

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

September 12, 2024

Next Meeting (September 19, 2024, 12-1:30pm) — at the DELTA
Program Topic – State Health Insurance Assistance Program Initiative

What's Coming

Sept. 26 – 5 Rotarians, 5 Minutes
 October 3 – Every Rotarian Every Year

Upcoming Birthdays

September 19	Todd Rexford
September 20	Nicolas Morano
September 22	Adam Bell
September 23	Stacey Gomez
September 24	John Noling

Caring

Connections Fund

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



Greeter This Week

Lisa Tyler & Samantha Scott

September Reflectors

Karen Buie	September 12
Adam Bell	September 19
Rob Cook	September 26

RIM Reporting this Edition

Photographer – Mark Alpher
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 RIM Editor – Susan Besteman

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



Karen Buie giving this week's reflection.

VISITORS & GUESTS



Dayne Robinson posing for the camera with guest **Jacqueline Robinson** (owner/operator of Broadway Bootcamp)

Muskegon Rotary Board

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Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga with guest **Tara Foreman** (Bethany Church Pastor)



Marty Sytsema fires up the crowd in introducing our student guests from Muskegon Catholic. Joining us were, from left, seniors **Vince Szymanski** and **Mallory Rich** with Assistant Principal, **Erin Johnson**.



Tristan Scholl, guest of **Susan Crain**, is a former Rotary Exchange student from the Montague/Whitehall club. Tristan went to Florence, Italy 14 years ago and he gave heartfelt thanks to our club for sponsoring him and changing his life's trajectory.

This week's program: Rotary Orientation



Speaker: **Howard Hardesty**
Introduced by: **Melissa Horton**
Reporter: **Kathy Moore**

Howard Hardesty presented an abbreviated version of the monthly orientation meetings with a bolt of energy, flood of information, and boisterous gestures. The program encompassed slides from the monthly orientation meetings and highlighted Rotary's history, governance, avenues of service, and membership expectations. Hardesty



role.

informed us that Rotary was founded in 1905 by Paul P. Harris in Chicago and has grown into a vast network of clubs with over 1.2 million members in more than 35,000 clubs across over 200 countries and regions. Hardesty furthered explained that the Rotary Club of Muskegon is part of District 6290; which is comprised of 54 clubs with more than 2,400 members. And it's a big deal that our very own **Brianna Scott** was elected to serve as the 24/25 District 6290 Governor. Another interesting fact shared by Hardesty is that our local club was formed in 1916, which wasn't long after Rotary was first founded. Examples of our local club activities that align with Rotary's Five Avenues of Service (club, community, vocational, international, and youth) were provided.

Then Hardesty summarized the round-robin-sharing that occurs during the routine orientation meetings, and reenacted how he was coaxed into running the slide presentation at his own orientation session. Ultimately, this led to Hardesty leading and chairing the orientation meetings, agendas, activities and processes for the next 15 years – to this day. The audience was not sympathetic because Howard is obviously a great fit and it was exceptional foresight to place him in this

Object of Rotary

The ideal of service:

- Acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- High ethical standards in business and professions;
- Service in personal, business and community life;
- Advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace



Hardesty concluded the Rotary Orientation overview with an outline of privileges, obligations and expectations of Rotary Club membership. He emphasized key elements such as participation, attendance, and support through dues and donations.

You Are Rotary

While we can welcome you to Rotary, we cannot make you a "Rotarian."

That is an honor you must earn for yourself!



In summary, Rotary orientation is part of the overall onboarding experience, which is the portal to effective Club membership. And Rotary Club membership is important because it brings together community leaders and professionals dedicated to providing service, promoting integrity, and advancing goodwill and peace worldwide. All new, potential, and current Rotarians are invited to join any of the monthly club orientation meetings held on the first Wednesday of every month.

**Paul Harris Fellow
Community Award
Monte Scott**



As you know Muskegon Rotarians can use their accumulated Paul Harris points to grant a Paul Harris award. Today, we are spotlighting how one of our members granted such an award to a very deserving individual in our community. It took several years for us to find him, but Monte Scott was awarded recognition from our Muskegon Rotary Club for his contribution to community progress and spirit.

Meredith Smillie and **Howard Hardesty**, two local Rotarians made sure his effort was rewarded.



To see the full video, [CLICK HERE](#).

RIM Reporting Team

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Sunday Funday (Sept 22)
at Muskegon Luge
Adventure Sports Park**



Irma Carney announced our next Rotary Social Committee event is Sunday Fun Day at Muskegon Luge Adventure Park!

Sunday, Sept. 22 at Muskegon Luge Adventure Sports Park from 3:30-7 p.m. All Rotarians, family members, and friends are invited to attend.

You will receive a picnic dinner, water/soft drinks (or byob), free tours of the grounds (or \$29/person for the Adventure Package), and smores around the fire pits. No registration is necessary but it would be helpful to sign-up for a food head count.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. 462 Scenic Drive, North Muskegon, MI 49445. Contact [Irma Carney](#) for more questions.

