

The RIM Newsletter

Rotary

InMotion



Club 16 (2809) District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>



*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 7, 2024

Next Meeting (November 14, 2024, 12-1:30pm) — at the DELTA
Program Topic – Safer Teens
Implementing Evidence-Based Youth & Firearm Injury Prevention Programs in Muskegon County

What's Coming

- November 14 – Safer Teens
- November 21 – Boys & Girls Club
with a tour after meeting!
- November 28 – No Meeting
Happy Thanksgiving!

Upcoming Birthdays

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| November 16 | Patricia Walstra |
| November 17 | Jeanette Hoyer |
| November 17 | Dayne Robinson |
| November 18 | Chris McGuigan |
| November 19 | Michelle Burley |
| November 20 | Rachel Fawcett |
| November 20 | John Rupert |
| November 20 | Brianna Scott |

Caring Connections Fund



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

Greeter This Week

Bill Erickson & Cynthia Maynard

Reflector This Week

Claire Root-Benson

RIM Reporting this Edition

Photographer – Wyatt Huggett
 RIM Reporter – Jackie Farrar
 RIM Editor – Susan Besteman

Visitors & Guests



Emily Morgenstern introduces guest Kaitlin Hermanson



Darlene Collet welcomes her guest, Marquis Childers Jr. who is the first African American small wine maker in Muskegon County showcasing his first local wine.



Craig Person was introduced by **Susan Crain**



Jeremy Garcia presented Gary Hall



Prospective member Chad Lawie was announced by **Mary Anne Gorman**



Rob Mathis introduces guest Jessica Kauffman

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



Fruitport High School Counselor Marissa Higgs introduces two high-achieving students, Trevor Rusnak and Brooklyn Russell

This week's program: Inbound Youth Exchange



Introduced by: **Kristi Pawlak**
 Presenters: Michelle Mbashall,
 Laura Resende, Apolline
 Balayet, & Cornelius Redhead
 RIM Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**



Brazil: Laura Resende



Laura shared that Brazil has one of the greatest climate diversities in the world, several types of vegetation and animals. She went over some traditional foods, the culture, and spoke highly of her family.

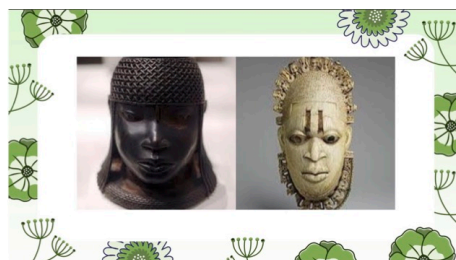


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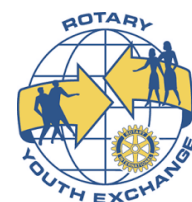
Nigeria: Michelle "Mitchie" Mbashall



Michelle shared the population in Nigeria is around 202 million, with 250 Ethnic Groups, and the official language is English. She also presented several pictures of the culture, geography, history, challenges and opportunities.



Kristi Pawlak introduces the program



**France:
Apolline Pasteau Balayet**



Apolline shared information on the French Revolution, culture, cuisine, famous art, popular movies, sports, and literature with us.

very flat like Michigan, the population is over six million, famous for the creation of LEGO, and his mom and sister both were exchange students.



**6000 People
1200 AD**



Art



Litterature

Michelle, Laura, Apolline, and Cornelius spoke to us about history, culture, art, shared several pictures, and so much more today. These four students are going to do so much good during their lifetime; it was an absolute pleasure listening to each one of them share their presentation with us.

Denmark: Cornelius Redhead



Cornelius shared a lot of history and several pictures. He stated the land is



Club President Tim Arter announced the honorarium for the presentation to [ShelterBox](#).

**Spotlight Video
Danielle Risley**



Serving youth is a privilege and Danielle Risley embodies the energy that makes it an honor too. She works with the Interactors at North Muskegon Public Schools, offering them leadership skills and opportunities to be a part of community contributions. Danielle also assists Kristi Pawlak in readying youth for international experiences.

Watch Danielle's video [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members Voted on Bylaws



Muskegon Rotarians voted and approved an amendment to the club's bylaws for two additional directors to the Board of Directors effective November 12, 2024. Motion was made by **Dave Alexander**, seconded with support, and unanimously approved.

Brave Rotarians Contest Started!



Meredith Smillie this fall's Brave Rotarian competition that supports the Rotary Foundation. Today we said goodbye to four out of the 23 brave Rotarians:

Jane Clingman-Scott
Susan Holkeboer
Christine Robere
Sue Samiengo

Words from **Ginny Sprague** on why she donates to the Rotary Foundation: "By financially supporting the Rotary Foundation, I can direct my contributions to the individual causes I want to help including eradicating Polio, environmental causes, clean water, maternal & child health, peace building, literacy, disease prevention, and community & economic development." She also added, "The Rotary Foundation gives me the opportunity to help the world."



Claire Root-Benson delivered the reflection this week.

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

Rotary After Hours – Family Night at the History & Science Museum



Thursday, November 14, 2024 - 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Who: All Rotarians, Interact, Rotaract and their family and friends.

What: Rotary social event at the History and Science Museum at the Lakeshore Museum Center. This event is geared to the entire family and will feature interactive events for kids and adults as well as access to all the museum's exhibits including:

- **Dinosaur Bones.** Explore Dinosaurs with Paleo Joe and embark on an extraordinary journey through time as we unveil the mysteries of the prehistoric world in the Dinosaur Bones exhibit.
- **Coming to the Lakes:** Learn all about the lives of those who've called this area home for the last 10,000 years! From giant Mastodons to fur traders, lumber barons and others, this exhibit is bound to make you curious.
- **Habitats Gallery:** Discover the relationships between the plants and animals that live in Muskegon County and the habitats of each. Which ones have you seen? The

habitat Gallery will make you **adventurous**.

