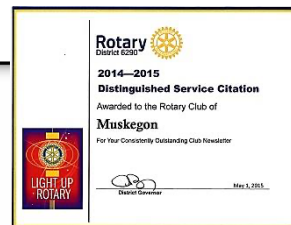


"Service Above Self" Muskegon Rotary in Motion



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Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
Next Meeting February 4 12:00-1:00pm

From Home/Office/Both
ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 2/4 5:15 pm

Mary Anne Gorman, Director
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Ginny Sprague, 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—2/4/2021 – COVID-19 Vaccine

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

* This morning's sunrise

REFLECTORS

Jane Mountain	1/28
Jim Rausch	2/4
Michael Miller	2/11
Jane Clingman-Scott	2/18
Chanda Cregg	2/25

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Any suggestions?

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Heather Brolick	Jan 30
Jim Nielsen	Feb 1

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

1/28 DEI Program
2/4 COVID-19 Vaccine
2/4 ReWine 5:15 PM
2/11 Pound Buddies
3/4 Muskegon Heights Schools

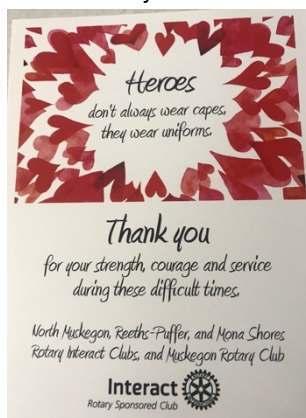
If you missed today's meeting, want to watch it again, or share with someone who may be interested in learning more about our Rotary club, [you can view this link:](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/853249000)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Wanted!

Rotarians needed to write a personal note of thanks on the back of this card. If you are willing, please contact John Noling at johnnoling65@gmail.com and he will deliver some to you.



Reeths Puffer, North Muskegon and Mona Shores Interact clubs (with our help) are distributing 315 gift bags and appreciation notes to front-line health and public safety workers on Feb 14. Contact John Noling if you can **donate some healthy snacks (granola bars, trail mix, fruit snacks)** or help **write thank you notes** (see picture above). Your **donations of returnable bottles and cans** are helping to fund this big project, so thanks for any that you would care to donate.

Sympathies

Please keep **Bob Scolnik** in your thoughts and prayers after the passing of his wife of 50+ years, Merle.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests:

John Noling introduced Tami Zimmerman, Marketing Manager at Texas Roadhouse
John Selmon introduced Sarah Pearson, Muskegon Community College Admissions Specialist
Doug Wood introduced Dr. Kim Keessen, Audiologist at Shoreline Hearing Center

Student Guests:

Aleksandra Kemperman, the new principal at Muskegon Catholic Central, introduced student guests Navarre Klint and Olivia McKenna

Kathy Betts gave a friendly reminder that Member Dues are due. If not received by the end of the month, then a statement will be sent from ClubRunner.



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, 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

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Muskegon Rails Project

Judy Hayner and Jerry Wiersma:
Judy and Jerry provided an update on the Muskegon Rail Project and getting the two railway bridges painted over Seaway Drive. \$37,617 has been raised of the \$50,000 goal. If we hit this target, we get a matching \$50,000 to get the murals painted. We have 23 days, or by February 20, left of this campaign and to reach our target goal. www.patronicity.com/project/muskegon_rails_project#!/

Thank you
 Muskegon
 Rotary,
 Interact
 Students and
 Texas



Roadhouse for your thoughtful gratitude bags for the Leila & Cyrus Poppen Staff. The heartfelt notes, goodies and warm rolls is a wonderful reminder that our community is here for US!

Each life we touch is precious to us. We are inspired every day by our patients and their families and by generous donors like you! Please accept our immense gratitude, YOU are making a difference!

Ammy Seymour
 Director of Development
 Harbor Hospice Foundation

WEEKLY COVID REPORT

Kathy Moore seeing a gradual decline in new COVID 19 cases, positivity rate is 5.2% down from 24.9% which was our high in November. Hospital capacity is well managed and under control: 21 adults inpatient and 8 in ICU and 6 on ventilators. Bed occupancy in our region is available and we are seeing surgeries and other illnesses being addressed versus only COVID patients. We are still seeing a higher prevalence of deaths compared to our contiguous counties. Epidemiologists are studying this link: perhaps poverty and ethnicity may be a factor. Prison cases are currently under control and remaining steady. Vaccination timeline: (see chart) ages 65-74 population are able to get the vaccine if the vaccine is available. Muskegon County is still scheduling persons in phase 1B. Please be patient with vaccine rollout. 27,581 requests have been made for

the COVID 19 vaccine. Collaboration between HealthWest, Public Health, Muskegon Family Care, Hackley Community Care and other partnerships are key in service and vaccine delivery.

