

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 November 21, 2024

Next Meeting (December 5, 2024, 12-1:30pm) — at the DELTA
Program Topic – Peace Projects by the Interact Clubs

What's Coming

November 28 – No Meeting
 Happy Thanksgiving!
 December 5 – Peace Projects by the Interact Clubs

Upcoming Birthdays

December 5	Philip Dickinson
December 8	Mary Anne Gorman
December 8	Scott Roodvoets
December 9	Kathy Moore
December 9	Meredith Smillie
December 9	Jay Wallace

Caring Connections Fund



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

Greeter This Week

Brad Hastings & Rich Houtteman

Reflector This Week

Kathy Moore

RIM Reporting this Edition

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11/21/2024 Muskegon Rotary
 YouTube Video Link: [Click here](#)

No meeting November 27
Happy Thanksgiving!



Visitors & Guests



Dimitri Poland welcomes his guest, Eric Nelson



Pete DeBoer with his guest Thomas Becker



Claire Root-Bensen welcomed Interactors from Muskegon High School, Desirae Billings and Akyla Lewis



Marty-Sytsema introduces Montague High School guests. School Counselor Rob Patton introduced students Addie Peterson and Grace Torsch.



Kathy Moore gave this week's reflection

This week's program: Boys & Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore & The Neal Fitness Center



Presenter: Patrick O'Brien and
Rachel Fawcett
Introduced by: **Melissa Horton**
RIM Reporter: **Kathy Moore**



Monica Turnbull –
Chief Executive
Officer of
our local
Boys and
Girls Club
(BGC),

introduced the program speakers:
Rachel Fawcett – Chief Operations
Officer who has a strong
background in fitness
management and years of service
dedicated to advancing the
mission of the BGC; and Patrick
O'Brien – Resource Development
Director, who began working for
BGC in May of this year and has
already demonstrated his passion

for community and talent for
building meaningful connections.
Patrick began the presentation
with an overview of the Boys and
Girls Club, including their mission,
programs, activities, and related
outcomes. The mission of the Boys
and Girls Club is to inspire all
young people to reach their full
potential. Located
directly next to
Rotary Park in
Heritage Landing,
the club offers a
vast array of
programs and
services that
promote food
security, academic
enrichment, and
career and
workforce readiness. O'Brien
shared that *"the club is more than
just an after-school program"*, the
youth are guaranteed a safe place
to go, a snack and a meal every
day they come to the club. *"This
summer alone, we served 3,994
lunches and 4,128 snacks eaten by
club members in just 45 operating
days."*, O'Brien stated. The club
activities include homework power
hour, art, music, robotics, 3D-
printing, engineering, photography
and so much more. The Club has
partnered with local agencies
(including MSU-Extension, City of

Muskegon, Goodwill Industries,
the Bike Coalition, MiWorks, and
Ross clothing store) to help
educate the youth on future
career options. The presentation
included short testimonial videos
from several young club members
which were very passionate and
inspiring.

TOGETHER,
Let's Make **GREAT FUTURES** possible!



- Donations
- Partnerships
- Corporate Partnership
- Rentals
- NFC Membership
- BGCML Membership
- And More!

Next, Rachel Fawcett stepped to
the podium and invited Rotarians
to join (or participate in activities
at) the Neal Fitness Center.



Fawcett reminded us that
membership with the Neal Fitness
Center includes access to the
beautiful pool, group fitness
classes, weight room, personal
training, and more. Fawcett also
highlighted that *"Each
membership is an investment in
the GREAT FUTURES of Muskegon*

The Neal Fitness Center

All-inclusive fitness center



- Profits support Great Futures at Boys & Girls Club
- imove located inside for convenient physical therapy

County Youth!" – a bonus benefit. Community swim lessons are also offered during specific times. Other ways to support the agency is through facility rentals, corporate partnerships, sponsored classes and certification programs. Rotarians were invited to tour the Boys and Girls Club and Neal Fitness Center after the program. In conclusion, the Clubhouse is a community asset for all...a place to create, learn, grow, and become. There are many ways to easily be involved and support the Boys and Girls Club.

For more information, visit bgclubmuskegon.com
 For the full presentation, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Let's Chat!



Contact Patrick O'Brien
 (231)268-0240
pobrien@bgclubmuskegon.com



The Neal Fitness Center may be a good place to go after Thanksgiving... Thank you, Rachel, for the wonderful bonus tour!

