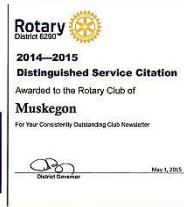


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Muskegon Rotary Club

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 12:00-1:00pm

FROM YOUR HOME, OFFICE, HAMMOCK
ReWine Sat Club - 9/3 at 5:15pm Western Ave

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?

(9/10/20) "BAKER COLLEGE, MCC" DR NESBARY, AARON MAIKE

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

* Per this headline, any selectee should have a hyphenated name

REFLECTORS

9/3 JD Wallace
9/10 Jim Schiltz
9/17 Jim Rausch
9/24 Chanda Cregg

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Look around. Whadaya see? It's the end of summer lookin' back at me, and our personal menus must reflect such. May we modestly suggest some type of squash along with pumpkin soup and maybe applesauce topped w/CoolWhip and sprigs of kale. Yum!

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

(apologies for last week's editor error)

Jon Gale	Sept 03
John Snider	Sept 06
Bobby Thomas	Sept 09
Jonathan Wilson	Sept 09

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Belinda Barbier	Sept 13
Jeremy Williams	Sept 14

FUTURE PROGRAMS / EVENTS

09/10 **Zoom**-Baker College, MCC
09/17 Muskegon Area ISD
09/24 District Governor
10/01 Chamber Women's Div
10/08 Lakeshore Museum Ctr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReWine

Next meeting is 9/17 at 5:15 pm on Western Ave between the Arena and Dr. Rolf's.

Still collecting cans!

Members and friends save your Labor Day cans and bottles! Contact Blake Cramer blakec51@gmail.com or John Noling johnnoling65@gmail.com next week for dropping off or picking up. Three Interact clubs have shared \$1,150 so far to get their clubs going.



We can't forget to thank our 10-Cent Honor Rolles: **Chris McGuigan** (pictured above), **Doug Wood**, **Darlene Collet**, **John Nawrocki**, and **John Studebaker**.

If you missed this week's Zoom, click [here](#) to watch the entire 9/3/20 meeting.

Social Committee **BIG** News

The recent Muskegon Rotary survey shows that 65% of you would like to meet in person. The Social Committee jumped into action and **Tim Lipan** announced an opportunity for a safe in-person gathering:

- Elks Park, 5447 Lake Harbor Rd. Muskegon, Michigan
 - Social time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm
 - Social Event outdoors with space for social distancing, shade, and pavilion
 - Opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of Rotary members and their guests in a relaxed atmosphere outside of the meeting setting.
 - Individually packaged snacks
 - BYO beverages
 - Bring own lawn chairs. Some picnic tables provided.
 - Bring masks.
 - Hand sanitizer provided
 - Background music provided. No live music.
 - Just steps from beautiful Lake Michigan
 - Brief remarks by President
- How much does it cost to attend:**

FREE

For More Information Visit our [Facebook Page](#):

Kathy Betts announced an update to the Clubrunner Program. You can now add a second email to your profile, in case you would prefer your invoices to be sent to a different email. Reminder: If you haven't paid dues from July 1, October 1 and its invoice are right around the corner.



Arn Boezaart reminded that food trucks need some Rotary volunteers next Wednesday, Sept. 9 and Sept. 23 at Temple Methodist Church,

2500 Jefferson St. in Muskegon Heights. Volunteers will unload small boxes of prepackaged foods from skids onto assembly tables, adding items to the boxes and loading boxes into the cars/trucks of recipients who remain in their vehicles. Times are 4 pm until around 6:15 pm. Please contact Arn to volunteer at boezaara@gvsu.edu or 616-745-8465.

"Every morning I get up determined to change the world and have one heck of a good time. Sometimes this makes planning a day difficult."

--Anonymous

... provided by Orville Crain

COVID-19 Update

Kathy Moore, Public Health Director, reported stats of total 1,295 cases, 1,042 recovered, 67 deaths, currently managing around 183 active cases (a very manageable number).

