

**“Service Above Self”**

# Muskegon Rotary in Motion

<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>

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## Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916  
**Next Meeting February 18 12:00-1:00pm**  
**From Your Laptop, Phone, or Tablet**  
**ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 2/18 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—(2/18/21) “Mercy Health”

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

Jane Clingman-Scott

### REFLECTORS

Michael Miller	2/11
Jane Clingman-Scott	2/18
Chanda Cregg	2/25

### THIS WEEK'S MENU

A creative dish of various left overs in your refrigerator

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

(Editor's Apologies—getting on track again)

Christine Robere	Feb 13
Marty Ferriby	Feb 15
Jane Clingman-Scott	Feb 16
Karly Kelley	Feb 18
Heather Ruffin	Feb 18
Jackie Farrar	Feb 24

### PROGRAMS / EVENTS

2/18 Mercy Health  
 2/18 ReWine via Zoom 5:15 PM  
 Zoom Meeting Link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88142687497>  
 3/4 Muskegon Heights Schools



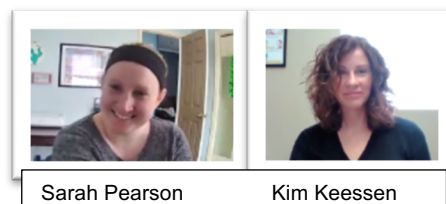
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Potential Members!

Please welcome potential new members:

- Sarah Pearson, Orientation & Admissions Specialist, Muskegon Community College, sponsored by **John Selmon**.
- Kim Keessen, Owner & Audiologist, Shoreline Hearing, sponsored by **Doug Wood**.

Sarah Pearson and Kim Keessen have been approved by the Muskegon Rotary Board and awaiting Induction.



### Guests

- Sarah Pearson introduced by **John Noling**
- Jan Jacobs introduced by **Jane Clingman-Scott**
- Kim Keessen introduced by **Doug Wood**

### Thank you!

**Annette Jack** for reading the quote for the meeting from Eleanor Roosevelt, “I have never felt that anything really mattered but knowing that you stood for the things in which you believed and had done the very best you could.” And thank you to **Mike Vogas** for the continued digital greeting cards and exceptional digital operations!

### Kudos from

#### President Mark Meyers

**Jerry Wiersma, Judy Hayner, Frank Peterson, Troy Bell**, and many others who helped lead the Muskegon Rails Project. While not a Rotary specific idea, our Rotarians have lead the way to adding more value to our community. Still looking for more donations: [https://www.patronicity.com/project/muskegon\\_rails\\_project#!/](https://www.patronicity.com/project/muskegon_rails_project#!/)



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## WEEKLY COVID REPORT

Total active cases as of 2/10/2021 is 643. Our goal is under 500 and positivity rate is 4.5% but can fluctuate **Kathy Moore**, Muskegon County Director of Public Health, mentioned. We are in a good position overall. There is a central database for requests for the COVID-19 Vaccine. Total requests are 33,694 as of 2/10/2021. More than 20% of our population do not have internet access so looking at options for outreach to account for these.

## Community Outreach Partners

Social Vulnerability & Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- City of Muskegon Heights
- Latinos Working For The Future
- N.A.A.C.P. - Muskegon Branch
- Health Project - Health Disparities Reduction Coalition
- Coalition for Community Development

- Socioeconomic Status**
  - Below poverty
  - Unemployed
  - Income
  - No high school diploma
- Family Composition & Disability**
  - Aged 65 years or older
  - Aged 17 years or younger
  - Older than age 5 with a disability
  - Single parent household
- Minority Status & Language Minority**
  - Minority
  - Speak English "less than well"
- Housing Type & Transportation**
  - Multigenerational households
  - Mobile homes
  - Crowding
  - No vehicle
  - Group quarters

Public Health: [www.Muskegonhealth.net](http://www.Muskegonhealth.net)

Mask Up Muskegon:

<https://www.maskupmuskegon.org/vaccineinfo>

**Christine Robere** also added that United Way is doing some transitioning and created a separate COVID Response and Recovery volunteer list. They are looking for help especially transportation and calling volunteers. Meijer is vaccinating about 1000 people a week and encouraged people to sign up there too.