Spotlight Video Darlene Collet



Darlene joined the Muskegon Rotary Club in 2009 and has since become a consistent contributor to our international efforts to improve lives in El Salvador and Honduras. As a member of the World Community Services Committee, she gathers both school uniforms and books for students in our outreach communities each year.

See the full video—[Click Here](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brave Rotarians Contest!



Meredith Smillie announced this week's exciting Brave Rotarians' contestants who were jolted out of the contest: **Roger Morgenstern, Heidi Sytsema, Meredith Smillie, and Ginny Sprague.**

Words from **Don & Nancy Crandall** on why they donate to the Rotary Foundation:

"We contribute to the Rotary Foundation because of the work done around the world by Rotarians. The organization lives up to the motto "Service Above Self" and we are proud to be a small part of that. Participating in international projects and conferences has enhanced our knowledge and appreciation for what Rotary does. We decided long ago that we wanted to contribute to making our world better and we can do that through Rotary."

Every Monday 8:30-10:30 am, volunteers are needed to help maintain the Marquette micro-forest. Contact **John Noling** if you can help.

Foundation Grants



Secretary Jane Clingman-Scott was happy to announce the 2024-25 round of Muskegon Rotary Foundation Grants are available to Muskegon area non-profits for activities and projects that are consistent with the Muskegon Rotary Principles and Priorities.

The Grant Guidelines and Timeline can be found on our Website - MuskegonRotary.org - in the Our Club tab or [CLICK HERE](#).

Please pass the word on to any Muskegon area non-profits who may need support in the good work they are doing in our community. The Letters of Inquiry are due on Friday, December 6 at 5:00. If the letters are accepted a completed grant application will be due on Friday, March 21, 2005

December 19th-- Holiday Meeting/Party

Mark your calendars for our special Holiday Rotary luncheon **Thursday, Dec. 19** at the Delta. There will be a special meal and every Rotarian's spouse, or significant other, is invited to attend as a guest of the Club. But please sign them up when you get the Sign-Up Genius e-mail from **Kim Boersema** so we have an accurate count for the delicious meal!

Honduras Trip

The next Rotarian work trip to Honduras, Feb. 16-22, 2025, is ready for you to sign up with the registration link below. The work will build on efforts this year to construct and equip a community library near the capital of Tegucigalpa. Contact **Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga** at srinsema@madl.org if you are interested in learning more or attending. Registration Link: <https://www.chispaproject.org/register#registration>



Chispa Project creates vibrant school libraries and empowers teachers in Honduras to foster a love of reading and learning. By delivering thousands of books directly to schools and working with local communities, we help set up sustainable libraries managed by students, parents, and teachers. Our programs ignite a passion for education, strengthen literacy, and support long-term academic growth.

<p>Library Process</p> <p>Partnership & Assessment: Collaborate with schools to assess their needs and establish a shared vision for the library project.</p>	<p>Set Up: Provide books, shelving, colorful mural and decorations to create a library space that provides a escape and safe space for children to learn and explore.</p>	<p>Launch: Inaugurate the library with community events and reading activities</p>	<p>Follow-up: Offer ongoing monitoring and evaluation over a calendar year to ensure sustainability.</p>
<p>Training: Train teachers, parents and students in library management and to implement reading habits</p>			

Books: Chispa provides books to school communities and trains them to create school libraries, classroom libraries or traveling backpack libraries, each customized to meet the unique needs of the community. We focus on providing children's books to promote literacy and a love of reading.

Teacher Development: Our workshops equip educators with skills in creative reading activities, learning strategies, and classroom management. Teachers learn how to maximize the use of their new libraries, from engaging students through read-alouds to fostering critical thinking and integrating storybooks with the curriculum.

Our Impact in Numbers

Books Donated 68,688
Students with New Libraries 22,361
Teachers Trained 1,262

Books change the story

www.chispaproject.org

Holiday Pop Can Drive



Please save your returnables this holiday season to help Rotary Interact students with great financial need for upcoming international service in El Salvador, Honduras and Youth Exchange costs. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 by mid-January so please start collecting and share with your friends and family. Feel free to bring your pop cans to noon Rotary meetings on Dec. 5, 12, 19 and January 9. If you have a large amount of returnable cans or can't bring them to the specified lunch meetings, let us know and we will pick them up from you. Please contact **John Noling** at johnnoling65@gmail.com or call/text at 231-670-3740 or **Esther Ricco** at riccoe@qvsu.edu or call/text to 616-283-1810 to arrange a pick up. Thank you for your continued support of our Interact students!!!

