

# “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 March 4 12:00-1:00pm**  
**From Your Laptop, Phone, or Tablet**  
**ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 3/4 5:15 pm**

**Mary Anne Gorman, 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 (3/4/21)—Muskegon Heights--Tiger Legacy

**Honoring Tradition and Planting Seeds for Tomorrow**

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

Chanda Cregg	2/25
Mary Anne Gorman	3/4
Jim Schiltz	3/11
Mike Vogas	3/18

### THIS WEEK'S MENU

Delicious thoughts

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Blake Cramer	Mar 4
Brittany Lenertz	Mar 7
Trenton Hancock	Mar 8

### PROGRAMS / EVENTS

2/25 Making It Happen—  
 Driving Postive Growth  
 3/4 Muskegon Heights Schools  
 3/4 **ReWine via Zoom 5:15 PM**  
 ReWine Zoom Meeting Link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88142687497>  
 3/11 Downtown Muskegon Update

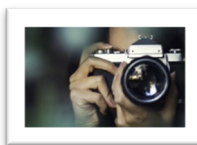
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Rotary Annual Report - Photos Requested

We need good photos please by March 1 por favor. Please upload them to this Google Drive folder:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1I5oBGSJnyou12WmyJkk4\\_u81Fslc4rOo?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1I5oBGSJnyou12WmyJkk4_u81Fslc4rOo?usp=sharing)

- 1 in 21 health initiative
- COVID-19 response
- Rotary Park
- Harmony Park
- Food Trucks
- Kayak launch at Rotary Park
- Youth Leadership, Rotaract, Interact
- Internation work, Honduras, WEHOP, etc.
- End Polio Now
- Hts. Mixer
- Love Lives Here
- Club Meetings, whole room full and close ups
- Anything you believe represents our efforts or triumphs



This report may be the first to be used externally; your efforts will be greatly appreciated. Contact **Mike Vogas** for any further questions: however, please use the Google Drive folder to upload any photos.



## Guests

- Contessa Hood (Greater Muskegon Economic Development) introduced by **Cathy Brubaker-Clarke**
- Sarah Hunt (Clinical Social Worker) introduced by **President Mark Meyers** for **Doug Wood**
- Sarah Pearson (MCC and almost an official member) introduced by **John Selmon**
- Dr. Kim Keesen (Shoreline Hearing and almost an official member) introduced by **President Mark**
- Jen Loechle (Chamber of Commerce and prospective member) introduced by **Jim Fisher**
- No Student Guests today. Stay tuned for next week.





## Brave Rotarians – March Madness

The NCAA tournament is scheduled to happen this year so **Ginny Sprague** is looking to fill up the Brave Rotarians roster again. 32 Rotarians can reserve their spot by contacting Ginny at [remsleep1@comcast.net](mailto:remsleep1@comcast.net).



## Dues are Overdue

Dues were due at the end of January. If you have not paid your dues already, you will be getting a phone call. The calls are time consuming so please pay your dues asap if still owed.

Contact **Kathy Betts** at [muskegonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:muskegonrotary@gmail.com) or **Kim Boersema** at [muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com](mailto:muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com) if needed.

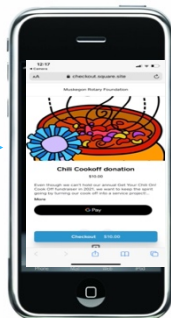
## Chili Kits

Even though we can't hold our annual Get Your Chili On! Cook Off fundraiser in 2021, we want to keep the spirit going by turning our cook off into a service project!



Please join the Muskegon Rewine and Interact clubs in supporting our community by sponsoring a Chili Kit for families in need this winter. A \$10 donation will purchase all the necessary ingredients for an amazing pot of homemade chili!

Please click the link to donate by credit card: <https://checkout.square.site/buy/OD5O6YJDUSPDUEB4MGYITAU6> or use your phone camera for the QR code.



Or send checks to Muskegon Rotary Club  
PO Box 66  
Muskegon, MI 49443  
Please note Chili in the memo line!



## Food Trucks—

### Three Dates Scheduled but one (Whitehall location) just changed

**Arn Boezaart** announced Food Truck dates for Muskegon County. Rotary will continue to support Food Trucks in Muskegon for 2021. Many families have been affected by hunger due to COVID 19. Feeding America asked us to partner with Whitehall and Montague Rotary to ensure we have enough volunteers to spread the love to the northern areas of our community. Please email Arn at [boezaara@gvsu.edu](mailto:boezaara@gvsu.edu) to volunteer.