[Unitedwaylakeshore.org/volunteer](http://Unitedwaylakeshore.org/volunteer)

**NOTE:** Please look for Kathy's graphs on the last page of this RIM.

# Interact Insider

## HOMETOWN HEROS 2.0

From **John Noling**



Hometown Heroes, our joint project with, now, all five Interact Clubs, this Covid-19 winter has come to a close, but joy is just beginning for the 342 front line workers from Pro Med, Skild Nursing (Knollview), Sherriff Department, and Hackley Family Care. They are opening hand decorated gift bags with lots of goodies and coupons plus appreciation notes written by Interactors and Rotarians. Hometown Heroes version 1.0 with Oakridge and Orchard View Interactors delivered 240 bags a few weeks ago to Mercy Health, Hackley Community Care, HealthWest, and the Hospice Poppen House. North Muskegon, Reeths-Puffer, and Mona Shores Interactors joined forces for Hometown Heroes 2.0 with continuing strong support from our club, Daily Deals, and Texas Roadhouse.



For a closer look at how this all unfolded please check the link below. The entire project was funded by Rotary donations of pop cans, many gift bag food items, and cash donations. Interactors worked together to involve themselves in all aspects of the project. We thank everyone who helped and

contributed in any way. Rotary Opens Opportunities!

[Click Here to see the Amazing Slideshow!](#)

## Hometown Heroes

## Honduras Update

LATEST UPDATE ON HONDURAS RELIEF from Gernot Runschke, PDG and Grand Haven Rotarian:

From Muskegon area ROTARY INTERACT (\$800) Mona Shores, North Muskegon, Reeths Puffer, and Oakridge MUSKEGON ROTARY REWINE (\$325) from Get Your Chili On proceeds from 2019 MUSKEGON ROTARY WORLD COMM SERVICE (\$1200) INDIVIDUAL ROTARY DONATIONS: (\$300) **Cathy Brubaker-Clarke, Nancy McCarthy, Alan Alpert, John Noling**

TOTAL FROM MUSKEGON: Our club sent **\$2625** to Grand Haven Rotary two weeks ago, enroute to Honduras through their club and WEHOP

WEHOP contributed \$1000 Grand Haven Rotary and Rotarians donated \$1725

**Total Bank Transfer this week to Honduras \$5,350**

The Bank transfer activated by Gernot to San Pedro Sula Rotary Club took place on Monday and has been confirmed received. Gernot Runschke is our local Rotarian making sure everything is done right.

Despite the passage of time since the hurricanes, there still is plenty to do and we are confident the San Pedro Sula Rotary will figure out how to make a positive difference. Thanks to Mona Shores Rotary Interact club for initiating this effort on our end, and to all other Interactors and Rotarians who contributed. Grand Haven Rotary and WEHOP are also to be commended!



## CHILI KITS 2021

- Sponsored by all 5 Interact Clubs with ReWine support
- Sponsor a kit for \$10 Donation
- Kits will contain the makings for a nice family-of-four pot of chili in one bag delivered through a local pantry of students' choosing.
- WANT TO HELP? Contact Kaytie Drake at [kaytieely@aol.com](mailto:kaytieely@aol.com), or any other ReWine member/InterAct student for more information
- Please send any donations to: Muskegon Rotary PO Box 66, Muskegon, 49443 and note "Chili Kit" on your check



## Grant's Committee Food Truck Approval

Our Grant's Committee formally approved the motion to fund the Food Trucks to those in need in Muskegon County. We will be funding 9 food trucks (5 in the Muskegon Metro area and 4 in north county partnering with Whitehall/Montague Club after suggestions from Feeding America for those needs of support). **Arn Bozeart** is currently working on the scheduling. The trucks will be scheduled one a month from March through November. Look for those opportunities coming soon!

If you missed the Feb 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, want to watch it again, or share with someone who may be interested in learning more about our Rotary club, you can view the video [here](#).



## Reaching New Muskegon Heights

"Reaching New Muskegon Heights" is a new term that has been heard circling around the county recently. It is not just a new phrase, but instead it is more of an expression of hope and resilience for the future of down town Muskegon Heights. As some may be aware, The City of Muskegon Heights, Greater Muskegon Economic Development, SmithGroup, and the MEDC have come together to create the **Reaching New Muskegon Heights Vision Plan** for the future of downtown Muskegon Heights. This plan will bring community voices together in order to develop and construct a clearer consensus around priorities for reinvestment. We have provided DIY (Do It Yourself) survey kits which are

available online at [Muskegon-heights \(reachingnewmuskegonheights.org\)](http://Muskegon-heights-reachingnewmuskegonheights.org), as well as various locations throughout downtown Muskegon Heights. The surveys provide us with vital information about community priorities and the different opportunities Muskegon Heights desires for the future of downtown.

