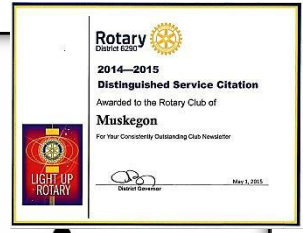


# "Service Above Self" Muskegon Rotary in Motion



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**Muskegon Rotary Club**  
Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916  
Next Meeting September 30, 12-1:30pm  
Hybrid Style – The Delta & Zoom  
ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 9/30 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 (9/30/21) — The Fish Monger's Wife (back at the Delta)**

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**  
Jane Clingman-Scott Sept 23  
Jane Mountain Sept 30

**NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS**  
Dakota Crow Sept 30  
Bill Loxterman Sept 30  
Lori Weiler Sept 30  
DJ Hilson Oct 2  
Cindy Larsen Oct 6  
*Don't forget [Caring Connection Fund!](#)*

**PROGRAMS / EVENTS**  
9/30 The Fish Monger's Wife  
10/7 Manufacturing Week

**Trivia Question**  
Q: In what country was the first Rotary Club outside of the United States?



A: The first non-USA Rotary Club was in Winnipeg, Canada, in 1910.

## VISITORS & GUESTS



Charles Nash, County Commissioner, Vice Chair of their Board and--possibly most importantly--the proud father of this week's speaker, was introduced by **Bob Scolnik**.



**Marty Sytsema** welcomed student guests from West Michigan Christian High School seniors Abby VanderKooi (l) and Ava Rottman (r) along with their Director of Curriculum, Jennifer Lewis.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Member Induction**  
Please welcome to Muskegon Rotary **Justin Kitchka**. Justin is the owner of Shoreline Communications which provides payment processing solutions such as terminals, software, gateways, & processing plans to small to midsize businesses. Justin was accompanied by his sponsor, **Jamie Hekker**.

While Justin focuses most of his work in the West Michigan community, he also takes on clients nationwide.



From dive bars, to dental offices, to restaurants, to landscaping companies & everything in between- Justin will find the best equipment & rate for you & your business. If you or someone you know needs to update their equipment or lower their processing fees, give Justin a call.

## The President's Survey is here!

Please take a few moments to share your feedback on our club meetings. Click [here](#) to take the 3-5 minute survey. Your response by **Friday, October 1, 2021** is greatly appreciated.

## Vocational Spotlight

This week's Vocation Spotlight is **Nancy McCarthy** who has been a member of Rotary since 1989. She was at the time the Executive Director of Visiting Nurse Home Care Services, and joined at the behest of one of the board members. At the time she was the third woman to join the Muskegon Rotary Club.



Nancy was raised in Iron Mountain, MI, before going to Duluth, MN for her undergraduate and returning to Michigan to get her Master's from Wayne State University. Nancy married her husband, Rich McCarthy, in 1970 and relocated to Muskegon where he taught, and has been here ever since. Unfortunately, he passed away in 2003, when she was President of Rotary, and she credits the club for the immense support it gave her at that time. Nancy has three adult children, and is currently married to fellow Rotarian **Ed Hunt**. You can watch Nancy's complete Spotlight [here](#).

## Grants Committee Update

The committee approved the following: 1) \$5,000 for Muskegon Public Art Initiative's request for the Massey mural on Mercy Health Arena; 2) \$5,000 for the Beechwood Bluffton Neighborhood Assoc. request for fitness trail; and, 3) \$2,500 of the \$5,000 request for the Lakeshore Art Festival artist supplies and materials for family interactive activities.

## DEI Committee

The DEI book discussion subcommittee is back with some new opportunities.

We will once again be offering facilitated discussion on the Isabelle

Wilkerson book, *Caste* and adding Economist Heather McGhee's book, *The Sum of Us*. (Heather's book will be of special interest to anyone interested in how to grow our economy.) There are 10 copies of each book available for checkout at the Community Foundation.

We are proposing something a bit different this time around. In October we will ask you to view an interview/ Ted Talk on your own and then come together for one session to talk about what you heard. There will be two opportunities for each discussion. Those who view the "Isabelle Wilkerson, *Caste* (with Bryan Stevenson)" YouTube presentation can sign up to discuss it on Either Oct 6 or Oct. 13. Those who view Heather McGee's Ted Talk entitled "Racism has a cost for everyone" can sign up to discuss it on either Oct 20 or 27.

