



Bob Lukens and guest **Kyle Karczewski** (Muskegon Parks & Rec Director)



Contessa Alexander's guest was her husband, **Lionel Alexander III** (Process Manager for Muskegon County Public Health)



Kristi Pawlak brought our Rotary Youth Exchange Inbound students, **Emma Krichbaum** and **Design Laorattanakul** (speeches to come on June 22nd!)



Tom Palmer and almost new member **Lisa Kraus** (Financial Planner with Edward Jones)



Alex Fonseca with his father who is visiting from Brazil, **Paulo**

Fonseca. Paulo was an exchange student here in Muskegon in 1982 (an inspiration to Alex visiting and living in Muskegon)



Tim Arter welcomed satellite member **Kevin Ricco** (Executive Director at Innovation Hub)

NO STUDENT GUESTS this week

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Muskegon's Manager Update



Speaker: Jonathan Seyferth

Introduced by: **LeighAnn Mikesell**

RIM Reporter: **Meredith Smillie**



LeighAnn Mikesell introduced our new City Manager for Muskegon, Jonathan Seyferth. Jonathan noted two

primary areas of focus: 1. Streamline the budget process and 2. Community Engagement via the Connect Muskegon hub.



Jonathan noted that he is working closely with the city council and county commissioners. The City of Muskegon fiscal year starts on July 1, 2023, and will be holding commission meetings in the month of May and June. Budget priorities are based on the commission's mission and vision for the City of Muskegon. A high priority of the city commissioners and Jonathan is community engagement.

The Connect Muskegon is a hub via both a website and Facebook and is designed for community members to engage with the community.



They are using Connect Muskegon on a variety of topics, such as short-term rentals, housing shortages. They are finding great response from the community on these topics and feedback surveys. They can quickly aggregate data and how user friendly the surveys are and to gather commentary feedback.

They are also wrapping up their master plan data. This planning process began well before COVID 19 and met with five communities within the city and how they can collaborate. This was intentional to gather feedback from local communities and to provide input on areas that they are concerned about, not just the vision of the commissioners. Planning documents are reviewed every five to ten years. The commissioners are also appointing a group of individuals to receive ARPA funding as the city has approximately \$1.6 million in funding to appropriate to the community. This funding is to support the great work that non-profits, neighborhood associations and businesses. This committee does not include any city commissioners and will be comprised of citizens from local neighborhood associations, Jonathan and some input from United Way and the Community Foundation of Muskegon County.



Parks and recreation component of the city of Muskegon has been resurrected to support the community. They are partnering with local organizations already providing programming in Muskegon's 37 parks located within the city. Kyle Karczewski is the new director

for Parks and Recreation for the City, a position we have not had for nearly 20 years.

Jonathan also addressed the housing needs of the city of Muskegon. There is master plan located on the website. They looked at 7 neighborhoods in the community and determined that we are 3,000 houses short in our community, both for purchase and for sale and across income demographics. Jonathan noted that they are asking that 80% are meeting community household poverty minimums and accept housing vouchers. For established homes, they continue to provide funding for rehabilitation projects. They are continuing the housing infill project to assist in meeting the needs of city residents. Bowen National Research has conducted research in Ottawa and Kent counties. We are observing an influx of residents from Kent and Ottawa due to lower housing costs, affordable economic development and all the benefits of lakeshore living.

Jonathan noted that they are closely monitoring continued public access along the lakeshore regarding the many developments that are springing up around Muskegon Lake and Lake Michigan. He noted that the City of Muskegon has a strong desire to maintain public access to outdoor recreation. He noted that the entirety of Lake Michigan (within the city limits of Muskegon) is owned by the city and is open to the public year-round. Jonathan also noted that they are always collaborating with other local municipalities in Muskegon County to improve the lives of the citizens here in Muskegon, as well as the local parks and areas where citizens frequent.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meetings Back at the Lake House



Our Muskegon Rotary Meetings are back at the Lake House for our summer schedule.

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** is having 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.



Thank You, Interact Clubs!

The City of Muskegon would like to give its sincerest thank you to Muskegon High School Rotary Interact Club and **Claire Root-Benson**! Since 2019 the Interact students have been a leading helping hand in Muskegon celebrate Arbor Day! With your help the city is able to maintain the important Tree City USA designation now in its 23rd year. We hope that you will consider helping us celebrate our 24th Arbor Day next year.