\*March 17, 2021 (Wednesday) in Muskegon Heights at Temple Methodist Church, volunteers arrive by 3PM

\*NOW April 3, 2021 (Saturday) in Whitehall at White Lake Congregational Church of Christ, volunteers arrive by 9:00AM (Volunteer support shared with the Whitehall Rotary Club)

\*May 26, 2021 (Wednesday) in Muskegon Heights at Temple Methodist Church, volunteers arrive by 4:00PM

If you missed the Feb 25<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](#).

## Muskegon Rotary Board

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## Kudos to Muskegon Heights!

Shout Out to Muskegon Heights Schools and the Muskegon Boys and Girls Club from **Joan Smith**.



In the March 2021 issue of Reader's Digest, Julia Koch, a second grade teacher at Edgewood Elementary School in Muskegon Heights, and The Boys and Girls Club are highlighted.

Julia Koch received a call from a grandmother and identified that she was having a stroke. She contacted her principal, Charlie Lovelady, and within a short time the grandmother was with EMTs and was treated at the hospital, saving her life. The community pulled together and helped to care for the grandchildren, and the Boys and Girls Club has been where the two little girls spend days as part of the program there to assist working parents.

Kudos to the Muskegon Heights community and their caring and close community!

## Thank you

Thank you from **Bob Scolnik** to the club and the many members who reached out to him regarding the death of his wife of 50 years.

## RIM Reporting Team

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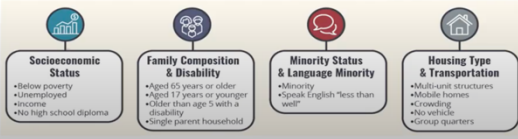
## WEEKLY COVID REPORT

### 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



**Kathy Moore** gave a great message that Muskegon County, out of all the counties near us and throughout the state, is in a great position. Our positivity rate is 2.6% which has averaged below 5% for the past 16 days in a row. That is enough to say that this is not just a fluctuating incident and we are doing a great job. New cases per million is 33.8 compared to 57.4 in Michigan. Mercy Health Hospital capacity is in a superb position! Zero outbreaks in February and the number of deaths is holding steady at three for the month (Zero for the last two weeks). Some anxiety here is the vaccine timeline. The vaccination timeline chart is attached on the last page of this RIM. 14,372 are still waiting for vaccination but all vaccination partners here in Muskegon County are committed that anyone age 65 and older who wants a vaccination to be able to get a vaccination before the end of March.

**Bob Scolnik** commended **Kathy Moore**, stating, "We are blessed to have her as the Director of the Health Department." She has done an extraordinary job with not only this virus but also with the public relations part too. She is not just the COVID director, but is also managing all the other Health Department duties as well with a staff that is still down about 50 people from a couple years ago. Many, many thanks to **Kathy Moore**. **President Mark Meyers** also wanted to extend the appreciation to **Kathy Moore**, **Chairman Scolnik**, and **Mark Eisenbarth** for the great communications with each municipality as well.

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

Mask Up Muskegon:

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

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

**Christine Robere** had a meeting with the emergency needs committee and while it's been a tough year, we are managing really well. Gifts are still needed so don't forget to donate (time and/or money). The funding and programs provided has been a big help.

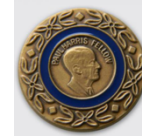
On March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, a Zoom meeting will occur regarding the housing crisis (the need for affordable housing is great in our community right now). If you'd like to be a part of this meeting, contact Christine.

[Christine@unitedwaylakeshore.org](mailto:Christine@unitedwaylakeshore.org) or 231-332-4001

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

## Hometown Heros

Reeths-Puffer Rotary Interactors recently presented 100 gift bags and appreciation notes for all front-line first responders of the County Sheriff Department. A total of 582 gift bags were presented to 8 different organizations because of Hometown Heroes 1.0 and 2.0 projects this winter which involved Muskegon Rotary and all five Rotary Interact Clubs.



