

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 5, 2024

Next Meeting (September 12, 2024, 12-1:30pm) — Pasta Bar at the Lake House
Program Topic – Rotary Orientation

What's Coming

September 12 – *Rotary Orientation*
September 19 – *Fed Funded State Health Insurance Prog. Explained*
September 26 – *The Big Read*

Upcoming Birthdays

September 13 Belinda Barbier

Caring

Connections

Fund

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



Greeter This Week

Doug Brown & Mallory Meston

September Reflectors

Myra Dutton	September 5
Karen Buie	September 12
Adam Bell	September 19
Rob Cook	September 26

RIM Reporting this Edition

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9/5/2024 Muskegon Rotary

YouTube Video Link: [Click here](#)



After a week away, **President Tim** was back running our weekly meeting.



Myra Dutton provided the Reflection.

Muskegon Rotary Board

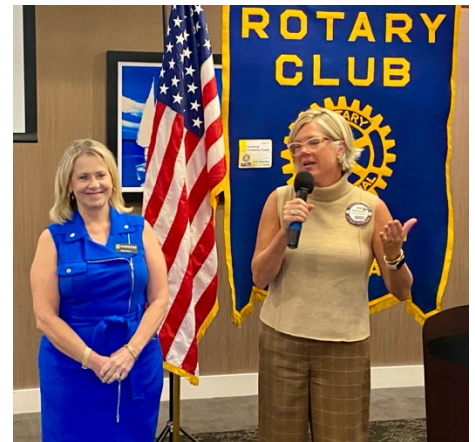
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Please email Club Board Members through this [link](#):

VISITORS & GUESTS



Heidi Sytsema introduces her guest, Katy Felver.

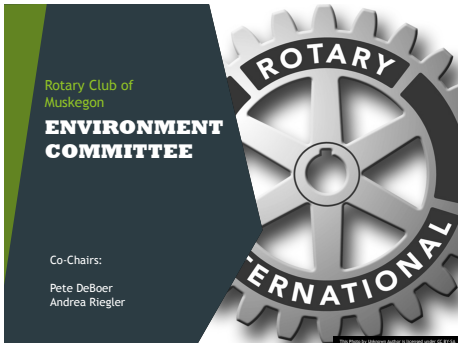


Marty Sytsema fires up the crowd in introducing our first student guests of the school year from his alma mater, Western Michigan Christian. Joining us were, from left, academic advisor Christina Martin and seniors Melia Medendorp and Matthias Morse.

ReWine meetings are every

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

This week's program: Muskegon Rotary's Environment Committee



Speakers: **Pete DeBoer & Andrea Riegler**
 Introduced by: **Melissa Horton**
 Reporter: **Susan Besteman**

Rotary International (RI) is looking to invest in the environment and encouraged local clubs to get more involved and invested. With this new committee, they are looking at the goals with different perspectives, Pete with more of the environment side and Andrea with more of a sustainability view.

Rotary shares an interest in protecting our common legacy; the environment and RI has laid out three pillars:

- advancing ecological sustainability
- supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources
- fostering harmony between communities and the environment.

Pete DeBoer, co-chair of our club's new Environment



Committee with a background from the West Michigan Land Conservancy, spoke about three larger projects from Rotary International that sparked more conversations within this new committee. These three projects were Operation Pollination from a Lansing club, Recycled Playgrounds from Australia, and Navajo Solar Lights from the four corners area of the US Southwest.



Andrea, co-chair of the committee and an architect with a history in the national parks system, says her interest and commitment in this committee "comes from a lot of different angles." She elaborated on one of her angles with a quote from Carl Elefante, "The greenest building is one that is already built." The link between approximately 23% of all content in the US landfills are from construction and demolition with 80% of that being from concrete and asphalt. Also, of that 23% in the landfill, 90% of that is from demolition with 10% from construction.

One of the projects that fit the goals of this new committee through advancing ecological

sustainability is the Marquette Microforest. The efforts of many Rotarians and Interactors will continue to support with the help of this new committee. Already in full swing, see the announcement section of this RIM or [CLICK HERE](#) to see the video of the United Way Day of Caring Sept 6, 2024, taking care of the Marquette Microforest.

The goal of the committee is not to re-invent the wheel but to lean on the other organizations that have the same goals. One of those groups is the West Michigan Shoreline Redevelopment Commission who supported the "Kinder-gardeners" at the microforest.

Pete and Andrea are looking for more members to add to their committee and hope this inspired you.



To see the full presentation on our Muskegon Rotary YouTube channel, [CLICK HERE](#).

Birding Event Sept 12th

Disability Network of West Michigan is doing an accessible birding event & all are welcome to attend. It is at Anderson Woods Nature Preserve (3901 Simonelli Rd, Whitehall) on Sept 12 from 6-7pm. For more information, visit naturenearby.org.

Rotary Exchange Student Braden Johnson



Muskegon Rotary Club celebrates the growth of young people through the Rotary Exchange program, which offers students life changing experiences in foreign countries. Braden Johnson thanks Rotary for his chance to become "more comfortable being uncomfortable". He has learned to move, with grace, into situations that fuel growth and understanding.