Microforest Mondays

8:30am – 10:30am

Help is still needed!

Contact **John Noling** for more info

**YOU'RE INVITED TO:
COFFEE CONNECT**
A NEW MEMBER
ROTARY EVENT

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024
8:00 – 9:00 AM**

MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF
HISTORY AND SCIENCE
430 W. CLAY AVE
MUSKEGON, MI 49440

SVP: MELISSA@LAKESHOREMUSEUM.ORG

NEW MEMBER

**Rotary
Meet
&
Greet**

September
25
5:30 –
7:30 PM

Featuring:
A tour of the
Torrent House

HACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
316 W. WEBSTER AVE.
MUSKEGON, MI 49440

RSVP:
MELISSA@LAKESHOREMUSEUM.ORG

Big Read Lakeshore



Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga invites all of us to participate in this year's Big Read Lakeshore with "The Great Gatsby." You're also invited to a block party for this year's kickoff at Bethlehem Park (421 W. Summit St, Muskegon Heights) on Thursday, September 26th at 4-6pm. See Sarah for more details!

Adopt-A-Highway Program – Volunteers Needed Sept 28th

Our next pickup for the Muskegon Rotary stretch of highway on I-96 will be on Saturday, September 28. Volunteers will meet promptly at 8:45am for a short safety talk, then head out on the road to pick trash. (We will finish no later than 11:00am, sooner if we get a lot of help 😊). If you can help, please contact **Esther Ricco**, riccoe@gvsu.edu and she can provide you with details. Be a part of keeping our adopted stretch clean and taking action to protect our environment!

magical experience with three extraordinary events that you won't want to miss:

1. **The Rotary Foundation Gala:** Celebrate the incredible work we've done together and look ahead to even greater accomplishments. This elegant evening will be filled with inspiration, recognition, and fellowship.
2. **Fall Learning Summit:** Elevate your Rotary journey with insightful sessions and dynamic speakers. You'll gain new skills, fresh ideas, and the motivation to take your impact to the next level.
3. **Community Service Project - Part of the District Conference:** As part of our commitment to making a difference, we will participate in a hands-on project focused on improving literacy in our community. Your contribution will have a lasting impact on many lives.

And for a special treat, we'll be joined by a magician who will not only dazzle you with tricks but also inspire you with magic that ties into our Rotary values.

There are several options available to you. You can attend all three events (yes, there is a discount) or only one. The choice is yours! Mark your calendar for this extraordinary weekend. We can't wait to see you there! Click the below picture for more details:



Rotary District Conference in Muskegon - Oct 18th-20th

Click on the picture to see **District Governor Brianna**

Scott's invitation to the upcoming conference.



Registration is now open – [CLICK HERE](#)

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming District Conference from October 18th to 20th at the beautiful Delta Hotel in Muskegon. This year's conference promises to be a truly

Day of Caring Another Success!



Thank you to everyone who turned out to improve the Microforest project at the United Way Day of Caring event, Sept. 6, 2024. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the entertaining video by **Mike Vogas**.

Harvest Fest



Harvest Fest co-chair (and President Elect) **Dave Alexander** lets the Club know a perk of volunteering Oct. 24 during Harvest Fest, discounted admission!

This event is for the entire community and we welcome anyone to join in on the fun (not just Rotarians).

OCT. 24, 2024 @ 5-8pm

Baker College Culinary Institute of Michigan



Harvest Fest

Tickets on sale for \$85

Proceeds support the Muskegon Rotary Foundation



Tickets:

Tickets are on sale now! More information can be found [HERE](#). Tickets are limited so be sure to get your ticket(s) soon!

Sponsorship:

The HF committee would like to challenge each member to help raise funds for this event. It is very simple challenge, they ask that **EACH OF YOU** call or email ONE friend or business person you know, and ask them if they would be willing to sponsor the event! [HERE](#) is a link to view and download the sponsorship document. Feel free to email it or print it off and share it with someone you know! There will also be copies at the weekly Rotary luncheons on the back table.

Volunteer:

Volunteer registration is open! [HERE](#) is the link with more information. All volunteers that would like to enjoy the Harvest Fest activities before or after their shift will enjoy a discounted ticket price for the event!

Ep 36: Preventing Gun Violence: A Conversation with DJ Hilson



Join us for a conversation with Muskegon County Prosecutor, DJ Hilson, as we discuss the proactive steps being taken to reduce gun violence in our community.

Hear how Muskegon is utilizing a federal grant to identify and support teens at risk, offering them positive alternatives and guidance toward a brighter future.

This is a discussion you won't want to miss. Let's work together to build a safer Muskegon for everyone.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/15728891-preventing-gun-violence-a-conversation-with-dj-hilson>

September is Hispanic Heritage Month!



September is Hispanic Heritage Month and [CLICK HERE](#) or scan this QR Code to view a reading list.

Pop over to your local library branch to find these (and more!) books!