






# “Service Above Self” Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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## Muskegon Rotary Club

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

**OCTOBER 8, 2020 12:00-1:00pm**

**FROM HOME, OFFICE, HAMMOCK, BARN**

**ReWine Satellite Club – No mtg at 5:15pm**

**Mary Anne Gorman, Director**  
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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?

## (10/15/20) “Positively Muskegon / Muskegon Channel” Andy O’Riley

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

\* Arriving on your feet  
 The job is just to greet while  
 Ready to take some heat  
 And be the last to eat

### REFLECTOR

10/8 Maryanne Gorman  
 10/15 Jim Schlitz

### THIS WEEK’S MENU

Same as last week’s

### NEXT WEEK’S BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Fisher Oct 16  
 Chauncy Williams Oct 16  
 Kim Dimmett Oct 17  
 JD Wallace Oct 21

### PROGRAMS / EVENTS

10/15 **Zoom Meeting**  
 10/22 **Cancer Detection**  
 10/29 Sr Resources W Mich  
 11/19 RI/Mgn Rot.Foundation

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“We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles.”

--Former President Jimmy Carter

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, KUDOS, VISITORS

**ReWine** next meets October 15

### 20 BRAVE ROTARIANS

*\*It was a dark and stormy night...*

Paul Clifford by Edward Bulwer-Lytton

To support Rotary International's World Polio Day, the Muskegon Rotary Club's next Brave Rotarians Contest will support the End Polio Now initiative.

This Brave Rotarian contest will feature the opening sentence from various literary works, and a contestant matched with each sentence. Our academic journey will run from Thursday, November 5, through Thursday, January 21, 2021. Each week we will reveal the title and author of two selected quotes, and the

participants matched to each sentence will be eliminated from the contest.

As in past contests, each participant will contribute \$100. Typically, the contributions cover the cost of two Paul Harris Fellow awards. Instead, the Muskegon Rotary Club will use Recognition Points for the two Paul Harris Fellow awards, and all money collected will be contributed to the End Polio Now campaign. These contributions are matched 2-to-1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Each contestant will write a check to The Rotary Foundation and write **End Polio Now** in the memo. Please mail your check to Ginny Sprague, 1050 Harbor Point Court, Norton Shores, MI 49441 by **Thursday, October 29, 2020**. If you wish to pay by credit card, please call Ginny 231.740.0916 with your credit card information, and she will submit your contribution to the Rotary Foundation website.

\* Edward Bulwer-Lytton is renowned for the opening line, "It was a dark and stormy night...." He has given his name to an annual contest for poorly written first sentences.

**The Grants Committee** met and announced that March 30 is deadline for grant requests.

**Visitors** this week included students from Muskegon Catholic Central Interact club.

## COVID-19 Reports

**Kathy Moore** reported cumulative to date in Muskegon County 1,570 positive, 1,246 recovered, 71 COVID deaths, 251 active additional cases. Muskegon County's positivity rate is currently 2.36% of all tests administered. Positivity rate on additional cases and deaths are long-term care or assisted living center. There were a lot in April and May, then a downturn and it is gradually increasing now. Epidemiologists are trying to link but no information yet. No school related outbreaks. We have had school positives but they have been related to an outside source. The dust is settling over the Michigan Supreme Court but there is still a gray area over mask mandate. Mandated or not--masks work! Our best defense: wear your mask, stay distanced, and wash hands!

**Christine Robere** reminded us the lack of affordable housing is still a struggle. She cited an example: someone reached out from Child Protective Services with a family with 3 children ranging from 5 months to 6 years. Mom is working full time for a retail chain, dad is disabled. They were evicted in Spring pre-COVID. They have had to stay in a shed with other families, even eventually staying in a tent. Because of this, they were reported to CPS. UW got them into temp housing through May and a vehicle for mom to get to work. It's important to realize that every time you get evicted you lose everything. Several agencies came around, church and community with support and mentorship. This is just

one of many stories. For whatever reason families get behind, they lose their housing and need to get back in a place they can afford. It's especially difficult just getting a landlord to rent because they've been evicted. There will be a work group on **October 21** focusing on finding more affordable housing. Let Christine know if you'd like to be a part of this meeting to develop goals toward making solutions.