- 7,133 the number of 75-85 year-olds have been vaccinated. 12,000+ of 65-74 year-olds have requested the vaccine. Under 65, 6,000+ applications and hoping to touch this group this summer.
- Kathy noted two ways to register for the vaccine and are included on the slides that she shared.
- Most vulnerable population are those individuals that do not have access to computer or internet. This is one of our most vulnerable populations. Kathy is trying to obtain clarification on whether or not under-documented or undocumented individuals are able to obtain the vaccine.

Expecting additional doses of the Moderna vaccine next week.

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

Short Video Recording Options!

The Program Committee initiates the main program for each meeting but shorter video stories/updates can be initiated by anyone in the club. Please email **Mike Vogas** and let him know what you would like to share. Then, **Mike** will work with you to create a flawless message in a 2 Minute Talk Show.

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](#):

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM: A Conversation About Being Black; Stories You Don't Know From Rotarians You Do

Reporter: **Mererdith Smillie**

Moderrator: **Kelly Richards**

Presented by: **Jonathan Wilson &
Dr. Dale Nesbary**

Two Minute Video from **Mike Vogas** on behalf of the
Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O47ZR-aMzLl2WmgBfnAfhfuFaNXwcyuP/view>

Kelly Richards introduced **Jonathon Wilson** (DTE Regional Manager) and **Dr. Dale Nesbary** (President at Muskegon Community College) and discussion on systemic racism. Video link here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/139gboPgCP-aYVEwQYSjrMrSeoIT8QZIB/view>



Both **Dr. Nesbary** and Mr. **Wilson** shared some personal history and the research that they have conducted regarding systemic racism. **Dr. Nesbary's** doctoral dissertation focused on law enforcement, housing, and economic opportunities and the impact that these organizations are having in combating systemic racism. As organizations work to improve and address systemic barriers, they are better equipped to serve their communities in a positive and efficient manner.

Kelly also requested feedback and discussion on responses our community has had since the January 6, 2021 violence in the United States Capitol. The three men clarified that the criminal justice system is unfavorable to communities of color. All three men observed that black men are treated differently in

the criminal justice system and there are disproportionate sentences noted for men of color. **Dr. Nesbary** further noted in his research regarding part one or part two crimes, there is no statistical difference from the time a call is made and a police response is made. There is no disparity in how quickly law enforcement responds but disparity begins to take effect once police arrive on the scene of the crime. Lack of training and lack of hiring strong professionals to do the work would hopefully improve policing outcomes, per **Dr. Nesbary** and his research. Our laws were created during a time when slavery, Jim Crow and other laws were enacted by congress persons and lawyers that had inadvertent effects that continued systemic disparity. In discussing the insurrection at the Capitol, it was painfully obvious of white privilege in the United States as the Capitol police did not anticipate that the primarily white persons would become violent. Their response of force and number of officers was substantially higher with the Black Lives Matter protest occurred and protestors were treated in very different manners. All three men noted a significant difference in how the protesters were handled in these two situations, noting more officers were present during the Black Lives Matter protests than during the insurrection in Washington DC; and how the protestors were engaged by law enforcement.



(servers, hostesses, managers) in the visible areas of the restaurant to persons of color in the back (kitchen staff, custodians). Mr. Wilson notes that he has observed this significantly

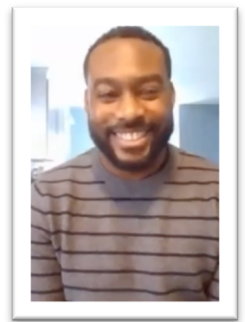
in the restaurant industry; and provided examples of not addressing that he and his wife (who is Caucasian) are dining together or providing her the check at the end of the meal. Dr.

Nesbury and Mr. Wilson report that we have historically run away from the issue of systemic racism. We did not become a democracy in the mid 1960's as many of us would think. Our country did not; noting that many persons of color could not serve in the military during World War II or could not vote in our current election. Many persons of colors could not become law enforcement officers until very recently. Although we are making progress, there is still so much more to unpack and discuss.

During the virtual question and answer session, many Rotarians asked how we can continue to support our community and to ensure we are breaking barriers and understanding one another. Putting forth an effort to have frank and honest discussions, Love Lives Here initiative, having a diversity, equity and inclusion committee; we are recognizing that people are treated differently and need to feel the support of the greater community. Many are starting to use the term "Belonging"-meaning that all should be at the table to address systemic racism. Inclusion infers that we are invited to participate whereas "Belonging" implies all should be at the table.

