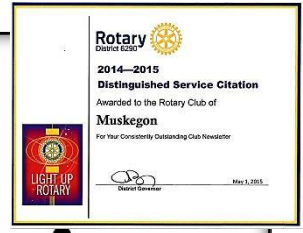


"Service Above Self" Muskegon Rotary in Motion



<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>

Jason Piasecki, President
Jane Clingman-Scott, President-Elect
Ginny Sprague, President Nominee
Mark Meyers, Immediate Past President
Tim Arter, Treasurer
Kathy Betts, Secretary
Kim Boersma, Club Coordinator



Muskegon Rotary Club
Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
Next Meeting September 9, 12:00-1:30pm
Hybrid Style – Delta Marriott & Zoom
ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 9/16 5:15 pm

Mary Anne Gorman, Director
Jeff Lewis, Director
Doug Wood, Director
Asaline Scott, Director
David Ramos, Director
Marty Gerencer, Director
Susan Besteman, RIM Reporter
Lori Weiler, RIM Editor



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 (9/9/21) — Seaway Run Recap (LIVE)

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

Chauncy Williams

REFLECTORS

Darlene Collet Sept 2
Eric Seifert Sept 9

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Jonathan Wilson Sept 9
Belinda Barbier Sept 13
Jeremy Williams Sept 14

Don't forget [Caring Connection Fund!](#)

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

9/2 Latinos Working Toward the Future
9/9 Seaway Run Recap (LIVE)
9/16 Adelaide Point (LIVE)

You subscribed yet?

Muskegon Rotary has its own **YouTube Channel!** You don't have to miss a single recorded weekly program when you subscribe to our YouTube channel. No, there are no cat videos because there is too much amazing content here. Check it out!

<https://bit.ly/rotaryyoutube>

VISITORS & GUESTS

Mason and Matthew Schlafer were guests this week.



As many of you may remember, Mason is an Eagle Scout who has been very busy fundraising. (Fun fact: **Jim Fisher** was the first Eagle Scout in the troop that Mason is in now!) Mason is the #1 all-time seller in the 40-year history of the Boy Scout Popcorn Fundraiser, raising \$225,000 in lifetime sales. Of that, \$205,000 has remained in West Michigan. He has funded over \$3,000 in camperships for kids, \$200 to two boys whose home burned to the ground, funded 11 Feeding America Food Trucks, and too much more to mention without making his story a weekly program. We are humbled and honored to have Mason and his super-proud dad, Matthew, visit our club.

Jim Fisher's guest was Chris Chaney. Chris is relatively new to our area and is married to a long-time friend of Jim's daughter. They have been traveling the world for several years teaching in Thailand, Costa Rica, and Korea. Chris works for a software startup and is a prospective new member.

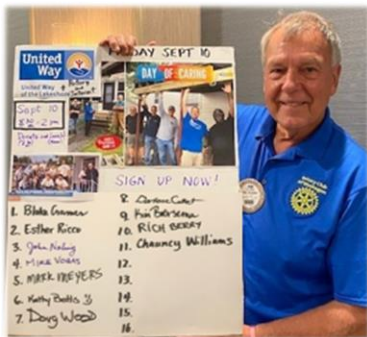


Kathy Betts introduced Monia Turnbull, Resource Director for Boys & Girls Club of the Lakeshore. Monica is married to Rotarian **Brandon Turnbull**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Way Day of Caring is September 10!



The sign-up board is full so John Noling has flipped it over to add more Rotarian names. *Is yours there yet?*

Muskegon Rotarians will work alongside 15 Orchard View and Muskegon Rotary Interactors on Friday, September 10 for the annual United Way of the Lakeshore Day of Caring event. We need Rotarians to volunteer to work alongside Interactors and get to know them as possible future Rotarians and show them what Rotary "Service Above Self" really means. Options:

1. Cleaning Veteran gravestones and planting an American flag by them at Evergreen Cemetery. **We will meet AT EVERGREEN CEMETERY at the Wood and Irwin entrance at 8:30 A.M.** for instructions and breakfast.
2. Downtown Muskegon Heights restoring historic light poles, benches, and other public fixtures between Peck, Broadway, and Baker St. Also painting, weeding, and cleaning the city block. **Meet at Rowan Park at 8:30 am** for instructions and breakfast.

