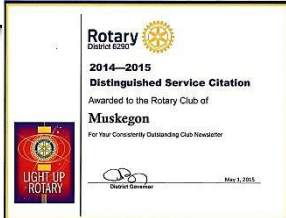


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Muskegon Rotary Club

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

Next Mtg—Sept 28, 2023, 12-1:30pm

The Lake House

ReWine Sat Club—1st and 3rd

Thursdays, 5:15 pm



Aaron Maike, 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?

Next Meeting (9/28/23) — Taking Back Muskegon, Inc.

"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

Nancy Crandall Sep 28
Andrew Zahrt Sep 29
Dimitri Poland Sep 29
Bill Loxterman Sep 30
Lori Weiler Sep 30
Carla Flanders Sep 30
D.J. Hilson Oct 2
Joanne Stoneburner Oct 2

Caring Connections Fund

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

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

Sep 28 - Taking Back Muskegon, Inc.

Oct 5 - Muskegon Housing Study

Oct 19 - Inbound Exchange Students - AT THE DELTA

Oct 26 - Muskegon County Housing Commission

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Members through this [link](#):

VISITORS & GUESTS



Cathy Brubaker-Clarke, right, and Jenny McNeill, introduce their pastor and guest Rev. Rob Cook.



Mary Anne Gorman introduces her guest and fellow former Harbor Hospice colleague Dee Kwicien.



Doug Brown and his guest Irma Carney.



Jim Fisher introduces his guest, Kevin Stotts.



Pete DeBoer introduces his guest, Community Foundation for Muskegon County colleague and potential Rotary member, Diana Giles.



Marty Sytsema gets everyone fired up for student guests; this week they are from Muskegon High: Jakob Price M'kai Guy and Counselor Shawndra Sain.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: Braver Angels

RIM Reporter: **Meredith Smillie**

Introduced by: **Kelly DeVos**

Braver Angels attempts to bridge the gap between red and blue Americans. This is a national group attempts to bridge gaps and deepen peace within our communities. Our speakers are Vince and Janet of Braver Angels.

[Braver Angels](#) is a national organization. This group was established to help build bridges and to ensure that they are assisting individuals to see each other as friends and humans. There has been a large political divide between Democrat and Republican voters. Braver Angels is a non-profit organization of both Democrats and Republicans and is truly non-partisan. Love for country can be demonstrated by love for one another. They consider themselves an American initiative; including initiatives that transcend partisan agendas. These include health, workforce and human rights.

87% gain significant understanding

85% feel less estranged or angry

91% see areas of commonality

Becoming a Braver Angel requires courage and understanding. It requires opening up to listen to one another even when we may disagree with their politics. Braver Angels hopes to eliminate Affective Polarization-the desire to push political agenda to the poles versus looking at common ground.

MISSION

Braver Angels brings Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic.

Since 2016, there has been a significant spike in how each political party viewed one another and these were overall very unfavorable views. Outrage is the largest predictor of continued social media presence and keeps them coming back to their accounts for additional polarizing news, memes and support. More and more Americans fail to believe that our government will do all they can to overcome a threat to our nation.

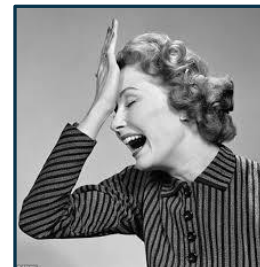
Braver Angels brings Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic. Janet noted that discussions on politics and the divide they have brought upon American families. She noted that political divide has affected her family directly and joined Braver Angels to help pull her family back together in a healthy manner. Braver Angels believed that we can engage with those we disagree with, are able to seek common ground, and try to understand one another's' point of view. Braver Angels does not aim to change political viewpoints, but to seek to listen and to understand.

Braver Angels does workshops and educational series. They offer eCourses, conversation starters, debates and more. The Depolarizing Within workshop helps individuals to work with others within their same party but may be polarized; and this helps to build relationships

and find middle ground. Red and Blue Workshops are small groups of individuals from each political party that come together to hear one another and build bridges.

The day-to-day work of Braver Angels is being ambassadors, developing Braver Campuses, Braver Citizens, Braver Media, Braver Network, Braver Politics and Braver U. Link to how to join [BraverAngelsMI.org](#) and [BraverAngels.org](#).

What are you willing to do to bridge the divide?



You missed it again? Not to worry, the full Rotary program from Sept 21 can be viewed [here](#).