Muskegon is doing great with its response and even better is the partnership between Public Health and Mercy Health to expand testing. A physician's order is no longer needed. Last weekend approximately 230 were tested with the help of the Michigan National Guard, 98 at Health West, and an additional 130 in the Muskegon County parking lot. On top of that, results are coming back within 48

hours. Current outbreaks are not resulting from organized gatherings; rather, unstructured social events.

Kudos

To **Dominique Bunker** for being named one of 15 Under 40 recognized by the Muskegon Chamber of Commerce!

Thanks to **Doug Brown, Darlene Collet, Sue Noling, Vonnie Reames**, and Kendall Smith from Rocket City Rotary Interact for offering to help with flags on Labor Day.

Thank you, **Lydia Terrell** for making our lives so much easier!

From this point on, the link below will provide access to all Zoom meetings through July 1, 2021. Copy the link and schedule your recurring meeting every Thursday, noon sharp!

[Rotary Weekly Zoom Meeting Link \(good through July 1, 2021\)](#)

This Week's Program: United Way of the Lakeshore

Facilitated by Jonathan Wilson



Panelists - United Way of the Lakeshore Board Members **Erin Kuhn**, **DJ Hilson**, and **Rich Houtteman**

Following a brief discussion of how each Member became involved with United Way of the Lakeshore, the consensus remains that each found the honor and privilege of helping the United Way and all that it offers to our community. The United Way works with local agencies to provide much needed funding and volunteers for a variety of causes. United Way works hand-in-hand with all three of these Rotarians and their positions within Muskegon County.



For Erin Kuhn, it fits with her day job as Director of West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission, DJ Hilson is

Muskegon County's Prosecutor, and Rich Houtteman is Community Affairs Manager for Consumers Energy.

"Our focus is on education, health, and financial stability—the building blocks for a good quality of life."

Erin answered the question about how United Way has created impact by supporting local agencies. She stated that United Way is a collaborator in our community using campaign dollars to make decisions as to which agencies are funded. United Way has a constant finger on the pulse of the community. They work with panels to make funding decisions regarding income and education, and the panels really get to know the agencies through their annual applications. Then they can make recommendations to the committee on where those funding dollars should go.



Rich spoke about what the United Way is doing to help our community recover and rebuild. United Way Invests in agencies doing the

"boots on the ground" work. The United Way website has great information on how to get connected with your time and talent. An example is Operation Gratitude for volunteers who want to write letters to military personnel from their homes; COVID testing coming up this Saturday; and many other opportunities to try to get

connected to the community where they're really needed. Even with the pandemic, there are so many ways to make a difference, like [Day of Caring](#) on (Sept. 11) to clean up Veterans' graves. The [21-Day Equity Challenge](#) (Sept. 8-28), an interactive digital resource for individuals to take it upon themselves to deepen their understanding of, and willingness to confront racism.

United Way and Rotary are committed to spreading the word about this important issue that impacts all of us. Rotary and United Way have a facilitated discussion about this every Friday at noon. Please reach out to Rich if you are interested in more information or to get involved.



DJ was asked-- why encourage people to get involved and volunteer? He responded that whenever he reflects on Rotary "Service Above Self," it drives a

lot of thinking when it comes to volunteering, recognizing and understanding that United Way is a national organization that has been in Muskegon for over 100 years.

"Muskegon is a very vibrant and giving community. That is a blessing that will continue for the next 100 years."

In addition to all the volunteer hours, 100% of dollars donated are fed back into our community. That includes \$2.4 Million last year as well as special COVID money. That can only mean bigger and brighter things for United Way of Lakeshore. "Muskegon is a very vibrant and giving community. That is a blessing that will continue for the next 100 years."

Erin also commented that United Way data shows that 45% of families in Muskegon County live below the ALICE threshold and across Michigan 63% of Black families live below the ALICE threshold. United Way is directly impacting that population.