All necessary tools at both sites provided and a box lunch at noon. We'll work until 2 P.M. unless you have to leave early or you finish early. We have lots of room for you to join the fun! Join with Rotary and Interact to make a difference on Day of Caring! Contact [John Noling](#) or [Blake Cramer](#) for more info.

Trivia Question

Q: Who was the first female member of the Muskegon Rotary Club?



A: Sue Wierengo was the first female member of Muskegon Rotary. She joined the club in 1988 and went on to be our first woman President in 1999-2000.

On 4 May, 1987 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership.

I met Sue while taking part in Leadership Muskegon in 2005 where she was the facilitator. Sue embodied the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self.

From an article on MLive:

Sue Wierengo grew up in North Muskegon and for her high school education at the all-girls Emma Willard School in Troy, N.Y., and then she received a degree in economics from Smith College in North Hampton, Mass.

She was the first executive director of Hospice of Muskegon County – now Harbor Hospice, in 1982. She served four terms as a Muskegon City Commissioner from 2005 to 2019.

Vocational Spotlight

The spotlight shines on **Bill Loxterman** this week. A Rotary International Club member since 1983, Bill has been active in three Michigan Clubs (Monroe, Montague/Whitehall, Muskegon).



His experience in marketing and promotion lends these communication skills to our Muskegon Club on a regular basis. Bill was drawn to Rotary for the camaraderie, networking, and communication within the community. After graduating from Ohio University (to clarify, a Bobcat) in 1969, Bill moved to Michigan and has been in Muskegon nearly 50 years. Bill felt blessed to have two really great careers in Muskegon. He worked for *The Muskegon Chronicle* from 1969 to 1983 as the Promotion Manager among other things and then went off to work at Muskegon Community College where he really enjoyed every day promoting as well. Bill believes in the big tent theory of Rotary that there's something for everybody and Rotary has a place for your skills and goals.

What a fabulous Labor Day Weekend it's going to be in Muskegon! Not enough room for all the details in the RIM; luckily VisitMuskegon has it all covered on their [Facebook](#) page or click on the links below:

- [Muskegon South Pierhead Light Tours](#)
- [The Muskegon Heritage Museum](#)
- [Muskegon Polish Festival](#)
- [Cars for Cancer Show at the Lakes Mall](#)
- [Standup Muskegon In-Person Event](#)
- [Buy Black Weekend](#)
- [Aquastar Cruises](#)

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Latinos Working for the Future

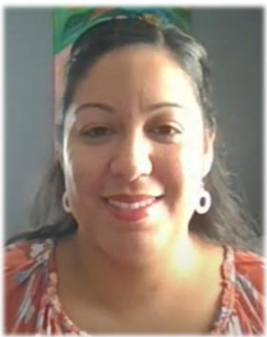
By: Susan Besteman

Hosted by Troy Bell

Speakers Angelita Valdez and Elizabeth Briseño



Angelita Valdez is a Behavioral Health Therapist and the Chief Executive Officer and proud Owner of Servicios de Esperanza, LLC providing bilingual therapy, substance abuse counseling and play therapy to families and children. Angelita is involved with numerous community and professional affiliations and serves as the President and Board Member for Latinos Working for the Future.



Elizabeth Briseño is the Human Resources Manager at a local credit union. In addition, to Human Resources she provides Spanish translation and knowledge of community engagement opportunities. Elizabeth is the Vice President of Latinos Working for the Future and was voted one of 2019's top 25 Latinxs in Michigan by the Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan.

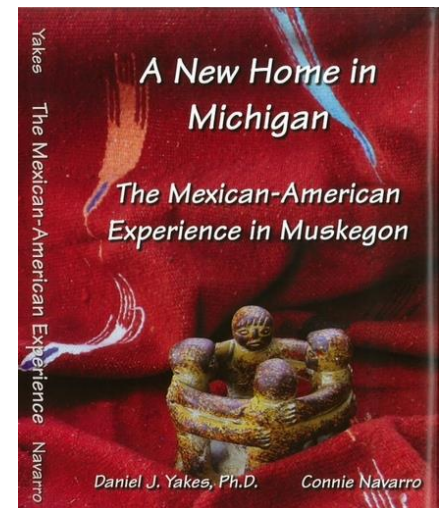
Latinos Working for the Future's purpose is to unify and organize the Latino community of the Greater Muskegon Area. Founded in July 1991 by Angelita's parents, Angel Luis and Connie Navarro, the organization continues today with a mission on uniting the Latino community, making sure their voices are heard in the Muskegon community, and improving Muskegon for the next generations. They celebrate their culture and unify different Latinos within the community. There are 20 Latin-American countries and most people attribute Latino to a meaning of Mexican; so this is a way to organize within and also organize and share throughout the Muskegon community through self-promotions with other organizations as well as promoting education according to Angelita.