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## Food Truck Volunteers Are Awesome!

Another great showing for the Food Truck by Muskegon Rotarians and Mona Shores Interact students last week. Thanks, **Arn Bozeart** for all his hard work and for keeping us updated on this important project!



The Rotarians and Interactors who helped 'lighten the load' at Fifth Reformed Church Friday, October 6 included: **Lisa Eggen, Stacey Cornell, Don Hutchins, John Noling, Arn Bozeart, Ellie Keessen and Olivia Abraham** (Mona Shores Interacts). Special thanks to Ellie and Olivia who did more than their share of filling food boxes and loading cars and were a delight to work with.



This food truck was coordinated by Fifth Reformed Church on Holton Rd. and underwritten by our Rotary grant, and represented an expansion of the overall county-wide food distribution program. This represented #5 of our scheduled 10 distributions that will be completed by December 23. The photos show Rotarians 'on the job' and that Rotary received plenty of visibility at the event. Rotary also received a nice acknowledgement (including the Rotary logo), in the Northside Churches Outreach bulletin that announces the county wide food truck schedule.

**Volunteers are still needed for**  
**October 14 & 28**  
**November 18**  
**December 23**

Please arrive at the **Temple Methodist Church parking lot** location by 3:00 p.m. with food distribution beginning at 5:00 p.m. and lasting until approximately 6:00 p.m. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated!

**Remember red star removal day? You committed to helping our club by encouraging new memberships. Please reach out to anyone who may be interested in our club and invite them to attend a meeting.**





## Safe Roads to School Project

The Health & Wellness Committee's Safe Routes to School Project continues with more kids riding every day. This program has been greatly received! Kids who may have never had a helmet or even a bike are experiencing the thrill of cycling. They are learning safe riding skills all while getting fresh air and exercise.



We still need volunteers to help with trains/rides. **If you can spare time between 2:00 & 3:30 pm even one day of the week Monday-Thursday**, please go to the link below to sign up. You'll love riding with the kids and get some exercise at the same time. [Safe Roads to School](#).

## This Week's Program: Lakeshore Museum Center

By Susan Holkeboer

We enjoyed a presentation by representatives of the Lakeshore Museum Center moderated by **Howard Hardesty**. The presenters were Melissa Horton, the VP of the Museum Center and "Fossil Hoarder Extraordinaire" (she's been at the Center for 22 years in various positions), and the Program Directors of the Hackley Hume Historic Site and the main Museum Center, Erin Schmitz and Jackie Huss.



The center is made up of nine sites : the main museum, the Hackley House, the Hume Home, the Carriage House,

the Scolnik House of the Depression Era, the Fire Barn Museum, the Heritage Museum (merged LMC in June 2020), the Archives and Collection Center.



Melissa told us that the center is more than just exhibits. They preserve historic artifacts, have natural history collections, archive documents, do restoration work, clean statues, and help people with research projects. They are also a big part of the education community.



Erin told us about projects at Hackley and Hume sites. One of the Hume bedrooms is being restored to give it more of a 1920s feel. They are also working on a Hackley Arts project that's been ongoing for a couple of years. And there is always exterior work, painting and dry rot to be fixed thanks to our weather.

Traditionally, they have had field trips to the museum for various science projects and outreach to the schools which helped because of limited bus funding, Jackie told us. Because of COVID, they have gone virtual. Last May started with a few selected programs that staff were offering from

home as well as coming in individually to the galleries to present via zoom the science and history programs. They are continuing to expand what is offered to teachers.

They used to do a big program called the Big Lesson for teachers who received special training to be able to come to the museum for a full week to use all of the resources and access artifacts for hands-on experience, and object-based experience. Now they are working with the same teachers to see how this can be done virtually this school year. The teachers enjoy this and have been getting it scheduled .