Upcoming ReWine Meetings

Thursday, December 5

ReWine Holiday Gathering
5:15pm **John and Sue Noling's** home, 2332 View Lane, North Muskegon

Please join ReWine in celebrating the holiday season! Wine and some appetizers will be provided, please feel free to bring your own beverage and an appetizer if you'd like. Dress for an indoor event but if the weather is good, we may be able to gather around an outdoor fire so bring some warmer clothes if you enjoy being outdoors!

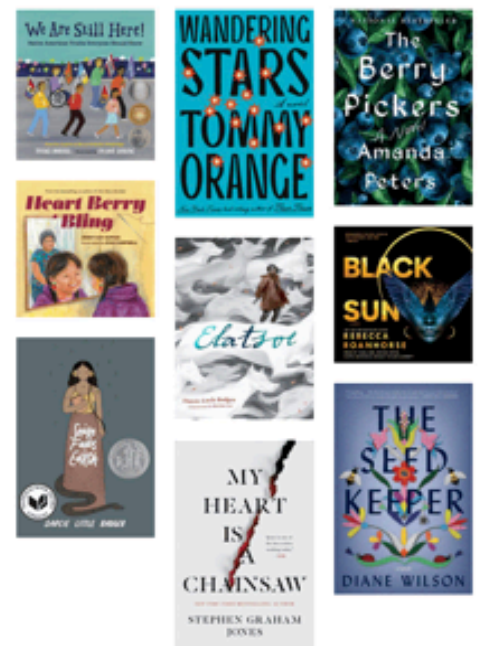
Thursday, December 19 – no ReWine meeting

Thursday, January 2 – no ReWine meeting

Native American Heritage Month - Local Public Library Partnership

Native American Heritage Month by MADL_Staff - a staff-created list : Native American Heritage Month is observed in November to call attention to the culture, traditions, and achievements of the nation's original inhabitants and of their descendants. The official designation of November as National Native American Heritage Month was signed into law

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Interact Insider

Kudos for OV Interact

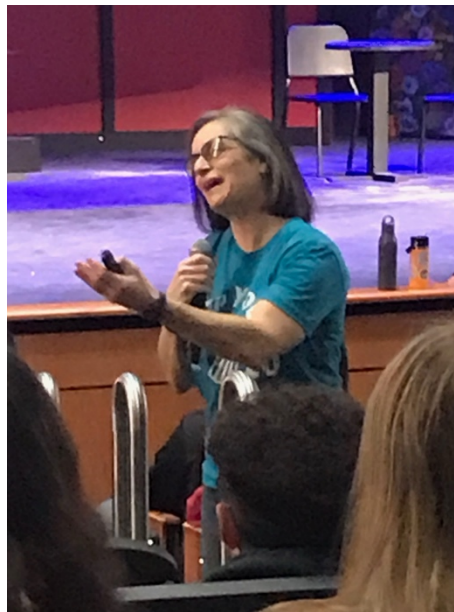
Orchard View's Interact Club voted \$850 of their club funds recently to help their school bring Molly Kennedy to speak to the entire student body about "Developing the Champion Within"

This is a major commitment from any Interact Club, so kudos go out to them for serving the mental health needs of students at Orchard View!

Molly Kennedy is a nationally known and highly regarded major speaker at the annual Rotary Life Leadership Conference. She also spoke recently at Oakridge and Fruitport schools.



L to R, Samantha Wilson, Principal and Club Advisor, Kadence Day, Treasurer, Zariah Burt, Vice President, speaker Molly Kennedy, Jurnee Johnson, Secretary, Mikayla Covington, President



Molly speaks convincingly about "Flipping your 20" (choosing to shift your paradigm) when stuff happens and you need to do something to not keep you down. Adults can benefit from this same message!

Ep 46: Randy Lindquist - Muskegon Area Intermediate School District



Join us on this week's episode of the Muskegon Rising Podcast for a look inside the Muskegon Area ISD (MAISD) with Superintendent **Randy Lindquist**.

Discover how the MAISD provides vital support to local schools, students, and educators through a range of programs and services. From

early childhood development and special education to career and technical training, the organization plays a crucial role in shaping the future of education in Muskegon.

