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Muskegon Rotary Club

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

Next Mtg—Sept 21, 2023, 12-1:30pm

The Delta

ReWine Sat Club—1st and 3rd
Thursdays, 5:15 pm



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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?

Next Meeting (9/21/23) — Rotary Peace Building Committee

“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

Monica Turnbull

Upcoming & Recent Birthdays

Adam Bell Sep 22
Chanda Cregg Sep 23
Stacey Gomez Sep 23
John Noling Sep 24
Nancy Crandall Sep 28

Caring Connections Fund

(Remember to donate \$10 on your birthday for this great cause!)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

Sep 14 Mission for Area People

Sep 21 Rotary Peace Building Committee

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Please email Club Board

Members through this [link](#):

VISITORS & GUESTS



Karen Buie introduces her guest and potential member Darwin Smith



Jackie Farrar introduces Brandy Carlson who will be joining the club soon.



Ryan Sterkenburg welcomes his guest Max Monton



Marty Sytsema introduces our student guests from Montague High School: Principal Christy Thommen and students Delaney Schultz and Chris Aebig.



D.J. Hilson introduces our newest member, Dayne Robinson.

Our lunch meeting
next week,
September 21,
will be back at The
Delta in Walkers.



Miss a minute? Catch the
entire 9/14/23 Muskegon
Rotary meeting video right
[here](#).

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Mission for Area People

RIM Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**

Introduced by: **Emily Morgenstern**

Speakers: Kristen Turgeon



Program presenter Kristen Turgeon from Mission for Area People (MAP)

The Mission for Area people (previously known as MWP) is a faith-based nonprofit organization that cares about the community. Their goal is to provide Muskegon County residents with resources to meet basic needs, promote dignity & respect, and improve quality of life. The Mission for Area People has been providing assistance to Muskegon County Residents for 57 years.

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed. The ALICE threshold are households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the

county. Many Muskegon County households struggle with the cost of household essentials (housing, childcare, food, transportation, health care, and basic smartphone plan)

Muskegon County ALICE Statistics

- 65% of the City of Muskegon are ALICE Households.
- 36% of Children are living in Poverty.
- 43% of Muskegon County are ALICE Households.
- 70% of the City of Muskegon Heights are ALICE Households.
- 62% are Countywide eligible for free & reduced school meals.

Assistance provided in 2022

Transportation

- 95 individuals served (value of assistance \$31,000.00)

Medical & Dental Fund

- 78 individuals serviced (average \$318.00 per client)

Rental & Utility Assistance

- 314 individuals served (average \$4,673.00 per family)

Healthy Choice Food & Personal Needs Pantry

- 1,353 individuals served (\$65.00 average per person)

Clothing Pantry

- 586 people serviced (\$30.00 average received per visit)

Teen Town Christmas Program

- 142 Teens services (\$100.00 average per teen - ages 15-18)

New Programs in 2023

Happy Feet Back- to- School Program

- 165 low-income families or families facing poverty served (\$55.00 average spent on shoes) The Children were empowered by choice from the Shoe Carnival

New Start Daycare Financial Assistance

- Provides financial daycare assistance to newly employed individuals/families facing unexpected financial hardships.
- Ensures families have the ability to accept new employment or keep daycare slots during statewide daycare shortage.
- This program is made possible by a grant from the Greater Muskegon Service League's Women and Children's Fund of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County.

For more information on the Mission for Area People call 231-733-9672, visit

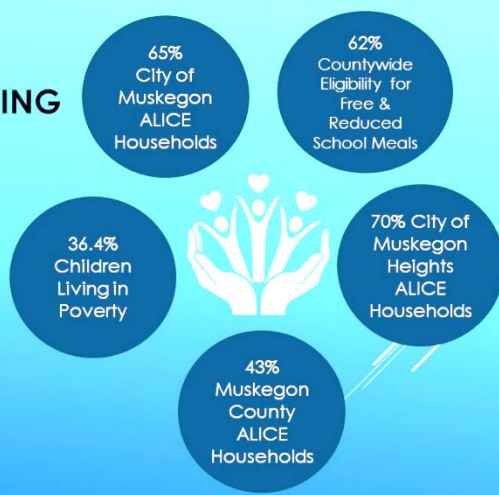
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MUSKEGON COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS ARE STRUGGLING

ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold). Many struggle with the cost of household essentials (housing, childcare, food, transportation, health care, and basic smartphone plan).



ReWine News:

From 9/7/23 Meeting:

Watch for a February Chili Cook-Off date. More info coming soon.

ReWine social event at John Noling's home 9/28/23 4:30-7:30pm

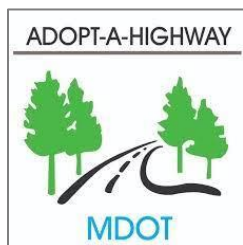
Interact District Conference in Rockford coming up Nov. 11.

Announcements



CeCe Riley reminded members that Harvest Fest, scheduled for **October 26**, replaces Grape Escape as our fall fundraiser and we need your support!

Last Reminder for Adopt-A-Highway!



Our next pickup for the Muskegon Rotary stretch of highway on I-96 will be on **Saturday,**

September 23. Volunteers will meet promptly at 8:50am 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, estherricco@hotmail.com and she can provide you with details. Be a part of keeping our adopted stretch clean and taking action to protect our environment!