"What is the museum doing in response to the millage that was passed this fall?", Howard asked Melissa. She told us they are making sure admission is always free for Muskegon County residents. They also have free community days at the Heritage Museum and at the Hackley Hume site on Mother's Day, Father's Day, Hackley Day, and during the month of October.



Jackie said that an exhibit ending soon at the museum is "Cheers: The History of Brewing" in Muskegon. Its last open day is October 16. It is definitely worth a lunch break to come in and scope out the history of brewing in Muskegon. Hint: it started before Unruly or Pigeon Hill.

In November, "Who is Rosie Lee Wilkins?: Piecing Together Her History" will open. This will be a quilt-based exhibit, but it also will look at the process the curators went through to research Rosie Wilkins, who is a

prolific African-American quilter here in Muskegon, and about the difficulties they had in tracking down her story and what they were able to learn. This is a two-sided exhibit of quilts and story.

Be sure and check out [Facebook](#) or follow the links below for more details on all of fall's amazing programs for October. These include one of Jackie's favorites called ["Smashing Pumpkins" on October 16 at 5:30 PM](#). It's free for county residents. Kids will be able to decorate pumpkins and if they choose, they can have their pumpkin smashed against the building with the museum's trebuchet.



Hackley and Hume sites will have a [grounds tour on October 9th and October 23rd](#).

Also, on [October 23rd and 24th](#), there is an opportunity to tour the sites by [flashlight](#). Registration is required for the grounds tour and the flashlight tour.

Erin told us they are doing curatorial work on the original stain glass doors in the Hume house. The glass is bowing badly because of temperature spikes. This is a hugely important project. Work is also ongoing for window repair in all of the buildings. They are working their way down each building which will help with heating costs and preserving the artifacts within.

Programs that will be returning in the future are: Escape Room, Obituary Tour, the Scandal Program, the Life Clue Game that was played at the Hackley House, all access tours, and holiday tours.

New things starting next year: some Lunch & Learn on the lawn next summer with the first-floor tour and some other evening opportunities also.

Melissa explained to us that COVID has created some big challenges. 40% of the operating budget income comes from special program income, memberships, admissions, grants, and annual appeals. The museum was closed for 4 months. Last year in July there were 15,000 visitors at the Museum Center and 18,000 at the historic sites. This month there have been 300 at the Main and 200 at Hackley Hume.

Efforts are being made to come up with outside-type programs that people will feel safe attending. The hope is that as things get better more guests will be able to be welcomed to the museum.

A great way to stay involved during the pandemic is to check out the museum's website for their [Museum at Home Resources for Learning](#). It's packed with fun activities like Science at Home, crafts, coloring page downloads, and virtual tours.

The question was asked, "How do you decide what to collect?" Erin explained that there is an acquisition's committee that meets monthly to talk about prospective future donations. Questions asked are what will be their impact, were they made in Muskegon, what's the story behind the artifact? It needs to fill out Muskegon's story.

If an object is accepted into the museum we need to preserve it and have a place to store it. It can't be a duplicate because we want a wide range of stories. Only about 10% of the objects that we own are on display.

The objects not on display are stored in the collection center and have a collections manager that cares for them. The collection center is kind of a warehouse and is very organized with a database to be able to track all of the objects.

**The Lakeshore Museum Center collection contains around 58,000 items pertinent to the natural and cultural history of Muskegon County. Their changing exhibits cover a variety of themes and they welcome research inquiries on Muskegon history topics.**

If you become a member of the museum, there are special behind the scene tours of our collection center.

There are several ways to become involved with the museum.

- You can become a member. This will get you invitations to special events, free admission to all sites, including Hackley and Hume houses, Heritage Museum, a discount in the museum store, discounts off regular programs, and also reciprocal memberships with various museums around the state or the country depending on the level of membership you choose. The museum has just finished up reciprocal membership with the John Ball Zoo and the Holland Museum.