Tune in to learn how the MAISD empowers our community, one student at a time.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/episodes/16134730-randy-lindquist-muskegon-area-intermediate-school-district>

Muskegon Rising Podcast Ep 47: Art Martin - Muskegon Museum of Art



Ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes at an art museum?

Tune in to Episode #47 of the Muskegon Rising Podcast for a fascinating conversation with Art Martin, Curator at the Muskegon Museum of Art.

Discover how his keen eye for detail, careful arrangement of exhibits, and captivating storytelling bring art to life. Art shares his secrets for creating a fulfilling and surprising experience for every visitor, transforming a simple visit into a memorable journey.

Listen now and gain a whole new appreciation for the art of curation.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/episodes/16178523-art-martin-muskegon-museum-of-art>

This link (thank you, **Mike Vogas**) connects to the entire collection of our YouTube Muskegon Rising video podcasts.

[CLICK HERE FOR ALL PODCASTS](#)

Please welcome potential new members:

Toni Winkas who is the President of Muskegon Federal Credit Union. Toni is sponsored by **Roger Morgenstern** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Toni will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Greg Sischo who is the Director of Business at Pioneer Resources. Greg is sponsored by **Jill Bonthuis**. Greg and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board and will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Trudy Ender who is the CEO at the Women's Resource Center. Trudy is sponsored by **Pete DeBoer** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Trudy will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Angel Coon who is the owner of Earthwise. Angel is sponsored by **Kate Scarbrough** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Angel will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Craig Person who is the owner of Blue House Manor, Blue House Investment Group. Craig is sponsored by **Susan Crain** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Craig will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Gary Hall who is the Owner of DeanArrow. Gary is sponsored by **Jeremy Garcia** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Gary will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Josh Herder who is Co-Owner of New School Marketing. Josh is sponsored by **Brandon Turnbull** and has been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board. Josh will be inducted in the next few weeks.

Credit Card Fees

Dear Members,

You will recall that as a part of our continued financial stewardship focus, the Muskegon Rotary Club instituted a credit card payment fee beginning July 1, 2024. The fee is \$5 quarterly for full members and \$3 quarterly for Rewine (satellite) members, which approximates the cost the Club incurs for processing credit card payments. This is likely very similar to what you experience personally at many local restaurants and vendors who pass on the rising cost of credit card processing.

This message is to inform you of the three options available for paying quarterly dues:

1. Pay by check - No fee
2. Pay by ACH debit to your bank account - No fee
3. Pay by recurring credit card authorization - \$5 fee regular members/\$3 fee ReWine satellite members

Effective today, paying by credit card using the link in ClubRunner will no longer be available. For those of you currently using the link on your CR statement to pay by credit card, we are offering this opportunity to sign up for the recurring credit card authorization. I am attaching a credit card authorization form for your use.

You may also schedule an ACH payment beginning with your January 2025 dues, which is fee-free. The ACH authorization form is also attached.

Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,
Kim Boersema,
Club Coordinator

Kristi Nagengast,
Club Treasurer

Community Instruments Repaired



Dave Medendorp had a very special guest with him at last week's meeting. He introduced his friend Bob Malenfant, who has volunteered his time to repair and replace drums, mallets and other outdoor musical equipment installed at parks across Muskegon and Muskegon Heights by our Club in 2020.

Susan Crain, her late husband **Orville Crain** and a team that included **Bob Lukens, Judy Hayner, Andy Buelow, Larry Fife** and **Dave Alexander** led the fund-raising effort to get the instruments installed at eight locations, including Rotary Park adjacent to Heritage Landing in downtown Muskegon. **Dave Medendorp** said during recent visits to Rotary Park to discuss possible improvements, he was concerned about the broken equipment. He connected with Bob who is a musician and a very talented craftsman, who with some donated and purchased materials, made the repairs.

Dave is accepting donations to help cover the costs of the materials. Please contact him if you're interested in contributing.

Three people (two men and one woman) in polo shirts (one blue, one purple) standing outdoors near a body of water, looking at a clipboard and a device.

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

November is Rotary Foundation Month, a time to celebrate and support the life-changing work of our Foundation. Since The Rotary Foundation began, it has awarded more than US\$6.5 billion to help members transform communities locally and globally. We are deeply grateful to Rotary members like you who make Doing Good in the World possible.

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