Since 1991, the organization was very active in collaborations in the community, providing college scholarships, participation in college fairs, working with the younger generation with the sub group of Latino Generation, and teaching children ethnic, traditional dancing and attire/clothing. They also were active with several activities and festivals in Muskegon County. In addition, they formed another important sub group, Latino Seniors, as they felt it important to address the communication and continue the relationships with the Latino elders.

"Our purpose is to unify and organize the Latino community of the Greater Muskegon Area. We will strive to celebrate our culture, increase interest in our history, while preserving and honoring the Latino dialects of our Hispanic population."

Two years ago, Latinos for the Future, shared their culture with the community through working with vendors at Hackley Park with the Muskegon County Latino Festival. Elizabeth stated that at this successful event, they were able to not only share their culture but also knowledge and resources already in the community through their vendors. They have also been active with presentations at Hackley Library and helping with COVID relief opportunities including giving out PPE to the community.



In 2007 and 2008, the first Latinos Working for the Future book collaboration occurred stemming from the Latino Elders. It came out in 2010 and was titled, *A New Home in Michigan: The Mexican-American Experience in Muskegon* by Dr. Daniel J. Yakes. (Purchase the book [here](#).)

Many of our Latino community here from the 1940s were migrant workers moving back and forth to Michigan from Texas and Florida. In WWII, many of them began to move and set their roots here in Muskegon with the men obtaining jobs in the factories instead of being so transient. Angelita mentioned this book inspires and shows people how brave those families were to leave that type of lifestyle.

Troy posed the question, what is the difference that your organization makes? Angelita mentioned, even though their organization is smaller in statue with a five-member board, they are still respected by other organizations enough to be called upon by the larger organizations in the community. For example, they were called by HealthWest to fill a need for translation services and pass out PPE equipment. However, Elizabeth mentioned, even though they have a good foundation and connections, there are still a lot of people in Muskegon County that aren't aware of Latinos Working for the Future. They want to be that bridge for the community and also working on increasing Spanish Literature in our area (more resources and people).



While they've been here for thirty years, Angelita mentioned more volunteers and community outreach is welcome. They are small but mighty and receptive to any help, new information, and are open and willing to learn as much as they are open and willing to inform others. Reach out to any of the board members any time, share your knowledge and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month September 15th through October 15th.

Facebook Page: [Latinos Working for The Future](#)

Website: [LatinosWorkingfortheFuture.com](#)

September 9 Rotary Lunch Meeting deadline is 9/3/21. Click [here](#). "Seaway Run Recap (Live)"

What's the Deal with Labor Day?

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.



The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

Source: <https://www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history>

Muskegon Rotary Board

Jason Piasecki jason@revel.in
 Mark Meyers markm@nortonshores.org
 Jane Clingman-Scott janeecs1@comcast.net
 Tim Arter timarter935@gmail.com
 Kathy Betts kbetts01@gmail.com
 Mary Anne Gorman ma.gorman@hotmail.com
 Jeff Lewis jeff.lewis@shorelinecity.com
 Ginny Sprague ginny.e.sprague@gmail.com
 Asaline Scott ascott03169@gmail.com
 David Ramos david@ramosautobody.com
 Marty Gerencer marty.gerencer@gmail.com
 Doug Wood doug.wood@orchardview.org

RIM Reporting Team

Susan Besteman susan@bestemanproperties.com
 Jackie Farrar farrarjackie@yahoo.com
 Susan Holkeboer sholkebo1905@aol.com
 Bill Johanson bill.johanson@yahoo.com
 Kathy Moore MooreKa@co.muskegon.mi.us
 Lori Weiler lori.weiler@summitlawncare.net
 Meredith Smillie msmillie@bethany.org