Sincerely,
Dave Bailey
City of Muskegon Parks

Register for Lunches



Don't forget to register for lunches by Monday via SignUpGenius. As **President Jane** stated, "We've gotten pretty good at this...but there are still a few glitches." 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>

Tom Palmer stated only 51 days left until our Club's biggest fundraiser on **June 24** that 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](#).**

Pioneer Resources' Hats and Horses Fundraising Event

Themed around the Kentucky Derby, this "party with a purpose"



raises funds for Pioneer Resources' or a specific program, (depending on the year). This event takes place during the Kentucky Derby – typically the first Saturday in May. Dress in your derby best and enjoy a live auction, silent auction, our famous "Wheelbarrow of Booze" raffle, and many other fun derby-themed activities. The race is shown live and the music, food and atmosphere is fantastic. You won't want to miss it! Tables are available for businesses or families wishing to enjoy the event as a group.

Saturday, May 6, 2023

5-9 PM

Bella Maria's Event Center

Contact **Rachel Gorman** at

rgorman@pioneerresources.org or

-[Click here to get Tickets](#)-

One Pours for Community Left!

*Saturday 5/6 at 4-6 pm:

-Pints & Quarts

[Click here to sign up](#)



Attend the last Rotary Happy Hour on Saturday and purchase a special "Rotary Drink" to donate a portion of the proceeds to our Club's Foundation. Rotarians and guests are welcome and light appetizers provided.

Our foundation funded activities include youth leadership and service mentoring (Youth Exchange, Life Leadership Conference, and Interact and student scholarships), food security and nutrition (Feeding America Food Trucks), education, public health, DEI, community cultural enrichment (Public Art), community development and park development (installation of outdoor musical instruments), and international aid initiatives (El Salvador trips, Honduras trips, and Ukraine aid).

All donation amounts are welcome.

Checks can be made out to:

Muskegon Rotary Foundation – Pours
P.O. Box 66, Muskegon, MI 49443.

Contact **Tim Arter** at 231.750.8827 or timarter935@gmail.com for any questions.

Share this with your friends (especially on social media)!

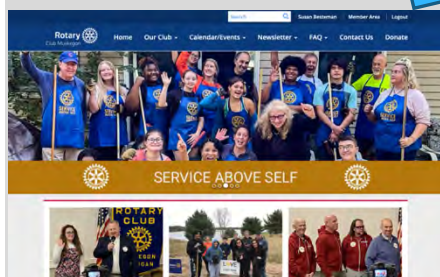


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Login to ClubRunner



Don't forget about your ClubRunner account! Head online to www.MuskegonRotary.org 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=UQj0BvTVmU>

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>

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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. (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.



Bill Johanson, a member since 1991 and the Rotarian behind the creation of the Rotary In Motion (RIM) newsletter, sends his regards via friend and long-time Consumers Energy co-worker **Roger Morgenstern**. (Roger shot the picture of the two of them, but Bill, the Photoshop wizard he still is, played around with the final product, as the RIM Founder and Editor Emeritus is entitled to do!) Roger visited him recently at Sanctuary at the Oaks, where he's currently living while his family works on preparing his large Fruitport Township home for sale so he and wife Kris can "downsize." Bill can be contacted by calling 231-740-6959, emailing bjobassman@yahoo.com or via U.S. Mail at Sanctuary At the Oaks, 1740 Village Drive, Apt. 325, Muskegon MI 49442.

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 [here](#).

Paula's Zumba Crew

presents a Zumbathon fundraiser benefiting

POUND BUDDIES

Dancing for Doggies



And Kitties, too!!!



When: Friday, May 12, 2023
Time: 6pm-8pm
Where: Pound Buddies
3279 E. Laketon Ave
Muskegon, MI 49442



No Zumba experience needed, just come and have fun with us!!!

* Suggested Minimum Donation \$5.00

A Pound Buddies Zumba-Thon will be held on Friday, May 12th from 6-8 PM to raise funds for several dogs found in Norton Shores needing medical assistance and adoption after they were found in horrible conditions.

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