All three men noted that systemic racism is still present in our community and there are local businesses that they will not frequent due to their treatment and service of persons of colors.

Rotary thanks **Dr. Dale Nesbary**, **Kelly Richards** and **Jonathon Wilson** for your transparency, honesty and vulnerability.





Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Muskegon County

As of January 26, 2021

Total positive cases to date: **10,004**

Total negatives: **139,192**

Total deaths to date: **284**

Total recovery: **8,717**

Mercy Health (local) COVID-19 patient status as of January 27, 2021

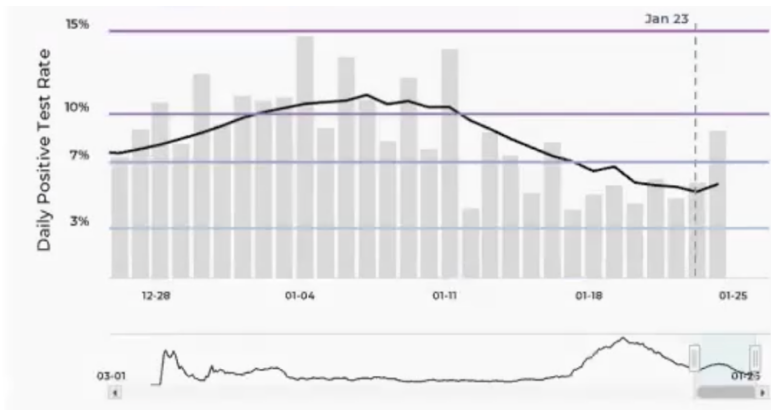
Mercy Health Sherman Campus	18-Jan	19-Jan	20-Jan	21-Jan	22-Jan	23-Jan	24-Jan	25-Jan	26-Jan	27-Jan
Adult Confirmed-Positive COVID	38	36	40	42	35	32	28	31	23	21
Pediatric Confirmed - Positive COVID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ICU Adult Confirmed - Positive COVID	18	14	10	8	8	9	10	11	10	8
Hospitalized and Ventilated	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6
Transfers in within past 24 hours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers out within past 24 hours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Previous Day COVID Related ED Visits	16	30	6	8	24	14	8	6	8	23

No critical staffing shortage today nor predicted within 1 week.

Regional hospital COVID-19 patients and occupancy as of January 25, 2021

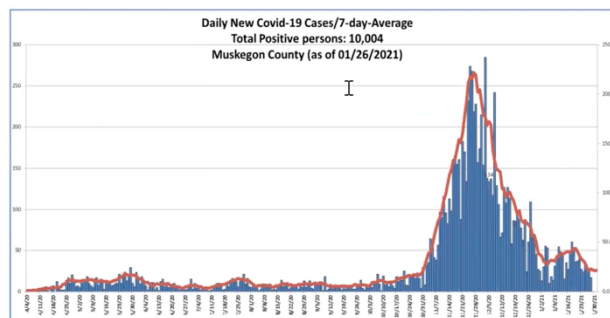
Health System/Hospital	COVID-19 Patients	COVID-19 Patients in ICU	Bed Occupancy %
Mercy Health - Hackley	0	0	0.0%
Mercy Health - Lakeshore	0	0	30.0%
Mercy Health - Sherman	32	11	100.0%
Mercy Health - St. Mary's	18	4	60.0%
North Ottawa Community	0	0	14.0%

Mi Safe Start Map: Epidemic Spread		
Excluding probable cases		
7-Day Average	Positive Tests as of 1/23/2021	New Cases per Million as of 1/23/2021
Michigan	6.1%	127.2
Local (GR) Region	5.9%	141
Muskegon	5.2%	118.8
Kent	6.4%	161.2
Ottawa	6.2%	175.5



7 Day Average Positive Test Rate

Lowest 1.6 % on 9/19/20
Highest 24.9% on 11/18/20
Current 5.2 % on 1/23/21



DateTime	Daily Positive Rate	7-Day Average of Positive Rate
1/17/2021 5:00	4.2%	7.0%
1/18/2021 5:00	5.1%	6.4%
1/19/2021 5:00	5.6%	6.7%
1/20/2021 5:00	4.5%	5.7%
1/21/2021 5:00	6.1%	5.6%
1/22/2021 5:00	4.8%	5.5%
1/23/2021 5:00	5.8%	5.2%