

"Service Above Self"

Muskegon Rotary in Motion

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Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916
 Next Meeting January 14 12:00-1:00pm

From Home, Office, Barn, North Pole
 ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 1/7 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--1/14/2021 – Youth Meeting

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

* Our fresh air

REFLECTORS

Alan Alpert	1/7
Jim Schiltz	1/14
Michael Vogas	1/21
Jane Mountain	1/28

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Leftover's from last night

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Sabourin	Jan 9
Megan Byard Karaba	Jan 10
Jim Schiltz	Jan 10
Josh Silvis	Jan 11
John Selmon	Jan 13

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

1/7 ReWine 5:15 PM
 1/12 Tuesdays with Kathy Hegedus
 for District 6290
 1/14 Youth Meeting
 1/21 ReWine 5:15 PM

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 [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kudos

From
President
Mark
Meyers
 this week
 to **Bob**
Scolnick!
 Elected



County Commissioner Chair. We look
 forward to his leadership at the
 County level.

Directories & Masks Mailed

Happy New Year from **Kim Boersema**,
 Muskegon Rotary Club Coordinator.

Kim mailed out all directories and
 masks. If you did not receive a
 directory or your order of
 masks please email Kim (include your
 address in your message please).

muskegonrotarycc@gmail.com



New Member

Please welcome potential new
 member **Ira Williams**, Shoreline
 Staffing, General Manager, sponsored
 by **Brianna Scott**. **Ira Williams** has
 been approved by the Muskegon
 Rotary Board and awaiting Induction.

2020—A Year in Review

Mike Vogas cheers us again
 with a superb video highlighting
 the beauty in our service-above-
 self organization in 2020.

Click [here](#) to enjoy.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests:

Jim Fisher introduced Joe Kaplan,
 Mary and Cherish Pittman; **Mary Anne**
Gorman introduced Mary Boyd who
 will be inducted next week. No student
 guests this week.

Dues are Due

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

Interact Insider



Paul Harris Award:

Honorable Judge Gregory Pittman. Grew up in Muskegon and has been presiding Probate Judge since 1998. Judge Pittman has served as President of the Muskegon Heights Public Schools Board of Trustees, former trustee to the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District, member of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County Board of Trustees, member of the Hackley Hospital Board of Trustees, Co-Founder of Muskegon Covenant Academy and part of their Board, Chairman of the Muskegon Responsible Fathers Initiative, appointed member of the Governor's Task Force for Children's Justice and has been very active in the Muskegon area. Link for the video [here](#).

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20 Brave Rotarians

Leaving the library this week were
Doug Olson and **Susan Besteman**.



Interact News:

One and a half van loads adds up!
Thanks Rotarians, from **John Noling**, for your generous donations and to the great Rotary Interactors from Oakridge and Orchard View is who got it together December 20th!



Justin Smith, Oak
McKenzie Covington, OV
Anna Barnes, Oak
Devin Crawford, OV

Using \$310 from recent Rotary returnables collected and \$227 from last Saturday's successful Texas Roadhouse Take Out fundraiser, students from Oakridge and Orchard View Rotary Interact Clubs are now writing thank you notes and purchasing needed items for the approximately 230 gift bags to be distributed late next week to health care providers. Interactors have shown great spirit and sense of service above self throughout!

Your Rotary donations and support have made a big impact thus far and are much appreciated. Covid has presented some obstacles, but students and Rotary are overcoming to make sure health care workers and first responders know they are appreciated.

We are working with Public Health, MAISD, Texas Roadhouse, McDonalds, and Daily Deals to make this happen thus far and much appreciate what they have done for the project. A very special thanks to Duane Schecter, Mary Anne Gorman, Nancy Crandall, Blake Cramer, Joanie Smith, Darlene Collet, and Doug Wood who have personally written in total over 80 thank you cards and donated over 800 individual items for the bags!

As of press time, **we still need small tubes of hand creme (2 ounce approx) for the gift bags, and more healthy snacks**, so if you would like to help, please contact John Noling or Randy Lindquist before Tuesday afternoon. Rotary and Interact working together make a formidable team! Hometown Heroes make us proud!