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

Sunday Funday at Muskegon Luge Adventure Sports Park



Social Committee chair **Tim Lipan** thanks members for the great turnout at the previous evening's tour of Adelaide Pointe and promises more fun events outside of our weekly meeting and service projects. Next up is a Sunday Fun Day 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.

Ep 35: Consumers Energy Solar Project



Consumers Energy has ambitious clean energy goals for power production and consumption in Michigan. Innovation has been key to Consumers Energy over the years and they are focused on using technological innovations to ensure Michigan's environment is better in the future. A 2000-acre solar farm in partnership with Muskegon County will produce 8000 megawatts of power continuing the innovative and environmental stewardship in Muskegon County.

https://youtu.be/1JOrijlwk28?si=rpbMDRMWI-4F_b-p

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Treasurer Announcement

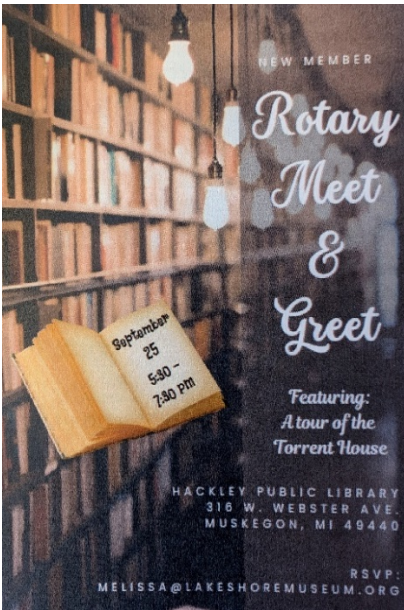
Our Treasurer, **Kristi Nagengast**, thanks Rotarians for their high level of interest from a recent e-mail introducing a new option for paying our quarterly Rotary dues by "ACH" direct debit. She will work with members who are interested in using this method, which has significantly lower fees than paying by credit card.

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

RSVP: MELISSA@LAKESHOREMUSEUM.ORG



Muskegon's Youth Exchange Inbounds are Muskegon Proud!



From Denmark to France to Brazil to Nigeria ... these 4 have made Muskegon just a little better place!
 Cornelius, Apolline, Laura, and Mitchie!
 Welcome to Muskegon!

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 (pun intended) video by **Mike Vogas**.

Adopt-A-Highway Program Looking for Volunteers 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!

Microforest Mondays

8:30am – 10:30am
 Help is still needed!
 Contact **John Noling** for more info



Each month, our club's past presidents, as well as the incoming leadership, gather downtown for breakfast, fellowship, & discussion. The past president's club, as it is known, provides counsel to the current president and discusses items of importance to the club. We had a great turnout for the September breakfast. Pictured from rear left to forward right are: **Nancy Crandall, Gary Nelund, Jane Clingman Scott, current President Tim Arter, President Nominee Roger Morgenstern, Immediate Past President Ginny Sprague, Jim Fisher, President Elect Dave Alexander, Susan Crain, John Noling, Bill Loxterman and Kathy Moore.**

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Rotary Club Of Muskegon

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM
 March - June - September - December

Online Auction
 October 2, 2024

Donations needed - Scheduled Pick-ups
 August 26, 2024 - September 6, 2024

ITEMS NEEDED

- Household Items - Sports Equipment
- Appliances - Furniture - Electronics
- Cars - Jewelry - Tools - Toys - Misc.

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- Joanie Smith
- Chip Chipman
- Chauncy Williams

<https://bid.shorelinetophid.com/auctions>

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 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!

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). Get your tickets today!



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. The instructions for returning the form are listed on the document.

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!

Tour of Adelaide Pointe

Sept. 4, 2024



It was a perfect Muskegon waterfront evening Sept. 4 for a tour of the new Adelaide Pointe marina, restaurant and condominium development near downtown Muskegon overlooking Muskegon Lake. We had a great turnout for the Adelaide Pointe tour, with more than 70 Rotarians and guests signed up. We gathered in the third-floor event space to learn more about the development.



Social Committee Chairman **Tim Lipan** welcomes a large gathering of Rotarians and friends to the Adelaide Pointe tour and introduces the development's leadership.



Adelaide Pointe's creators and owners, the husband-wife team of Dr. Emily and Ryan Leestma provide a history of the development, its unique "mass timber" construction and future plans for the site.



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!

Coalition for Community Development Dwellingplace The Gerber Foundation GREAT START Muskegon County LATINOS WORKING FOR THE FUTURE MADL MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY READ MUSKEGON

ALL AGES

YOU'RE INVITED to  THE BIG READ LAKESHORE

BLOCK PARTY!

Kick off the Big Read Lakeshore with MADL in style!

BETHLEHEM PARK (421 W. SUMMIT ST, MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, MI)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM



ALL AGES

Djembe DRUM CIRCLE

with Elijah Norwood

North Muskegon Branch
Friday, September 13 | 4:00 pm



MADL MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

[Register at MADL.org/calendar](https://MADL.org/calendar)