In order to reach the community and advertise the DIY Survey Kits, we have teamed up with Mike Vogas, Corey Blackman, and Glen Gray to create a video that expresses the current views of the community, personal experiences, the potential reinvestments, and the importance of filling out the DIY Survey Kits. Within the video you will hear from various community leaders and city officials of Downtown Muskegon Heights sharing their insight about the community. "There is so much pride, history, and culture in the City of Muskegon Heights," mentioned Jocelyn Hines, of Community Foundation of Muskegon County, in the **Reaching New Muskegon Heights Video**.

We ask that you watch the video, take the survey and share this information. It is imperative for all of us to do our individual part, come together, and help; creating both long lasting change and continued development leading to the overall strengthening of our communities. Let's all help reach for new Muskegon Heights.

For any questions or further information, contact **Cathy Brubaker-Clarke** at [cbrubakerclarke@gmail.com](mailto:cbrubakerclarke@gmail.com).

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African American female riveter sitting on huge piece of machinery during WWII at Lockheed Aircraft Corp., 1942.

Time Life Pictures/Women's Bureau/National Archives/The LIFE Picture Collection/Getty Images

**'Black Rosies': The Forgotten African American Heroines of the WWII Homefront** by Aaron Randle from History.com

**Rosie the Riveter**—the steely-eyed **World War II** heroine with her red bandanna, blue coveralls and flexed bicep—stands as one of America's most indelible military images. Positioned under the maxim "We Can Do It," the "Rosie" image has come to broadly represent the steadfast American working woman, and more specifically, the millions of female laborers who kept the factories and offices of the U.S. defense industries humming.

What the iconic Rosie image doesn't convey is the diversity of that work force—specifically the more than half-million "Black Rosies" who worked alongside their white counterparts in the war effort. Coming from throughout the United States, these "Black Rosies" worked tirelessly—in shipyards and factories, along railroads, inside administrative offices and elsewhere—to fight both the foreign enemy of authoritarianism abroad and the familiar enemy of racism at home. For decades, they received little historical recognition or acknowledgement.

For the full article, click here:



## PoundBuddies

PUTTING PEOPLE AND PETS TOGETHER

### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

#### Pound Buddies

RIM Reporter: **Susan Holkeboer**

Facilitator: **Ammy Seymour**

Speakers: Lana Carson, executive director Pound Buddies,  
and Jan Jacobs, campaign  
director *Unleashing the  
Possibilities*



Since 1998, when it was founded by Connie Karry and a small group of like-minded volunteers to change the way Muskegon County cared for its shelter animals, [Pound Buddies](#) has helped change the way shelter animals are cared for in Muskegon County. It has increased opportunities for adoption and actively works on reuniting lost pets with their owners. They have reduced the



euthanasia rate by 67% and set new standards for the humane treatment of shelter animals. Work is being done to reduce the unwanted pet population through spay and neuter efforts.

Pound Buddies is presently located at 1300 E. Keating in a building that was built in the 1960's. At that time the purpose was just to get dogs off the street. This is where Muskegon County's animal shelter has always been. The building is owned by the township, rented out by Muskegon County, and then Pound Buddies is the service provider. The building has many problems so a new location is being created.

At the present time, Pound Buddies has assumed contractual responsibilities for all animal care and control operations in Muskegon County (a 10 year contract) until at least 2029. Pound Buddies, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, operates with a 16 member staff and over 200 volunteers. While receiving some targeted funding from the County (less than 40% of budget), Pound Buddies relies on community support and grants to bridge the more than 50% budget deficit. Charitable donations give Pound Buddies the ability to provide shelter and care for over 1200 animals annually—many who are in need of urgent and critical veterinary attention due to abuse or neglect.



Pound Buddies is Muskegon County's largest and only open admission shelter, meaning they take in all dogs, regardless of age, breed, health, behavior or adoptability. In 2018, Pound Buddies sheltered 1,534 animals. Of those, 550 were adopted into new families, 384 were reunited with their owners and 241 were transferred to other rescue organizations, giving them added opportunities for foster and adoption. Pound Buddies remains steadfast in their commitment to never euthanize healthy, adoptable animals. However, as an open admission shelter, instances remain when quality of life issues may limit options, due to aggression, severe illness or injury or acute shelter stress. At all times, animals under the care of Pound Buddies are handled with the utmost humane and compassionate treatment.