## Paul Harris Fellow Award

**Dr. Dale Nesbary**

was born and raised in Muskegon. He studied at Reeths-Puffer High School where he played trombone

in the band. He met his wife, Connie, at a Norton Shores Youth Symphony when they were playing at Muskegon Community College. He went on to earn a BA at MSU, Master's Degree in Public Administration at WMU, and a Ph.D. in Law, Policy, and Society at Northeastern University in Boston. He was an associate professor and director of the Master's of Public Administration Program at Oakland University and served as Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs at Adrian College. In June 2009, Dr. Nesbary was selected from a national search to become the President of MCC and is now in his 12<sup>th</sup> year (2<sup>nd</sup> longest serving President in the college history). Under his leadership, MCC completed a \$55 million infrastructure upgrade (the largest investment in the college since the original campus was constructed in 1967). This is important because it has consistently been rated in the top three-four Community Colleges in Michigan consistently under his leadership. He is currently the Chair of The Michigan Community College Association Board of Directors and Chair of Trinity Health System Regional Board. He's received numerous awards and published three books. Congratulations and thank you, **Dr. Dale Nesbary**.



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

### Making It Happen – Community Leaders On Driving Positive Growth

RIM Reporter: **Susan Besteman**

Facilitator: **D.J. Hilson**

Speakers: **Brianna Scott, Frank Peterson, and Bob Scolnik**

Over the last several years, Muskegon has been making positive growth. **D.J. Hilson** (a community leader) led the discussion with three other community leaders regarding tips on how one person can make a difference.



D.J. Hilson

**Brianna Scott** remembered a song from her youth, "This Little Light of Mine" and inspired us to be a light transferring positivity for change and growth to all those that see and/or meet us. She also reminded us to find

a passion which can create that spark of light and be contagious positivity to those around you. Therefore, emanating to those who see your light to also make a difference in the community.



Brianna Scott

**Frank Peterson** has been part of the city structure for several years. He experienced first hand the many people who didn't believe Muskegon could build buildings into downtown and that people would want to visit downtown to shop (or even live downtown). However, the negativity almost made it easy to overcome doubts and goals. Frank also

mentioned there are always people that do care and gave great advice to focus on that support to set up smaller incremental changes to impact the community in major ways. His focus has been on consistently improving everyone's quality of life.



Frank Peterson

Being a member of this community for a number of years, part of several organizations and even leading many projects on his own passion, **Bob Scolnik** believes in personal initiative and passion. If you are passionate about something, go for it. You may be able to do it yourself or you may have to bring others in too but if you have the passion to see the change, you can be the start to that change with your own initiative.

D.J. posed the question to the panel of leaders, "Where do you see the need for improvement?" Seeing first hand how segregated Muskegon County is, Brianna (former chair of the DEI Committee) would like to see communities reach out to each other. Change is difficult; however, she posed a challenge to diversify our own community and break down barriers through personal experience and increased knowledge. Seek out our community mixers at our local parks and eat at restaurants in every neighborhood. With Frank's city expertise, he agreed with Brianna's challenge to break down barriers and diversify our neighborhoods. He stated the investments we have made with the city have already started to see much improvement with regards to diversity. For example, the new housing initiative movement is building new structures (houses and

other various types) for low-income, moderate-income, and market-rate housing to allow everyone to feel they are welcome, can afford it, and that the neighborhood is for them. Frank believes that our community is headed in the right direction and is taking the time to reinvest in neighborhoods so everyone feels comfortable.

D.J. then took the discussion from the city level to the county level and posed the final question to Bob

regarding what he sees as a need for improvement and how the County government can assist in achieving this goal. Bob touched on how it is difficult to make progress when there are two sides not willing to work together. One thing he would like to get done is to reduce the amount of animosity and focus on a more healthy way to run government. Muskegon County is in excellent shape: the County's fund balance (unallocated amount of money they have to work with) has never been higher, our credit rating is AA Stable (which is not AAA Stable only due to our smaller county size), and has many numerous positive achievements. The County is very efficient and is a big operation with a \$225 million budget and over 1000 employees.



