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Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
 Next Meeting January 21 12:00-1:00pm

From Home, Office, Barn
ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 1/21 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--1/21/2021 – Homeless Continuum of Care

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

* Perhaps a pet

REFLECTORS

Jim Schiltz	1/14
Michael Vogas	1/21
Jane Mountain	1/28

THIS WEEK'S MENU

A lovely buffet of snacks from your pantry

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Merica Dobry	Jan 14
Mark Eisenbarth	Jan 14
Sue Cloutier Crain	Jan 15
Don Kalisz	Jan 15
Juwana Jackson	Jan 16
Kate Scarbrough	Jan 20
Duane Schecter	Jan 20

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

1/14 Youth Meeting
 1/18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 1/21 Homeless Continuum of Care
 1/21 ReWine 5:15 PM
 1/28 DEI Program

Dues are Due

Dues are due at the end of January and were emailed last week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kudos

Kim Boersema gave Kudos to **Kathy Betts** who helped transition her to this new position (Muskegon Rotary Club Coordinator). Thank you, **Kathy**.

With technical difficulties, **Kim Boersema** did an amazing job stepping in unexpectedly to finish leading the meeting! President-Elect **Jason Piasecki** initiated the meeting due to a planned day off for President **Mark Meyers**. After **Jason's** internet went out, he was unable to log back on; however, **Kim** stepped up to the plate and hit a home run. Kudos to you too **Kim**.



Visiting Rotarians & Guests:

-Georgette Kersman (North Muskegon Interact Club President)
 -Simran Tumber (Mona Shores Interact Club President)
 -Justin Smith (Oakridge Interact Club Vice President)

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If you missed today's 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](#):

Short Video Recording Options!

Mike Vogas shared:

1. Video Recording Methods
2. How Your Committee Can Use These Services
 - a. Get it produced to tell your story
 - b. The Program Committee initiates the main program for each meeting but shorter video stories/updates can be initiated by anyone in the club if that story can be done in less than a 2-minute time frame
 - c. No more than 4 participants, no do-overs or retakes



If you have a story that you think we could benefit from sharing, please contact **Mike Vogas**. Click this link for the [detailed video from Mike](#):



The National Day of Racial Healing is coming up on Tuesday, January 19. There are toolkits for ways to participate in the day and advance the work, and the Community Foundation is making minigrants of up to \$500 available to implement them. Not just for nonprofits! **Individuals and businesses can apply, too!** Info, application, and toolkits [are linked here](#):



Chili Kits

For the ReWine Club, February usually bring our annual Chili Cook-off, but with COVID-19, things are going to be a little different this year.

In lieu of raising funds for International trips, students from 5 InterAct Clubs in Muskegon have decided to put the funds toward providing chili kits to families that could use a little extra help this year.

The cost to sponsor a kit is \$10 and will include all the fixings to create a hearty, warm pot of chili to feed a family.

If you are interested in donating to the cause, you can contact **Kaytie Drake** at kaytieely@aol.com, or any other ReWine member/InterAct student. More information will follow in regards to a distribution date and a total number of families we hope to impact.

20 Brave Rotarians

Leaving the library this week were **Nancy Crandall and Rem Sprague**

WEEKLY COVID REPORT

Kathy Moore reported we have bent the curve. Though still higher than our highest point back in April 2020, we do see progress. The hospitals have managed this pandemic very well. If you do receive a vaccine and are on multiple lists, contact the other locations to have them remove you from their lists for better tracking. Muskegon County received 9,000 doses and administered 3,473 (Muskegon County Public Health received 800 and administered 800). Second doses are in a reserved location. As of Jan 11, 2021, MDHHS is moving forward with vaccination of age 65+, frontline essential workers, childcare through high school staff, and congregate care facilities. Vaccinations are ongoing for the previous groups of health care workers and long term care workers and staff.

NOTE: Please look for Kathy's graphs on the [last page](#) of this RIM.

