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Muskegon Rotary Club

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

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

FROM YOUR HOME, OFFICE, HAMMOCK

ReWine Satellite Club – Mtg at 5:15pm

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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?

(10/8/20) “Lakeshore Museum Center” Annoesjka Soler

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

* No one can be sweeter than our cute Rotarian greeter when someone neat or neater is pleased and proud to meet her (or him)

REFLECTOR

10/1 Chanda Cregg

10/8 Maryanne Gorman

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Menu? Ain't No Menu

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Heidi Sytsema Oct 11

Ed Hendrickson Oct 12

Claire Root-Benson Oct 14

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

10/08 **Zoom Meeting**

10/29 Sr Resources W Mich

11/19 RI/Mgn Rot.Foundation

11/26 **Thanksgiving**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Member Orientation

Orientation for new members and/or folks interested in membership will be Wednesday. Please contact **Howard Hardesty** howardh@civitas-it.com for details.

Kudos

Thank you, Jon Noling and **Mona Shores Interactors** for their hard work sprucing up our beautiful Veteran's Park (which more young people need to know and care about...) Saturday.



Today's Guests

We enjoyed the virtual company of students **Rachel** and **Hailey** along with Counselor **Patty Stasiak** from Fruitport High School.

Photos for Membership

Directory still needed:

You know who you are—if you received an email from **Bill Johanson**, we need your photo. Please send your photo (smart phone camera shots are quite acceptable) to **Amy Gustin** aegus@aol.com by next week.

Rotary District 6290

Education Summit Coming Via Zoom - October 17-22

Energize and recharge with engaging speakers who will be talking about relevant and interesting topics, giving us ideas that we can *really* use! Don't miss this year's RES - conveniently held in your own home via Zoom. For questions, please call **Susan Crain**, Assistant Governor, 231-282-1818 or better yet-- register [here](#).

COVID-19 Update

Kathy Moore reported 1,493 positive recorded, 1,209 recovered, 68 covid deaths, currently managing 216 active cases as well as 145 on quarantine.

Christine Robere from Lakeshore United Way (who is currently quarantined but did not test positive) announced that Consumers Energy has assistance for utilities, the Eviction Prevent program continues to be a support to many in the community, and more information to come on the Resource Fair Homeless Connect scheduled for October 27.

“Grace, respect, reserve, and empathetic listening are qualities sorely missing from the public discourse now.”

--Meryl Streep

TREE- Mendous Sale!



Saturday, October 10

8am-1pm

Muskegon Farmers Market

Plant more trees this fall for great results and help us provide Service Above Self projects in the community!

A joint project of Muskegon Rotary ReWine Evening Club and Mona Shores High School Rotary Interact Club.

White Pine- Our State Tree and a stately addition to your property!

Blue Spruce- Increase your property value and clean the air!

Red Maple- Sequester more carbon and cool your home at the same time!

All in 1-gallon pots, ready to plant \$5 Donation requested per tree
Contact **John Noling** johnnoling65@gmail.com to pre-order or stop by the Farmers Market Oct 10 between 8am and 1pm

Fall is **CANning** Season

10-cent Honor Roll

John and Phyliss Wahlberg

Kim Suarez

Amy Bodbyl Mast

Martin Asplund

Thank you for your generous donation of returnable cans and bottles for Muskegon Rotary sponsored Interact Clubs at Mona Shores, North Muskegon, Oakridge, Orchard View and Reeths Puffer High Schools!

The Harmony Park Instruments Are Here!

It has been just over two years since Muskegon Rotary members **Susan and Orville Crain** brought the idea of permanent outdoor musical instruments to their friends at Rotary and West Michigan Symphony (where Susan serves on the Board).

Initially, the idea was to purchase and install a set of instruments at Rotary Park, adjacent to Heritage Landing. But when **Judy Hayner** and **Dave Alexander** were brought to the table, the project quickly expanded to include eight different locations and more than 30 instruments.