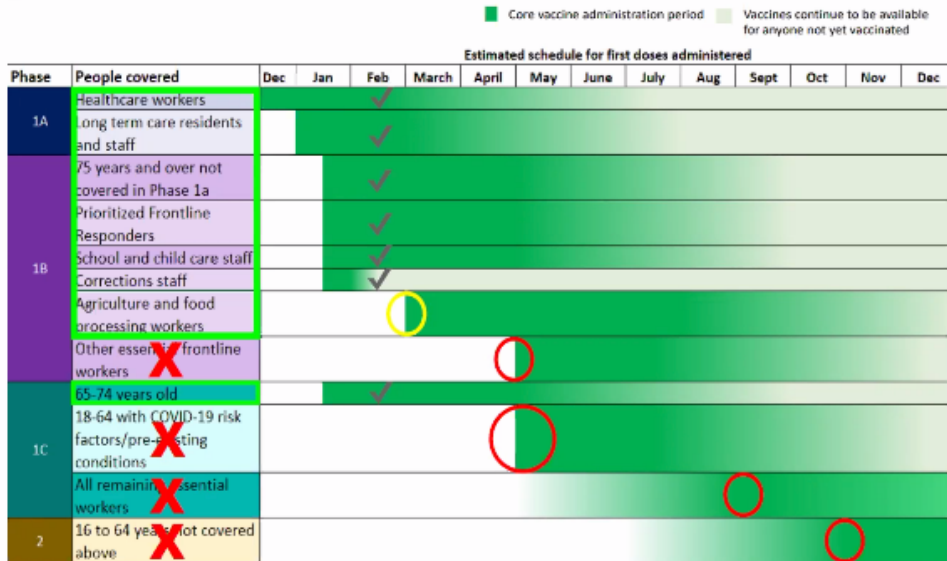
Bob Scolnik

Muskegon is in great shape. Eminate your light, overcome incremental changes to impact the community in major ways, and show your initiative to drive positive growth. Make it happen.



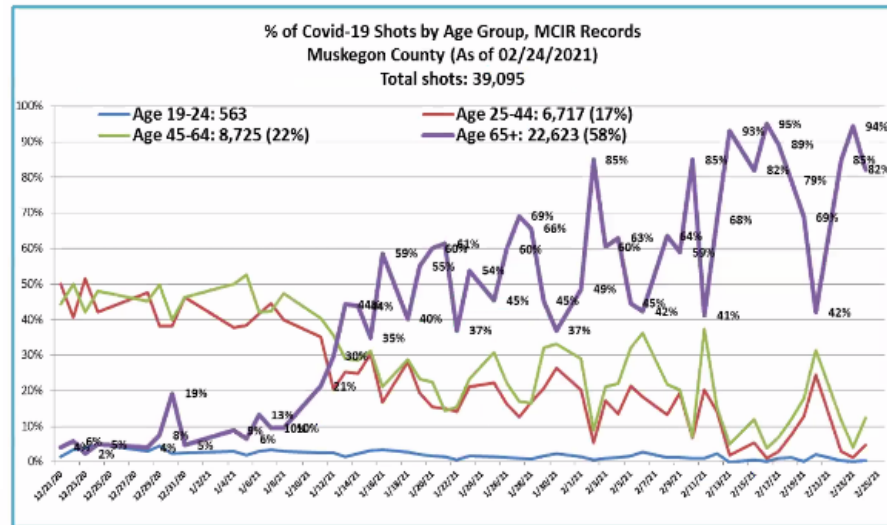
# Preliminary vaccination timeline

(\*\*EXPECTED TO CHANGE BASED ON VACCINE AVAILABILITY\*\*)



[www.Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine](http://www.Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine)

## Doses Administered



Date/Time	Daily Positive Test Rate	7-Day Average	14-Day Average
2/1/2021	5.4%	5.1%	6.2%
2/2/2021	5.4%	5.3%	6.2%
2/3/2021	4.4%	5.4%	6.2%
2/4/2021	3.6%	4.9%	6.0%
2/5/2021	4.1%	5.1%	6.0%
2/6/2021	3.5%	4.7%	5.8%
2/7/2021	5.6%	4.5%	5.6%
2/8/2021	4.8%	4.5%	5.1%
2/9/2021	2.8%	4.0%	5.0%
2/10/2021	5.0%	4.1%	5.0%
2/11/2021	7.0%	4.5%	5.1%
2/12/2021	3.9%	4.4%	5.1%
2/13/2021	2.0%	4.4%	4.6%
2/14/2021	4.5%	4.3%	4.4%
2/15/2021	1.7%	3.8%	4.2%
2/16/2021	2.6%	3.7%	4.0%
2/17/2021	4.1%	3.6%	3.9%
2/18/2021	1.9%	3.0%	3.8%
2/19/2021	1.9%	2.6%	3.7%
2/20/2021	5.1%	2.9%	3.8%
2/21/2021	2.2%	2.6%	3.5%
2/22/2021			
2/23/2021			
		16 days	9 days



Mi Safe Start Map: Epidemic Spread		
Excluding probable cases		
7-Day Average	Positive Tests as of 2/20/2021	New Cases per Million as of 2/20/2021
Michigan	3.5%	57.4
Local (GR) Region	3.7%	66.4
Muskegon	2.8%	33.8
Kent	3.9%	74.8
Ottawa	4.2%	78.4