Interact Insider

HOMETOWN HEROS

An update from **John Noling**-



Orchard View Interactor McKenzie Covington helps deliver 160 gifts to health care workers at Mercy Health

This joint project, inspired by Oakridge Rotary Interactor Anna Barnes, expanded to include our own club and Orchard View Rotary Interact. Each bag included hand written notes of thanks by Rotarians and/or Interactors plus snacks and useful personal items. Other front line workers at HealthWest (30), and Hackley Community Care (30) also gratefully received gifts from our clubs. For more information please use the link to [Hometown Heroes](#)



20 Hometown Heroes gift/appreciation bags delivered Thursday to the Hospice Poppen House health care workers. Left to right, Tami Zimmerman, (Marketing Manager, Texas Roadhouse), Rose Milanowski, (RN, Poppen Residence Manager), and Rotarian **Ammy Seymour**, (Director of Development for Harbor Hospice).

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Youth Activities

Reporter: **Susan Holkeboer**

Facilitator: **Randy Lindquist**

Presented by: Simran Tumber,
Georgette Kersman, and Justin Smith

Three young people from our Muskegon Rotary Interact Clubs brought our club up-to-date on their activities, reasons for belonging to Interact, the response to the pandemic, and future plans for their clubs.



Simran Tumber is a junior at Mona Shores HS and President of MS Interact. She joined as a freshman and has been in for three years.



Georgette Kersman has been part of Interact for about seven years. She is the President of the North Muskegon Interact and she attended the Life Leadership Conference in 2019.



Justin Smith is a junior at Oakridge HS; this is his second year in interact and is now Vice President of the Oakridge interact. He's also a member of Life Leadership this year.

Simran Tumber informed us that Mona Shores has 10 members on their board and around 12 to 15 members in the club. Trying to recruit new members is very important because most members are seniors. They operate using zoom meetings and are hoping to try for more in person meetings as things get better. They're also trying to find more service opportunities for the spring.

Georgette told us that the North Muskegon Interact as a little over 40 members with six members on the council. The group participated in the Pop Can drive, worked with Mona Shores to raise money to send to Honduras, were a part of the North Side Adopt A Family (they are adopted eight children) and also have a little boy in the Dominican Republic that they sponsor. The officers have been meeting in person about two times a month. To stay in contact with the rest of the club they've divided the members between the officers to contact after the meetings to keep up with what is happening. They are looking forward to working with Rotary once again in the future especially with the Chili Kits this year. They are also raising money for the

whole project and also looking into Soddo Christian Hospital and the WRAPs Project. They've been in contact with the Karnes's.

Justin told us that Oakridge has board meetings once a month. There are nine members in the group total and three are them on the board. They partnered with Orchard View to accomplish a project. It's been hard to recruit new members. They are doing the Holton Townhall heroes, they have distributed 160 bags to Mercy Health, 30 bags to Healthwest, 30 to Hackley Community Care, and 20 to Hospice Poppin health workers. These were delivered on Wednesday and Thursday. The group will also be working on Chili Kits and working to raise money to do more projects. They adopted a few families for Christmas. The gift bags have been the highlight of their year.

Mona Shores Interact worked alongside ReWine to provide hurricane relief to Honduras. They've collected donations and they have a student in their high school who just moved from Honduras. She wanted to help her people in any way she could so she reached out to their club since she knew they helped Honduras and had members in Honduras. Donations were collected and donated to the hurricane relief.

North Muskegon has a committee that is working on building the idea of the Chili Kits since they can't have a cook off to raise money for Honduras and the people that are going there. Instead they will be building kits. They are planning to have people sponsor the kits and then the kits will be sent to food pantries for the less fortunate to keep the idea of a cook off going and help in future to keep the project running. **Randy Linquist** told us that ReWine is still working on the logistics of the Chili Kit project.

Mona Shores feel they have adapted well to the effects of the pandemic. They don't have in person meetings but are going with zoom but that makes recruiting difficult because people are busy with other things. They find it difficult to gather in large groups for service activities.

North Muskegon told us that they find it difficult to keep in touch using distant forms of communications it's also difficult not having the usual fundraisers such as the Irish Music Festival, donkey basketball, wrestle mania and pinkies for polio. They're also used to sending to people Honduras which is not happening right now. It's been hard to slow down and not have the usual opportunities and projects to do.

