

The RIM Newsletter

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*Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

Celebrating the people, events, and actions of the Muskegon Rotary Club

May 9, 2024

**Next Meeting (May 16, 2024, 12-1:30pm) — Beef Stroganoff - at the Lake House
Program Topic – Interact Club**

What's Coming

May 16 –Interact Club

Upcoming Birthdays

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| May 19 | Kendrah Robinson |
| May 20 | Pete DeBoer |
| May 21 | Peter Wills |
| May 22 | Pam Babbitt |

Caring Connections Fund

[Click this link to donate \\$10 on your birthday](#)



Greeter This Week

Rich Berry
Susan Samaniego

Reflectors

Andy Buelow May 9

RIM Reporting this Edition

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Andy Buelow provided the Reflection, as President Ginny looks on.



DJ Hilson said he was pinch-hitting for John Noling because of all his other guests related to our Law Day presentation, so he happily introduced "his" guest and former Rotarian John VanWyck.



John Noling, sporting a bow tie worthy of a Law Day student presentation, introduces his guests, Kristen Renes and Larry Wohlfarth.

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YouTube Video Link: [Click here](#)



Arlen-Dean Gaddy introduces his guest and Erhardt Construction colleague **Ben Wickstrom**.



Proud mom **Kristi Pawlak** introduces her daughter **Celestyn Pawlak**.



Our Law Day speakers (and supporters) line-up: **Vee Boeringa** introduces, from left, student **Takaylah Aubrey**, parent **Ben Oliveira**, student **Adelline Oliveira**, parent **Joy Assaad** and student **Michayla Assaad**

This week's program:
Law Day Committee

Speaker: **Adeline Oliveira**,
Michayla Assaad, and **Takaylah Aubrey**

Introduced by: **Vee Boeringa**

Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**



Vee Boeringa introducing the Law Day Student Speakers

Vee Boeringa is a Family Court Referee and has been the Chair of Law Day since 2019. Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law and reminds all of us of how the law and legal process contribute to the freedom of Americans.

President Eisenhower declared the first Law Day in 1958. In the 1980s the Muskegon County Bar Association celebrated law day in partnership with the community and Muskegon Area Schools.



John VanWyck, Law Day interview with **Takaylah** and **Michayla**

The 2024 Law Day theme is "Voices of Democracy". The three students did an outstanding job sharing their speech.



Adelline Oliveira recites her Law Day speech.



Michayla Assaad recites her Law Day speech.



Takaylah Aubrey recites her Law Day speech.

Click the below link to listen to these powerful speeches. You don't want to miss this!
<https://youtu.be/W3nt0dKbNY4?si=Wl8clckvSdrzOO>

Member Spotlight Kristi Pawlak



This week's member spotlight is with Kristi Pawlak, Youth Exchange Officer who joined Rotary in 2021. Kristi dedicates a lot of time and energy to the Youth Exchange Program. She is committed to giving youth the same opportunity she had at 16 years old and paving a way for them. Watch her video [here](#).

Adopt-A-Highway MDOT Pickup



The next pick up will be on Saturday, July 13. If interested in helping at the next pick up, please email Esther Ricco (riccoe@gvsu.edu)



Dave Alexander from the Program Committee said how impressed he was with each of the students. Always the reporter, Dave asked several questions of the speakers so the Club could learn more about their current activities and future plans.



Christine Robere sports her Live United bicycle shirt to promote the upcoming Ride United event May 18 beginning in downtown Muskegon. Riders can bicycle up to 100 miles and can support United Way and promote mental health awareness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parties In the Park

Rotary will be hosting the first Parties in the Park for 2024 in beautiful downtown Muskegon's Hackley Park May 31. Festivities will continue throughout the summer. A SignUp Genius was sent out this week for our Party in the Park on Friday, May 31st, from 5 to 9:00 p.m. Please volunteer early and often!



[VOLUNTEER LINK – CLICK HERE](#)

Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga explained that this year United Way is partnering with the Muskegon Area District Library (MADL) to promote mental health awareness and cycling with special programming May 17 at the Muskegon Museum of Art auditorium, featuring Christine D'Ercole, Peloton cycling instructor and Masters World Champion. She will also be riding the following morning!

Muskegon Rising EP:18 A New Dawn for Mental and Physical Health in Muskegon County



We had the honor of chatting with a local legend, Dr. Rem Sprague, about his incredible career in healthcare and the exciting future of Trinity Health in Muskegon County.

In this episode, you'll hear:

- * Dr. Sprague's inspiring journey and the impact he's made on countless lives
- * Insights into the Trinity Health merger and its positive changes for our community
- * The importance of prioritizing mental health services
- * Ways we can all contribute to a healthier Muskegon County

Dr. Sprague may be retired, but his passion for health and wellness continues to be evident.

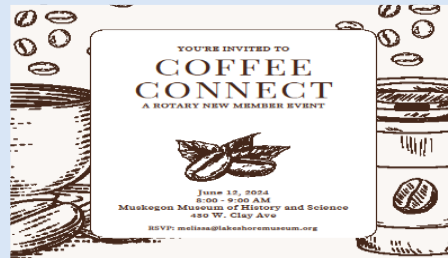
Don't miss this amazing conversation. Listen now on your favorite podcast platform:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/15026376-dr-rem-sprague-a-new-dawn-for-mental-and-physical-health-in-muskegon-county>

NEEDED: 10 TIPS Volunteers

As our May 31 Party in the Park approaches, we need to have 10 Rotarians volunteer for TIPS Training. This is a state requirement when alcohol is served. We need these trained volunteers for our Party in the Park and Harvest Fest, which will be Oct. 24. Muskegon Rotary will cover the \$29 per person cost for the online training. You must be TIPS trained if you are a Beer Captain for our PIP.

Coffee Connect



Connect with fellow Rotarians over coffee on June 12, 2024, 8-9am at Muskegon Museum of History and Science (430 W. Clay Ave.) Contact Melissa@LakeshoreMuseum.org to RSVP or for questions.

ReWine meetings are every 1st & 3rd Thursday each month at 5:15pm at **Unruly Brewing (new location)**

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