The \$100,000 fund raising campaign—of which Muskegon Rotary is a lead donor—successfully concluded in the spring. The instruments were ordered in June, shipped in July—and are now mostly installed, with a few locations still waiting for installation. Locations include Rotary Park and Heritage Landing; the pocket parks at Seventh & Shoreline and the Farmers’ Market; the Olthoff Stage across from the

Frauenthal Center; St. Joseph and McLaughlin parks; and Johnny O. Harris Park in Muskegon Heights.

Public dedication ceremonies are scheduled for **Saturday, October 10th** — and you are invited! The Symphony’s lead percussionist Leo Taylor will be working in advance with neighborhood children to provide musical demonstrations of the new instruments. Festivities will take place at **2:00 at Johnny O. Harris Park** and progress to **Rotary Park at 3pm**. Don your most musically themed face mask and stop down for some musical fellowship!

What to do this weekend in Muskegon...rain or shine

Depot to Depot 2020

Saturday, October 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th visit 25 designated stops along the 2020 Depot to Depot Fall Color Tour. For more information, check out Visit Muskegon’s [Facebook](#) page to learn more.

Seasons changin’ here

Bill Johanson



Ample rain in Cloverville this last week. Full rainbow Monday with a friendly cloud sportin’ a pig face, left, and teddy bear, center. Look closely. Imagine.

Last Week's Program Women's Division Chamber of Commerce

Kathi Upman, President of the Women's Division Chamber of Commerce

By Jackie Farrar



The mission of the Women's Division Chamber of Commerce (WDCC) is working together to make a difference in the community. The vision is to support local non-profits and community projects, encourage community participation in events and programs, provide scholarships to students for their higher education goals, enhance and beautify neighborhoods and community, continue the heritage of inspiring volunteerism and leadership, and leave a legacy of enduring contributions to our community.

"Beautifying our community will always be a big part of what we do!"

The WDCC was organized in 1951, and they will be celebrating a 70-year anniversary this year. They currently have 200 members and want to make a difference in the community. They offer several fundraising events to give back to the community. The Women's Division listen, are respectful, and they always follow through with each event (COVID did not hold them back). Last year, Dancing with the Local Stars raised \$186,589.60 for food pantries in the community. Trinkets & Treasures

raised \$20,146.35 and each of the three parties who helped with this event each received \$6,715.45. Additional events include Fashion & Frolic, Downtown Dancing, and Parties in the Park.

Several Members work on a variety of different annual projects:

- The Scholarship committee will award seven \$1,000 scholarships to students this year – Schools receive a packet of information in the month of October
- The decorating committee for the Hackley House and Hackley Park
- Item of the month committee – example Pound Buddies; collect items for a month and donate them



- Adopt-A-Senior Committee – 150 purchases for a gift at Christmas. They also will wrap and decorate the gift before delivering it
- Mobile Food Pantry committee - four food truck giveaways annually
- Kids Power of Produce Club – kids receive two tokens to shop at the Farmers Market and learn about shopping and healthy eating

The Women's Division is able to give back to the community through donors and sponsors. They are strategic in how they utilize the funding they receive and are thankful to everyone!

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Avoiding long lines at the polls

PLAN AHEAD;

DON'T DELAY

By Bill Johanson

We're quickly approaching Nov. 3, when a US president will be elected or re-elected. Rather than risk a long line when voting then, I'm



considering filing an absentee ballot for the first time. To help avoid my messing it up, I called the Fruitport Charter Township Clerk, last week, and had basic questions answered. Let me share a couple that may or may not apply to your home municipality.

To my surprise, I'd already completed and filed an absentee ballot application – the proper first step in this process. You can apply online:

<https://bit.ly/3jeztwh>.

Turns out, our clerk will be mailing our ballots this week, encouraging their prompt return. My completed ballot may be dropped off at the township office, placed in the township's after-hours drop box, or mailed to the township via the USPS.

Your city-township clerk can answer specific questions, and may be located using this link: <https://bit.ly/36bTIN3>.

Please vote—vitally important this year!

In Michigan, you can request a ballot to be mailed to you if you're registered to vote. The deadline to request a ballot through the state's website is Oct 30. You can also request a ballot by mail or in person. The state of Michigan suggests that you request and return your absentee ballot as early as possible.

Apologies: The 10/1 meeting recording is unavailable.