At Oakridge, they find it difficult not being together. It's hard having masks and social distancing for projects that they're doing. One project they did they had to work at separate tables 6 feet apart. When they were wrapping presents for families at Christmas along with Orchard View they could not meet at the same school. They found room at a church to complete the project.

Simran from Mona Shores told us that as a freshman she hadn't done much extra curricular activity so she wanted to participate in something that would look good on resumes for college but also something to help her community. She talked to friends who are already in high school and heard about Interact. She joined as a freshman and in her sophomore year became secretary. At the end of that time she wanted to be more involved with behind the scenes to help create things and direct things and have an impact and to see how the activities were created. So she decided to run for president.

Georgette from North Muskegon originally joined to have something to do in her free time for fun. She saw the impact that interact could have on the people in her community and also globally. Over the years she worked her way up. As a freshman she was a member, then became an officer for local and global projects and now is president. She wants to be president because over the years she's had an opportunity to organize a couple of events and found that it's her strong suit. So especially in this time of Covid when everyone is kind of struggling, she felt this would be the best way to help her club.



Justin at Oakridge was asked to be become a leader because Anna Burns asked him to step up and run for vice president. He's glad he agreed.

All three agreed that they're trying to find more opportunities to get more involved. They hope that with the course of the vaccine they will be able to have more in person meetings.

Mona Shores is planning another tree sale in the spring and working alongside of the United Way Of The Lakeshore. They did a goodwill book organizing project last year for the Reading Buddies project by collecting books for preschoolers so there would be more for resources for reading and learning. To donate to that project you could contact Dominique at United Way of the Lakeshore dominique@unitedwaylakeshore.org. She leads the [Reading Buddy project](#).

Justin told us that Oakridge has started to raise funds for another project for the community. Not really sure what it will be yet and they are also raising money for the Chili Kits because they definitely plan on working on that project. They've been bouncing ideas around about doing fundraising in school, but have been having difficulties because they can't have bake sales or sell food which they did last year. They are thinking about doing a raffle on some item that they purchase. They really want to help the community in anyway possible. They just need ideas.

Grants Committee

Meeting Monday, Jan. 18, 2021
11AM - Noon. Past President **Linda Juarez** will lead this meeting.



20 Things Baby Boomers Think Are Cool

Baby boomers were born between 1946 and 1964. They are currently between 56-74 years old. Just in the States, you have 71.6 million boomers, and they are even today crazy about cool things from their youth. Baby boomers had a unique taste and affection toward unusual fashion items, at least from today's perspective; now, for fun, seems a good time to list some favorite baby boomer items and make the final decision about if, or not, children of the boom are really so different from their earlier generations.

Cursive writing, 24-hour news networks, diamonds, patterned wallpaper, unpaid internships, crocs (boat shoes, originally), blaming millennials, home shopping channels, high-waisted jeans, writing checks, landlines, fossil fuels, the mall, khaki capri pants, denim everything, jell-o everything, encyclopedias, socks and sandals, phone books, and ironing.