RIM Editorial Corrections:

The next ReWine meeting date was published as 9/23 but is actually 9/21/23 at The Delta. ReWine meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

The speaker for our October 12 luncheon is Representative Hillary Scholten.

We apologize for any confusion.

New Member

Induction:

Dayne Robinson

Dayne Robinson is currently the Director of Advancement at Muskegon Catholic Education Foundation. Dayne has been with Muskegon Catholic for almost two years and has been working in the non-profit sector for over 15 years, both in the UK and the US.

He is originally from Leeds in the UK, moving away for college before moving to Muskegon in 2017.

He met his wife Jacqui, a Muskegon native, when she was studying abroad through GVSU. They lived together in the UK for two years before moving to Muskegon after they were married. The Robinsons have two children, a three year old boy and a four month old girl.



President Ginny reminds new member **Dayne Robinson** of his obligations as the world's newest Rotarian, as his sponsor, **D.J. Hilson** looks on.

Outside of work Dayne enjoys playing and watching sports. Particularly, the English soccer team Leeds United and the reigning NFC North Champion Minnesota Vikings. His favorite things to do in West Michigan are visiting the waterpark at Michigan Adventure in the summer and snow-shoeing at the Winter Sports Complex in the winter. Dayne says he is excited to join Rotary to be able to give back to a community that has welcomed him with open arms.

Member Spotlight:

Bill O'Brien



This week's member spotlight features **Bill O'Brien**. Bill is in his fifth year as Superintendent at Mona Shores Public Schools. He is married and has two children who are part of the Mona Shores Community.

Bill is all about service above self. He enjoys watching the Interact & EarlyAct Clubs collaborate in the community, the impact public education has on students, and how Rotary Members and the Community work together and dedicate their lives to service above self.

You can catch Bill's full Spotlight interview right [here](#).

RIM Reporting Team

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Interact Insider

MHS Interact Club President Zuri LaBrenz wrote an essay about her experience in El Salvador.

Dear El Salvador,

The dark clouds began to roll in, the moon shining brighter than any star. It was midnight as the cold air began to hit my bare arms. Waiting for the bus; stuck in the blue polos everyone had to wear. The bright headlights came into view. I remember my hands sweating. My anxiety began to build up as I began doubting myself. My thoughts are a jumbled mess "Away from home- farther than I've gone before.. What would happen to everyone while I was gone? What would happen to me?"



My leg was shaking uncontrollably, the vibrations of the turbulence scaring me more. I'm here in El Salvador. The sun is blazing down on my skin, I already feel like it's burning off. The trees are a mix of what you'd find in Michigan and California. It smells weird; fresh and a bit of musk. But little did I know, the next day would change my view on everything. The numbers on my phone change from 9:45 to 9:46 and the bus comes to a stop. It was time to get to work. My heart swells for the people sleeping on the side of the roads and digging through the garbage just for some food. We got to the site and I felt as if my heart dropped. People and animals everywhere. Some dirty, some skinny, and some begging for even a crumb of food. I couldn't understand them the best, but I

understood them and I felt for them. The trip I was anxious for; it actually scared me. Once we started the day, sweat dripped down my body. The bricks are heavy. My muscles feel like they're being pulled apart. Kids voices screaming, running, and tagging each other. "MIKA!!" Eliva screamed as she tagged me. I set the brick down and started to chase her. Even as none of them had homes or food to eat; all of them had a smile on their face. All of them were happy and I never felt that with all I had at home. Even with it, I still had one goal in mind. "Help them." That's the only goal I had going throughout my mind that entire trip. My stomach swarmed with butterflies; for two different reasons. How were they so happy with so little, but also how could I personally help them.

As we were done for the day and the sky is still as bright as ever; maybe brighter. As we all got back on the bus going to a party. Watching the cities change from lower statues to a higher statue. A house; I take that back. A mansion- many chairs surround the back yard and it feels as if there is still room for another football field. The place was beautiful, don't get me wrong. But I envied them and I wasn't even in a bad living situation. Do they just throw people to the side like Talnique? Why don't they help them out? Most of them are just kids. Soon the Mission trip came to an end, and it was like when we left. The sun was shining bright onto us as

we stood outside of the hotel with luggage by our sides. Waiting for the bus with the same blue polos everyone is wearing. But this time; instead of the scared anxious feeling. We accomplished something great; we were all tired, but we made a few families lives a little better.

The trip taught me so much, from never forgetting my sun screen, to how little can make one person so euphoric. The things this trip taught me honestly will stay with me forever. I always make sure not to waste any food because people somewhere in the world need it. I always make sure I'm happy for the little things. I get a new backpack or clothes. I look up to the sky and hope that those kids can get those things as well. I appreciate my mom more than I used to; at once we were like them. Barely any money couldn't get much food, she rather I'd be fed and happy before herself. I really was, but I never realized how much she's done for me until now. This trip also taught me how wealthy people don't really care about what is happening in society. The impact this trip gave me is something greater than sitting at home watching about it on tv. Its taught me to always and I mean ALWAYS be grateful for the things I have and that come my way; it's also taught me to always give back in the world. I hope one day, I can help make a bigger difference in the world, and it's all thanks to El Salvador.