The United Way is in real need of volunteers on their panel to make funding decisions. If you are interested in finding out how you can make an impact, please contact **Christine Robere**.

In our Zoom Chat, **Mary Anne Gorman** encouraged all Rotarians who are retired to check out the monthly "United After Work" group. They meet monthly in order to stay connected with the mission, support their programs, and local initiatives to take action that can address community needs in a cost-effective and impactful way.



Board Member **John Severson**, MAISD Superintendent, thanked everyone involved with the COVID program. It impacted a lot of kids and for 6

weeks they served about 1 million meals in Muskegon County. They really saw the inequities that came out as a result of the pandemic. As Rotarians we have to have that passion and urgency to make a difference. John stated, "I expect every child to graduate, but also healthy and ready to contribute to society. We can't do it alone."

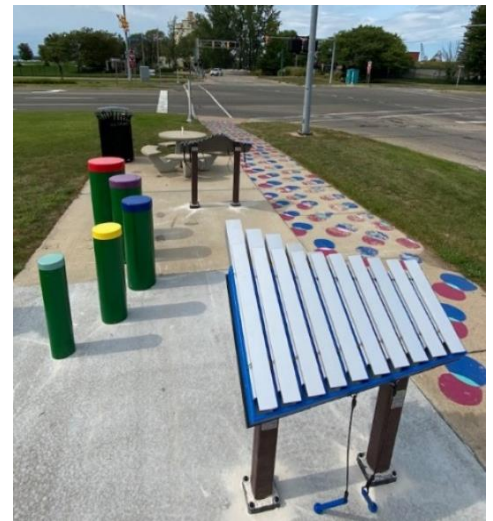
Volunteer, donate, do whatever you can to help the United Way of the Lakeshore help our community!

www.unitedwaylakeshore.org

Save the date!

Harmony Park Dedication

October 2 at 2 pm at John O. Harris park in Muskegon Heights, and also at 3 pm at Rotary Park in Muskegon. Special recognition goes to **Susan Crain, Judy Hayner, Andy Buelow, and Frank Peterson** for all their hard work on this amazing project!



A History of Harmony Park

In 2018, **Orville and Susan Crain** attended the Rotary International convention in Toronto, Canada. While walking through the House of Friendship, they came upon a vendor who had beautiful outdoor musical instruments. They learned that they were manufactured by Freenotes Harmony Park, a Colorado-based firm. Freenotes Harmony Park was a frequent collaborator with Rotary Clubs all over the country, installing their musical instruments in Rotary Parks.

They decided that our Rotary Park could be enhanced with these musical instruments. Orville approached Jan Deur, West Michigan Symphony Board Member, to float the idea of enhancing Rotary Park with these musical instruments. Jan discussed the concept with **Andy Buelow**, Executive Director of the Symphony, who also thought it was a great idea. Followed with an exploratory meeting including **Judith Hayner, Dave Alexander** of

Muskegon Downtown Development, Pete Brown (also of the West Michigan Symphony Board), **Bob Lukens** from Visit Muskegon, and **Frank Peterson** and LeighAnn Mikesell from the City of Muskegon.

The group discussed the idea and decided to think bigger than just Rotary Park. They chose eight different sites in Muskegon and Muskegon Heights: Rotary Park, Heritage Landing, Seventh Street and Shoreline Drive, Farmers' Market, Oltoff Stage, St. Joseph Park at Monroe and Fifth, McLaughlin Community Park on Terrace and Johnny O. Harris Park on Broadway.



From there they developed a plan, identifying the locations and the various instruments for each location. They submitted grants and received awards from the Muskegon Rotary Club, Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce. They also mailed out letters to many in our community. As a result, they raised more than \$100,000.

Installation of the instruments is now almost completed and a dedication will be held on October 10th at 2:00 at Johnny O. Harris Park and 3:00 ON THE SAME DAY at Rotary Park next to the Heritage Landing. So stay tuned for a formal invitation shortly.

**THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING US
TURN THIS INTO A REALITY!**

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