Source: Yahoo





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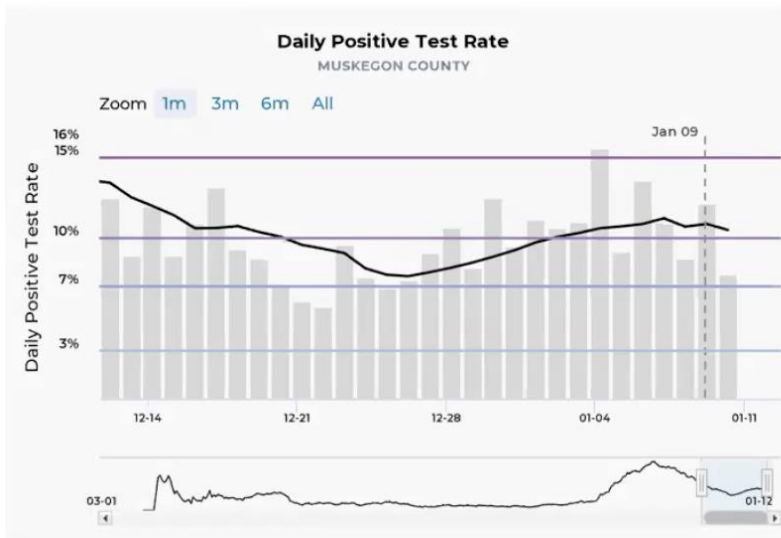
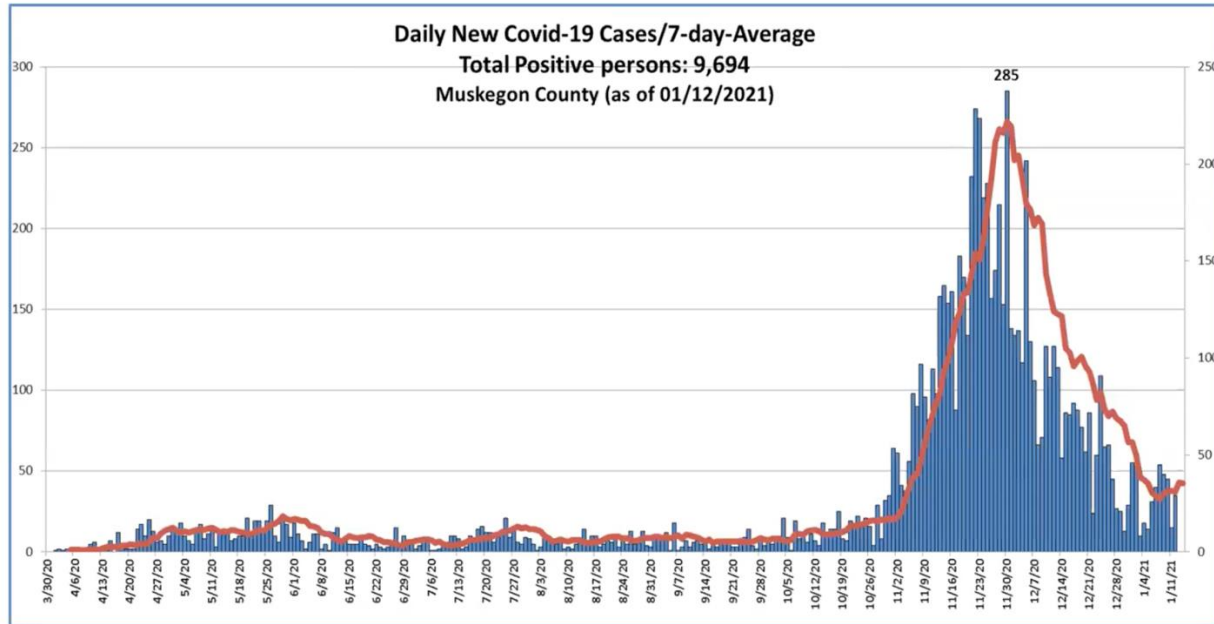
As of January 13, 2021

Total positive cases to date: **9,696**

Total negatives: **128,799**

Total deaths to date: **267**

Total recovery: **8,147**



7 Day Average Positive Test Rate

Lowest 1.6 % on 9/19/20

Highest 24.9% on 11/18/20

Current 10.9% on 1/09/21

Mi Safe Start Map: Epidemic Spread

Excluding probable cases

7-Day Average	Positive Tests as of 1/09/2021	New Cases per Million as of 1/09/2021
Michigan	9.1%	223
Local (GR) Region	10.0%	254
Muskegon	10.9%	241
Kent	9.8%	284
Ottawa	10.7%	283

DateTime	Daily Positive Rate	7-Day Average of Positive Rate
1/3/2021 5:00	11.0%	10.3%
1/4/2021 5:00	15.6%	10.6%
1/5/2021 5:00	9.2%	10.7%
1/6/2021 5:00	13.6%	10.9%
1/7/2021 5:00	11.0%	11.2%
1/8/2021 5:00	8.8%	10.7%
1/9/2021 5:00	12.2%	10.9%

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