The new facility will be 3 miles east on Laketon Avenue in the old Robert Hughes building that is undergoing renovations and additions. There will be dramatic improvements for sheltering animals. At present there are 98 kennels in the old facility; the new



will have 140. The old kennels were 3 x 5 which were not up to present standards for shelter care. The new will have 5 x 8, with some 8 x 8 for extra large dogs. There will be an indoor area for exercise. The old facility total was 8000 ft.<sup>2</sup>; the new facility will be approximately 25,000 ft.<sup>2</sup>. There will be an indoor play area, an area for cats, rooms for offices, and an intake area, and an isolation area for dogs to be evaluated. Behind the building are 4 fenced in acres with plans for walking trails and outside exercise areas. The intent of the new shelter is to preserve the true personality of the dogs by enhancing their emotional, physical, and mental health while being in the shelter.

**POUND BUDDIES MISSION:** To be the guiding force to ensure the health and safety of every dog and cat in Muskegon County.



The time has come...for the remarkable compassionate care provided on the inside to be reflected on the outside.

***Unleashing the Possibilities*** (a fund raising campaign) will create an animal center destined to become an asset to our community...a facility that meets today's industry standards and exceeds the expectations of families living in Muskegon County.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: UNLEASHING THE POSSIBILITIES** Jan Jacobs, Campaign Director (231) 557-8268

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[poundbuddies.org](http://poundbuddies.org)

**Vital for Muskegon County Communities-**

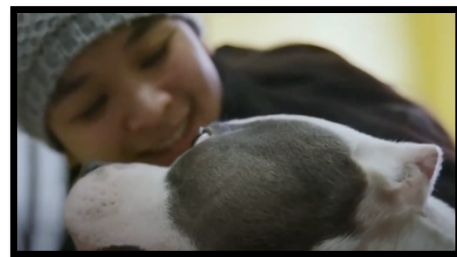
- Pound Buddies stands ready 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to address all domestic animal-based crisis events.
- Pound Buddies helps keep the residents of Muskegon County safer from unwanted and unattended animals.
- Pound Buddies helps keep Muskegon County animals safer from cruelty and exploitation.
- Pound Buddies oversees all Animal Care and Control functions for Muskegon County, giving them a better chance to connect with "at risk" animal populations, struggling animal owners, and hoarding situations needing immediate intervention.
- Pound Buddies works closely with Muskegon County and State of Michigan law enforcement in order to address legal situations involving domestic animals.

- Pound Buddies is actively addressing the overpopulation of stray and feral cats in Muskegon County, through trap, neuter, release initiatives and working hand-in-hand with area feline rescues, transferring shelter cats and kittens for foster and adoption.
- Pound Buddies provides medical attention to all shelter animals from basic inoculations helping control disease, to veterinary care in cases of abuse or neglect

**SUPPORT UNLEASHING THE POSSIBILITIES: BUILDING A NEW ANIMAL CENTER**

Donations will be used to help build a much-needed new animal center. Our current building no longer

meets USDA mandates, and basic repair estimates exceed \$1 million, making it fiscally unreasonable. There is an ever-increasing demand for progressive communities to provide higher quality practices and facilities for the care of shelter animals. In keeping pace with the renaissance of the greater Muskegon area, it is evident the time has come to bring a new municipal animal center to our community.



**GIFTS TO POUND BUDDIES MISSION**

Will be used to support veterinary care, medications, food, transportation fuel, utility bills and additional staffing when needed.

**WAYS TO DONATE**

- Cash Gifts & Pledges
- Stocks, Bonds & Mutual Funds
- Estate Planning
- Vehicle Donation
- The Community Foundation for Muskegon County

Questions regarding the CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: UNLEASHING THE POSSIBILITIES should be directed to Jan Jacobs, Campaign Director (231) 557-8268 or [jacobs0414@gmail.com](mailto:jacobs0414@gmail.com)

Additional information regarding TYPES OF DONATIONS please email Connie Karry, Pound Buddies Founder and Treasurer at [connie@poundbuddies.org](mailto:connie@poundbuddies.org).