Thank you notes—Many notes and items were generously donated. If you have a thank you note to add or drop off your pile already made, contact **John Noling, Joanie Smith, or Blake Cramer**. The kids will be meeting at the MAISD to put the bags together.





Food Truck 2020 Finale

Reported by **Arn Boezaart**:

The December 23 food truck was our tenth and last of the \$7,500 grant

commitment recommended by the Grant Committee last June. I anticipate that we will receive a wrap-up summary of the statistics of our food truck project in partnership with MCCC sometime around the end of January.

Our member turn-out was especially good for

the last truck. We had a total of twelve (12) Rotarians present, six friends, family members or significant others, and three great Interact students for a total of 21 volunteers - our largest turnout for any of the ten food trucks. Our average turnout had been around 10-12 volunteers.

The brave Rotarians who participated on the 23rd include: **Linda Juarez, Jenny McNeil, Mary Boyd, Mark Meyers, Susan Besteman, Nancy McCarthy, Annette Jack, Marcia Hovey Wright, Julia Koch, Don Hutchins, John Noling, and Arn Boezaart.**

Both the Cooperating Churches as well as the North Side Churches organization have expressed their appreciation for the Rotary participation. Both coordinators that I dealt with have been especially complimentary about how effective and hard working that the Rotary volunteers have been. I think we made a significant difference in assisting both organizations with their food distribution efforts.

I think this has been a good for project for Rotary as well in that we had a very visible presence in the greater communities, especially in Muskegon Heights where the food trucks would not have happened without Rotary involvement.



Special thanks and recognition also goes to **John Noling** for recruiting and keeping the Interactors involved. I personally find them a joy to work with and add to the positivity - word of each truck event. John also kept

us stocked with the striking Rotary aprons that effectively help to make our presence known and to Darlene Collet for keeping me stocked with Rotary name tags. Thanks to all!

A by-product of the Rotary effort is that a privately funded food truck took place in Whitehall in late October following personal contact I had with the donors. There will also be at least two food trucks in Grand Haven underwritten by Westwind Construction, the firm I am affiliated with. The owners become so pleased to learn of my involvement in the Rotary project that they asked me to arrange at least two food trucks through the Love in Action effort in Grand Haven. So some bonus results from our good efforts. I think we can give ourselves a 'way to go, thumbs up' on this Rotary effort.



Break Out Rooms—after the Zoom Meetings

Kim Boersema sent a message to our members: "First, I want to thank all of you for your patience as I navigate all things Zoom. While I am happy to place each and every one of you into a breakout room after the Zoom meetings, I realize it is not the most efficient way. I Googled why one might not be able to see the breakout rooms and the first step is to make sure that you have Zoom installed on your computer. So, if you are simply joining from the link and it is not installed on your computer, you may want to try that for next week and see if it makes a difference. I will keep looking into this. Thanks so much!"

WEEKLY COVID REPORT

Kathy Moore was delayed in attendance and will give a report next week. There was a power point that was shared with the group from **Kathy. Mary Boyd** added the vaccines are starting to hit Muskegon County-both first and second doses are being administered. There were no deaths to report this week. Cautiously awaiting the ten-day mark after the New Year holiday.

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

Christine Robere was there to share that the vaccine clinic is up and running and beginning to vaccinate front line health workers, schools and non-profit partners. Muskegon United Way did receive a fourth grant from FEMA for small businesses. There was also a federal stimulus of \$600 per person that is starting to hit Muskegon County residents' bank accounts. United Way is now collecting coats and hats/mittens/gloves. See the [United Way website](#) for collection sites through the end of January. Christine also noted that there has been a critical component of housing assistance that has hit Muskegon County that will help keep residents in their homes and to keep eviction at bay.



SECOND SATURDAYS

JANUARY-APRIL

JANUARY 9TH
12:00PM-4:00PM

FEBRUARY 13TH
12:00PM-4:00PM

MARCH 13TH
12:00PM-4:00PM

APRIL 10TH
12:00PM-4:00PM

Join us as we open our doors the second Saturday of the month for guests to enjoy all the museum has to offer!