- You can volunteer at the museum.

- You can donate an object or money. In the past we have had the Lumber Baron Bar as a fundraiser. In lieu of that, we're doing an appeal called Raise the Roof, Shore the Floor. The money raised will go toward replacing the roof on the main Museum building as well as the Archives which are several years past that need. It will also go to replacing a century old floor joist in the Heritage Museum. This will be a major work to put in a new more stable joist.



•Go in. They are open. If you do not feel comfortable going in, ask for information on the scavenger hunt for the mini mastodons hidden all over downtown Muskegon. There are 20 of them. There is a map available.

The museum wants to collect things from the 70s 80s and 90s, items on diversity such as from minority businesses, wants to represent all aspects of our community both positive and negative. Want to contribute?

The Museum Center is also asking for your help to create a record of life during the pandemic. While things are uncertain, collecting now will help future Muskegon residents understand these unprecedented times in our history.



If you have documented life today in your community or even in your own home, consider donating your digital photographs or videos. Here's a [link](#) for more information on what they are looking for and how you can donate.

The Lakeshore Museum Center is one of Muskegon's aMAzing Museums (M3) which is a collaboration of 13 museums and historic sites located within Muskegon County. The others are the Muskegon South Pierhead Lighthouse, Scolnik House of the Depression Era, the Fire Barn Museum, Hackley & Hume Historic Homes, Torrent House/Hackley Library, Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon Heritage Museum, USS Silversides Museum, SS Milwaukee Clipper, USS LST 393 Veteran's Museum, James Jackson Museum of African American History, and the White River Light Station.

### Main Museum

Lakeshore Museum Center  
430 W. Clay Ave.  
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### Historic Sites

Hackley & Hume Historic Site  
484 W. Webster Ave.  
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Fire Barn Museum  
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Scolnik House of the  
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Check out their website

[www.lakeshoremuseum.org](http://www.lakeshoremuseum.org) for more ideas.

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## TO BE A WEEKLY ZOOM MEETING PARTICIPANT

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device

**Please follow the guidelines below to ensure we have a respectful and productive meeting.**

- Please login to the Zoom meeting by 11:55 am if possible.
- When you login, please register with your name and not your email address to ensure attendance is recorded accurately.
- Please keep your microphone muted during the entire meeting to avoid disruption from background noises.
- Feel free to stop sharing your image if you have to walk away or leave the meeting temporarily.
- Please remember that while you are sharing your image everyone else in the meeting can see you – be mindful of what you do on camera.
- Please use the Q&A box to ask questions of the presenters and use the Chat box for sidebar conversations with other attendees.

## A Word from The Editor

This week I have been thinking a lot about the word **Gratitude**.

The current state of our country is confusing, exhausting, and at times terrifying. When I am purposefully grateful it helps pull me back into a mindset where I focus on what is truly important. I want to share with you what Muskegon Rotary means to me.

When I first joined Muskegon Rotary in 2017 it felt like a really huge family reunion – every single Thursday. It was a little overwhelming, but you find that when you sit at a different table every week, you don't just meet people, you are given the opportunity to make connections that will impact your life forever.

I'll freely admit in the beginning my commitment to Rotary was at best 10%. Then **Bill Johanson** asked **Susan Besteman** and I to help with editing the RIM Newsletter. We had both been reporting already, and that was a once-a-month gig at best. This felt like something I could do. Susan was ready to jump right in, and who can say no to Bill?

I can say that the greatest reward I have experienced being part of this little newsletter is the gratitude Rotarians have shown toward this tiny little piece of what Muskegon Rotary is. I have witnessed first-hand the power of people in our community. It is with such great pride that I am able to be a member. The ideas created and put into action by our club, committees, and individuals are too incredible to put into words.

So thank you, Muskegon Rotary. There are so many of you who give and give expecting nothing in return. I am grateful to be able to meet and learn about so many smart, incredible, talented, gracious people. Thank you for letting me be part of your lives and Muskegon's future.