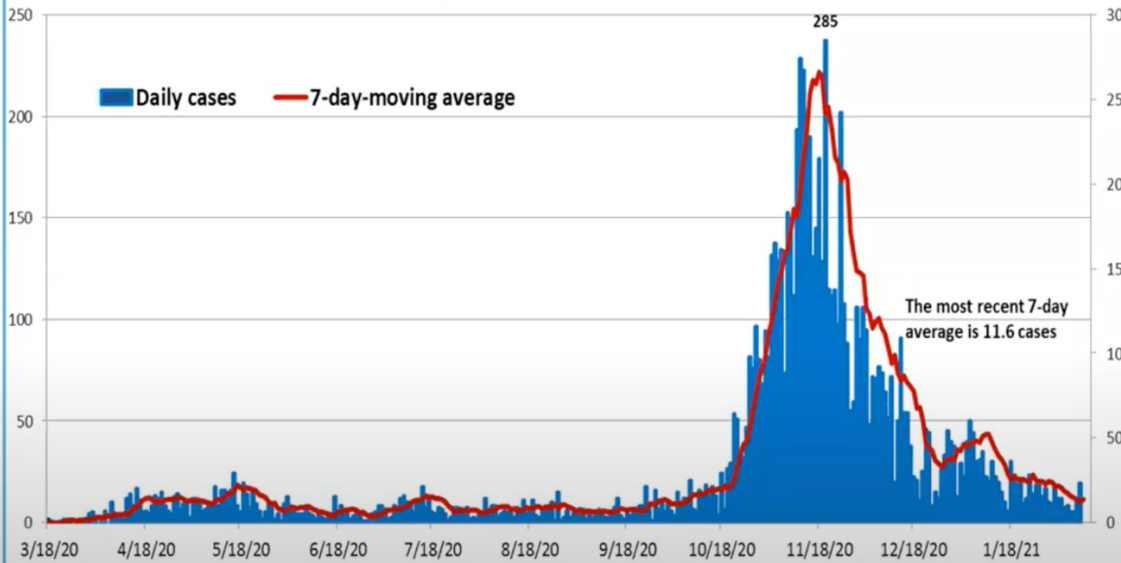
Public Health  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.  
Muskegon County

## Number of people testing positive Covid-19 in Muskegon County

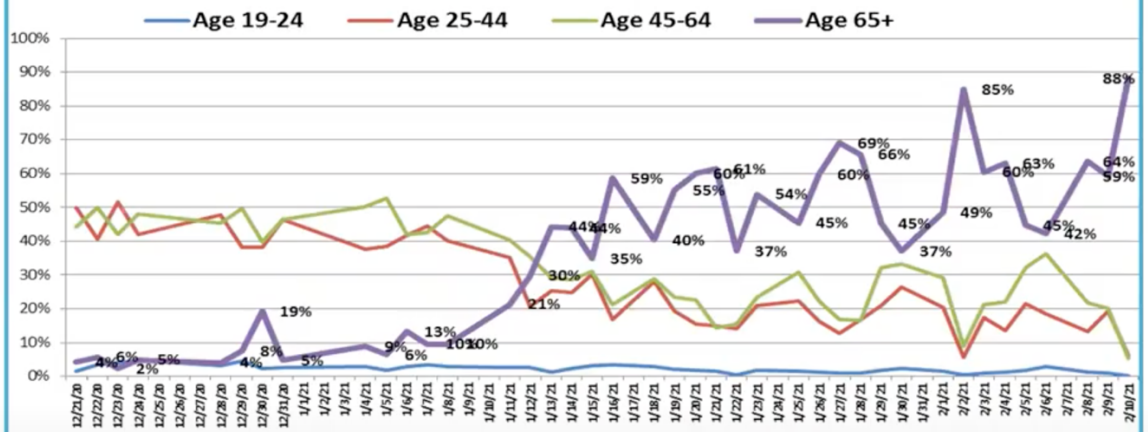
Total Positive Cases: 10,225

Total active cases: 643

Number of cases each day, by date reported, up to Feb 10



## % of Covid-19 Shots by Age Group Muskegon County (As of 02/10/2021)



### Positivity Rate

(7 day average)

**4.5%**

Lowest 1.6 % on 9/19/20

Highest 24.9% on 11/18/20

### Hospital Capacity

**Good**

Inpatient COVID Positive 14

ICU COVID Positive 3

Ventilated COVID 3

ER Visits 18

### Outbreaks

**0**

### Deaths

**1**

### Vaccinated

**<12%**

Great

Good

Fair

At-Risk

In Trouble