Our newest exhibit *Who is Rosie Lee Wilkins: Piecing Together Her History* is on display now.

The STEM Center will be open by registration for 30-minute time slots, and our hands-on Science Center will be open throughout the afternoon. Scavenger hunt sheets will be available and kids will receive a take-and-make activity related to one of our exhibits to complete at home.

Masks are required to enter the museum. Be sure to check back the day of your visit for any last minute safety updates or changes.

 **Lakeshore Museum Center**

FREE FOR MUSKEGON CO. RESIDENTS & MUSEUM MEMBERS / \$5 FOR NON-RESIDENTS
430 W. CLAY AVE. / MUSKEGON, MI 49440 / (231) 722-0278 / LAKESHOREMUSEUM.ORG



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Every Woman's Place

Reporter: **Meredith Smillie**

Facilitator: **Kristen Collee**

Presented by: **Kim Dimmett**

and Anje Banks

"Forty-five years ago, a small group of women began what would become an organization that provides direct, comprehensive services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Today, EWP remains prepared to meet the needs of survivors where they are in their process of healing."



Kim Dimmett shared a power point that she presented, which included some updates and changes at Every Woman's Place. Kim thanked Rotary Members and the community for their support at Every Woman's Place.

Kim gave us an overview of the history of Every Woman's Place. EWP began in 1975 and provided safe shelter for women who are in need of emergency housing and services from domestic abuse situations, as well as human trafficking. Rights for women and children were subsequent to animal rights protections, and started in the mid 1900's. In the 60's and 70's we saw shifts in protections for women in marital situations where domestic abuse and rape was present in marital

relationships. As Every Woman's Place came into existence, there was also acknowledgement of domestic abuse within the federal government and funding became available for services. Statistics are likely estimates, as domestic assault and rape are highly underreported and it is difficult to obtain convictions.



Anje Banks discussed many of the services offered at Every Woman's Place. A question that is often asked is "why don't women leave"? There is often a long process of verbal and emotional abuse, prior to immediate threats for physical safety of victims. Often women become financially dependent on their abusers and do not have access to bank accounts or are not allowed to work outside of the home. Often women are threatened with custody of their children. Many survivors are using services while still residing with perpetrators. Every Woman's Place does have a 20-bed shelter; these beds are reserved for high fatality risk clients and are used for 30 days while they assist with transitioning to their own independent housing.

Non-residential services comprise the majority to the work EWP provides; such as advocacy and assisting them with meeting their goals. There is also a legal advocate that assists with Personal Protection Orders and locating attorneys that can assist women. EWP also offers counseling services who are trained in domestic

violence and sexual assault. Services are free of charge to clients and do not bill insurance (which has limits on how many sessions a woman can receive). Counselors work on healthy relationships, establishing boundaries and processing trauma.

EWP also offers a crisis line that is staffed 24/7. There is also a crisis sexual assault team and domestic violence assault team. These services are available 24/7 and will help survivors process through their options and resources.

Every Woman's Place has also received funding in October 2020 for transitional housing programs for women using Every Woman's Place programming. They have connections with area landlords and to assist women in getting established in safe and affordable housing.

Every Woman's Place also provides training on healthy relationships for teens. They work very closely with local school districts by providing this prevention program.

Human trafficking is an emerging crime and often walks hand in hand with domestic violence survivors. EWP works very closely with The Hope Project and the Lakeshore Human Trafficking Task Force to provide on-going support for survivors. EWP is also seeing an increase of males and LGBTQ individuals reporting domestic abuse and sexual assault.

COVID 19 has presented some challenges for women and families that are residing at the shelter and women receiving counseling services. Children and women are able to reside in the shelter. Every Woman's Place has been providing education for women and families on COVID 19 safety and dispelling myths.