RIM Reporting Team

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Lori Weiler
Roger Morgenstern & Mark Alpher, Photographers
Bill Johanson, Contributor
John Noling, Contributor
Mike Vogas, Contributor

ReWine Updates

September 21, 2023 meeting

Doug Wood shared committee updates from Interact clubs as well as the New Generations Council. This council is looking at ways to move some other unused moneys into scholarship funds that would aid student travel to Honduras, El Salvador, and Life Leadership.

Chili Cook-off is tentatively scheduled for February 8.

Carim Calkins has provided a Rotary Gear order form for your convenience. Click [here](#) to jump to the form.

ReWine off-week social get-together at John Noling's house is this Thursday, **Sept 28, 4:30-7:30 pm**. Beer and wine provided. BYOB, and bring an appetizer to pass. John's house is at 2332 View Lane, North Muskegon.

Announcements

Rotary in Action 2023 Brave Rotarian Contest

Periodically, Muskegon Rotary holds Brave Rotarian contests to encourage contributions to support the work of the Rotary Foundation. Each participant in the Brave Rotarian contest contributes \$100 to the Rotary Foundation.

Winners receive a Paul Harris Fellow award for themselves or to gift to another deserving individual.

This coming **October 24** is World Polio Day, and Muskegon Rotary will participate financially in the effort to eradicate polio. Last year, we were this close to eradicating polio as only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, had cases.

This contest, Rotary in Action, is designed to support President Ginny's focus on the Rotary Foundation for her Presidential Year and support the vital work of the Rotary Foundation to

eliminate polio worldwide. We are seeking 20 Brave Rotarians to participate in this contest.

The contest will begin on **Thursday, October 26**, when two contestants will be eliminated from the competition and will continue until January 11, when the two remaining contestants will be declared the winners of the Rotary in Action contest.

Contestants will write a check for \$100 to the Muskegon Rotary Foundation, and all of the proceeds from this contest will support the Rotary Foundation's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide as our Club's support of World Polio Day. Please contact **Meredith Smillie** at msmillie@bethany.org if you would like to participate.

For New Rotarians and their Sponsors

A Morning Meet Up will be held **October 20, 2023, from 8:30-9:30am**

at the Lakeshore Museum Center, 430 W Clay Ave, Muskegon.

Please RSVP by October 16 to

melissa@lakeshoremuseum.org

Coffee Time ☕

A Rotary Meet & Greet will be held **November 7, 2023, from 5-7pm** at the Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 Webster Ave, Muskegon. This event is for new members and their sponsors. Please RSVP by November 3 to melissa@lakeshoremuseum.org

Adopt-A-Highway MDOT Pickup

Contributed by **Esther Ricco**

A special THANK YOU to Rotarians **Michelle Burley, John Noling, Kaytie Drake, Kelly DeVos, and Carim Calkins**, as well as Muskegon High School student Tobias Melton, for cleaning up the Muskegon Rotary Club's Adopt-A-Highway stretch at our last pickup of the year on September 23rd. This amazing crew hauled 40 bags of trash to the side of the road for MDOT to collect and dispose of properly.

This year, our volunteers collected a total of 168 bags of trash from our stretch of highway! While this number is quite impressive, we



still need more help! If you are interested in helping out next year, please contact **Esther Ricco** at riccoe@gvsu.edu and she can add your name to the volunteer list. Esther will announce the pickup dates for 2024 as soon as they are made available by MDOT.

Thank you to all who helped in 2023!



Sept 2023 Clothing Order

Link: <https://trophyhousebrands.chipply.com/rotary/>

QR Code Version of Link:



DATES

Sept 18-Oct 1, 2023 (ends 11:59pm)

SUPPLIER

Trophy House: 800-289-5663 / 231-755-3096

2330 Henry Street, Muskegon, MI 49441

Chad Lee, Direct Line: 231-220-2449

Chad Lee, Email: Chad@THBrands.com

ROTARY CLUB ORGANIZER

Carim Calkins

carimcalkins@gmail.com

248-672-8938 (11am-11pm)

NOTES

1. Please contact Chad Lee at Trophy House if you have questions about the products. You may also stop by the store @ 2330 Henry Street to see samples of most products.
2. Payment will be due at the time you order. These are custom items, so all sales are final.
3. The items will be ready 14-17 days after the store closes (Aiming for week of 16 Oct)
4. Items may be picked up at the store at 2330 Henry Street. Both a product completion phone call and an email are sent to all purchasers.



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