- **Michigan from the Depths of Time:** Our beautiful lakes didn't always look like they do today! Our bodies of water have experienced impactful changes throughout the ages. Dive into this exhibit and see for yourself. Bet it will make you **smile!**
- **Stem Center:** Be sure to check out this creative and interactive space that will make you **think** about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics! This exhibit promotes hands-on learning for all family members.

Where: 430 W. Clay Ave., Muskegon, MI 49440

What Do I Receive?

- Snacks, adult beverages, water and soft drinks
- Enjoy the comradery of Rotary members and their guests in a relaxed atmosphere outside of the meeting setting.
- Access to all other museum exhibits too

Cost: FREE

How to sign up: No registration necessary but it would be helpful to sign up—[CLICK HERE](#).

Questions: **Jeff Bessenger** at jeff@lakeshoremuseum.org or **Tim Lipan** at Lipant@comcast.net or 231-740-0982.



**Muskegon Rising Podcast
Ep 44: Clean Slate
Program**



This week on the Muskegon Rising Podcast, we're exploring the Clean Slate program and how it's helping individuals with past criminal records clear their past and build a better future.

While safe communities, fair wages, and affordable housing should be accessible to all, hundreds of thousands of Michiganders face barriers due to past mistakes. Discover how Clean Slate can help expunge eligible records and open doors to new opportunities.

Listen now and learn how you or someone you know can benefit from a fresh start.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/.../16054886-clean-slate-program>

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

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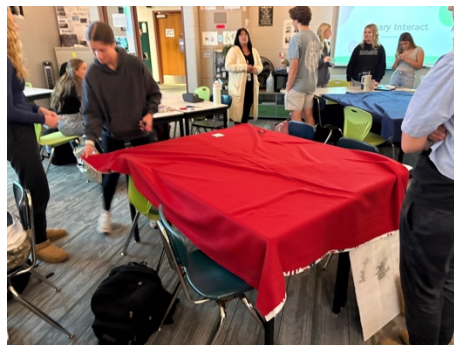
Eric Seifert has inbound student Cornelius Redhead draw the first raffle ticket.



Interact Insider

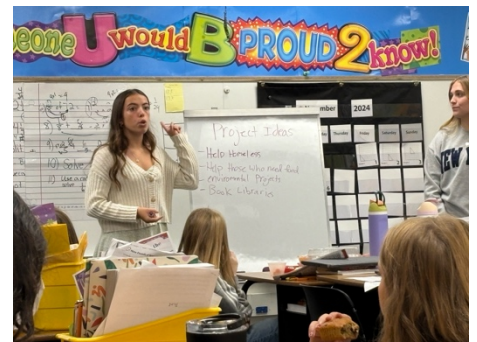
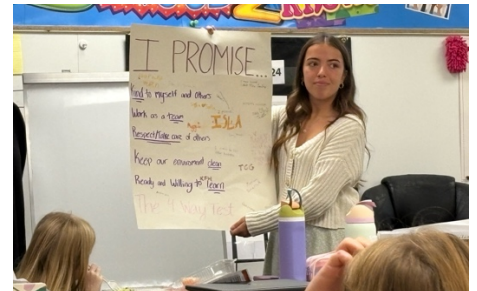
Reeths-Puffer Interact

The Reeths-Puffer Interact Club is creating blankets for local veterans living in assisted living situations. Five individuals with connections to the students are being selected to receive the blankets on Veteran's Day.



North Muskegon Interact and Early Act

The NM club met Nov 6th and chose an environmental area for their first project. The focus will be on recycling and reusing books through a drive or a partnership with "little libraries".



Grants Committee

Past President Ginny Sprague shared that she's fulfilling "the one job of Past President," to organize our Foundation's annual Grants Committee. Beginning Nov. 7, community 501 c 3 non-profit organizations will be able to submit a Letter of Inquiry to begin their grant application process. The organizations are asked to review and follow the Guidelines for Grant Making found on our Club's website, or by [clicking here](#). The Letters of Inquiry are due by Dec. 13. The Grants Committee will meet in January to review all letters. Non-profit agencies who are selected to submit a grant application will be notified by Jan. 15 and grant applications will be due by Feb. 28.

ALL AGES

Author Talk with Yuyi Morales

Enjoy a tapas happy hour, see a ballet folklórico performance, and meet author and artist Yuyi Morales.

Thursday, November 14 | 5:30 pm | Muskegon Museum of Art

Register at MADL.org/calendar

Logos: THE BIG READ LAKESHORE, HACKLEY Public Library, LATINOS WORKING TOGETHER, MADL Muskegon Area District Library

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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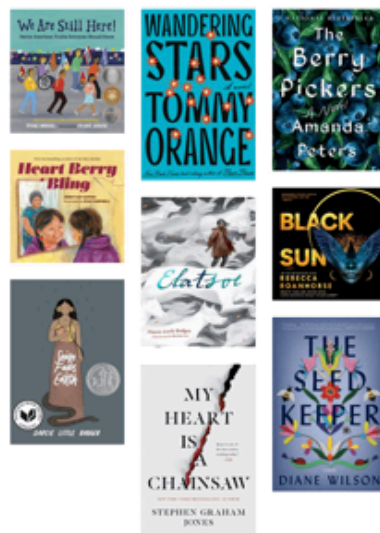
The World At Your Library

Join us for a special program where we will meet 14 students from 12 different countries through Muskegon Rotary. We'll learn more about their cultures through a special story time, crafts, and snacks. Youth all ages. Free!

10:30 AM
Sat, Nov 9
at Hackley Library

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Everything Imaginable.

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EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

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