Then in November those who chose to read one of the two books can sign up to discuss *Caste* on two consecutive Wednesdays, Nov 3 & 10. Those who chose *The Sum of Us* can sign up for two consecutive Tuesdays, Nov 2 & 9. All sessions will be held via Zoom.

Sign up by emailing **Nancy McCarthy** [mccarthynance@yahoo.com](mailto:mccarthynance@yahoo.com).

Looking forward to some great participation and conversation!

## Rotarians Keep on Food Truckin'

We had a very successful food truck distribution at the Muskegon Heights-Temple Methodist Church location this past Wednesday, September 22. Seventy-five hundred (7,500) pounds of fresh fruit, produce, milk, and frozen meat was distributed to more than 125 vehicles, many representing multiple households.

We had a good volunteer turnout including eleven (11) Rotarians, four (4) staff from Every Woman's Place, and a representative from the local Jackson Hewitt office who have

decided to become active in the food truck program, following the lead of local Rotary involvement. The hard-working Rotarians who assisted with the food truck included: **Don Hutchins, Lisa Hegenbart, Chauncy Williams, Pat Walstra, Melissa Horton, Dave Alexander, Annette Jack, Kristi Nagengast, Larry Fife, Craig Wikander** and **Arn Boezaart**.

We received two separate call-outs from the Muskegon Cooperating Churches organizers of the food truck program. They noted that Rotary involvement is greatly appreciated, and that Rotarians are a great and hard-working group of volunteers that contribute very significantly to the success of the food trucks we participate in. *Way to go Rotarians!!*

The next, and final food truck at the Muskegon Heights location will take place on **Wednesday, November 17**. It's not too soon to get your name on the volunteer roster!



(Note-picture is from July Muskegon Heights food truck - so busy, we forgot to take pictures last week)

## Update from Mike Vogas

Dear Rotary Members at the Live Meetings,

I am working to equip my substitute AV guru, **Meggie Kwiatkowski**, with a smaller system she can use when I am

not available. These past several weeks have fallen short of our standards to those in the live meeting. I believe I have discovered the problem and plan to deliver the audio you are accustomed to this coming Thursday.



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

### Artist Ashley Nash

By: Cody "Chip" Chipman

This week's program was led by artist and Rotary guest Ashley Nash. Ashley was one of four artists who were commissioned for the Muskegon Rails Project to paint four separate murals on the previously rusted railroad bridges that were over Seaway Drive. The Muskegon Rails project was a collaborative effort through the Muskegon City Public Art initiative and the cities of Muskegon, Norton Shores, and Muskegon Heights.

Ashley's mural, "Pride and Opportunity," is the on the south-facing side of the bridge near Laketon Avenue.

Ashely was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, but raised right here in Muskegon. She graduated from Muskegon High School in 2011, and then went on to Grand Valley State University where she received her BA in Illustration.



Throughout her presentation she spoke about her influences and artistic journey that has led her to where she is today. She credits her parents for noticing her creative side from an early age and nurturing it throughout her childhood, enrolling her in extracurricular programs like Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, and the Lakeshore School of Fine Arts.

One of her passions through her art is to shed a light on things that society had previously discarded, or



forgot. Whether it be a shirt from Goodwill, an old mason jar, or a rusty old railroad bridge.

Her passion was further nurtured at GVSU, and led to a larger perspective shift, whereas Ashley says, "There my eyes were opened to the endless possibilities of art, what it was, and what it could do."

This new perspective inspired greater growth in Ashley as she began to focus back on the original mediums she loved in her youth, painting, and sewing. She then started integrating them with other mediums and skills she had developed over the years like use of repurposed material, black and white drawings, and digital animation.

As her tool belt of skills grew, so did her discipline, and confidence as an artist. The opportunities for her to make a career out of art began to present themselves. In 2017 she began working as store manager and graphic designer for the Grand Rapids Griffins.

After working for the Griffins, Ashley began freelancing and traveling. She felt her discipline beginning to slip in her craft though, and challenged herself in response to a 90-day challenge where she would do a piece of art each day and post on her Instagram (@nashleyillustration) for the world to see.

Ashely continued to take on newer and more challenging opportunities, working for the Civic Theater to do backdrops in December 2020, and ultimately winning the commission to work on the Muskegon Rails Project, which was just completed this summer.

Ashely continues to both work and do freelance on the side with the goal of being a full-time freelance artist in the near future.

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