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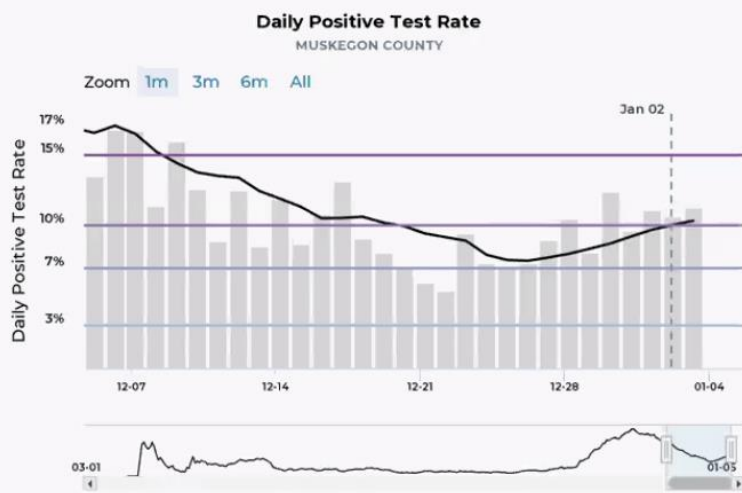
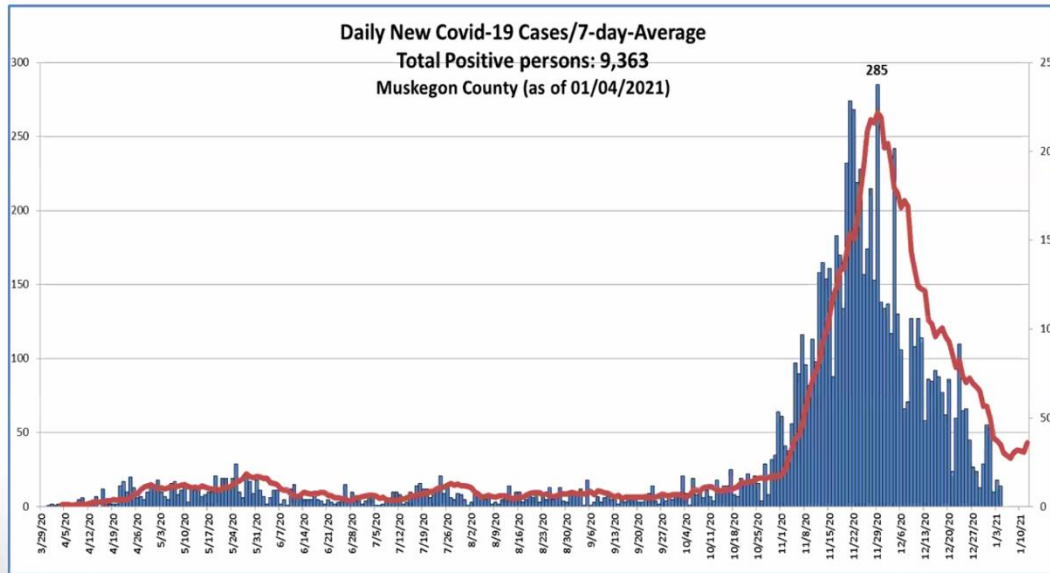
As of January 6, 2021

Total positive cases to date: **9,382**

Total negatives: **128,799**

Total deaths to date: **257**

Total recovery: **7,543**



7 Day Average Positive Test Rate

Lowest 1.6 % on 9/19/20

Highest 24.9% on 11/18/20

Current 10.0 % on 1/02/21

Mi Safe Start Map: Epidemic Spread

Excluding probable cases

7-Day Average	Positive Tests as of 1/02/2021	New Cases per Million as of 1/02/2021
Michigan	9.7%	192
Local (GR) Region	9.7%	211
Muskegon	10.0%	181
Kent	10.1%	229
Ottawa	10.1%	235

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DateTime	Daily Positive Rate	7-Day Average of Positive Rate
12/27/2020 5:00	9.0%	7.8%
12/28/2020 5:00	10.5%	8.1%
12/29/2020 5:00	8.2%	8.4%
12/30/2020 5:00	12.5%	8.8%
12/31/2020 5:00	9.7%	9.3%
1/1/2021 5:00	11.1%	9.7%
1/2/2021 5:00	10.7%	10.0%