

"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 March 11 12:00-1:00pm
From Your Laptop, Phone, or Tablet
ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 3/18 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 (3/11/21)—Downtown Muskegon Update

Muskegon Downtown Manager Dave Alexander will give his fellow Rotarians a 2021 update of downtown progress and issues.

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

Joanie Smith

REFLECTORS

Mary Anne Gorman	3/4
Jim Schiltz	3/11
Mike Vogas	3/18

THIS WEEK'S MENU

What did you have for lunch?

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Timothy DeMumbrum Mar 11

PROGRAMS / EVENTS

3/4 Muskegon Heights Schools
 3/11 Downtown Muskegon Update
 3/18 Mercy Health
 3/18 ReWine via Zoom 5:15 PM
 ReWine Zoom Meeting Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88142687497>
 3/25 Club Assembly



ReWine Notes from March 4, 2021 Meeting
[Click Here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guests

-Dr. Arnetta Thompson (Assistant Superintendent for Telemanagement and Instruction Muskegon Heights) Jen Saylor (Assistant Superintendent Instruction and Curriculum Muskegon Heights) introduced by **Rane' Garcia**

-**Constantine Karis** (Social Studies Teacher at Muskegon Covenant Academy) will have students at another meeting time

-Jen Loechle (Chamber of Commerce and prospective member) who will be sponsored by **Cindy Larson** but introduced by **Jim Fisher** today

Brave Rotarians – March Madness

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

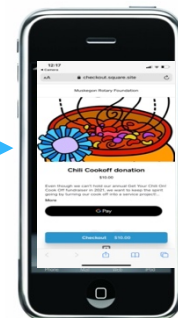
Chili Kits

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—

On **Wednesday March 17**, Rotary will sponsor our first *Feeding America-West Michigan* food truck for 2021. The food truck distribution will take place in the Temple Methodist Church parking lot located at 2500 Jefferson, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed, and are asked to arrive between 3:00 and 3:15 p.m. to assist with set-up for the distribution. Please contact Arn Boezaart with an e-mail to: boezaara@gvsu.edu and indicate your ability to assist. Three Rotarians have volunteered so far, we will need ten more for this date.

We will sponsor a Whitehall food truck on **Saturday April 3**. This food distribution will take place at the White Lake Congregational United Church in Christ at 1809 Mears Ave. with food distribution beginning at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are asked to arrive between 9:00 and 9:15 to assist with set-up. The Whitehall-Montague club will also assist with the volunteer recruitment for this truck, but we will appreciate five or six Muskegon club members to add to this volunteer effort.

The next Muskegon Heights truck, again at the Temple Methodist Church location, will take place on **Wednesday, May 26**. More details on that date and the remaining schedule for 2021 later.

Thanks so much!

Arn Boezaart
616-745-8465

If you missed the March 5th 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](#).

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Kudos

To **Dakota Crow** with the

Muskegon Boys and Girls Club (and **D.J. Hilson** and other members of the board and staff there) from **President Mark Meyers** for the upcoming purchase of the former Lakeshore Fitness Center. This is a great reuse of our asset and a wonderful surprise for our community.



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If you would like to join our RIM Reporting Team, contact **Susan Besteman** at susan@bestemanproperties.com.



New Member

Sarah Pearson,

Orientation & Enrollment Specialist at MCC, grew up in Shelby Michigan but was born in Phoenix, AZ. After moving back and forth between Michigan and Phoenix multiple times, her family settled in Michigan when Sarah was in 4th grade. Shelby will always have such a special place in her heart as it gave her many opportunities to grow. She was part of the yearbook committee, cheerleading and served in her church community with children ministries and her high school youth group's Legacy Team.

After graduation from Shelby High School, she went to Muskegon Community College for her Associates Degree and then to Grand Canyon University (GCU) for her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. One of the most fun highlights of her college career was working security at the Super and Pro Bowls when in Phoenix. She worked for GCU as a student worker and a Junior Admissions Counselor for transfer students. Three days before her graduation, she was hired as an Admissions Counselor for high school students where she worked until promoted to work remotely in Chicago, IL as Regional Admissions Counselor within a year. Her heart has always been in Michigan, so she applied for a job at MCC and the rest is history.

She is married to her wonderfully described husband for almost two years and lives in Muskegon with their sweet, little fur-baby, Princeton. She and her husband are active in their church community and appreciate spending time with their families.

Sarah's hobbies include taking pictures, going on random adventures, spending time with family and serving in her church. Sarah ended with, "Life is really my hobby! I am super excited to be a part of Rotary to do more good for our community."

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Muskegon, Sarah! We are excited to have you! Sarah is sponsored and introduced by **John Selmon**.



WEEKLY COVID REPORT

Kathy Moore continues to update us this week with good news (but don't take off your mask just yet). As of March 4th, Zero outbreaks

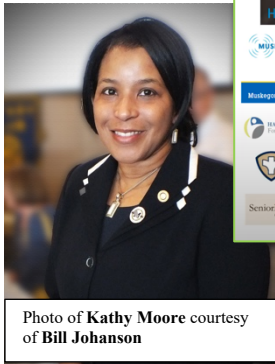


Photo of Kathy Moore courtesy of Bill Johanson

since the beginning of February. No deaths for the last three weeks. We are at a 2% positivity rate for last week and below 3% since February 19th.

Vaccinations are still being distributed that may have slipped through the cracks for healthcare workers, etc. and are prioritizing 75+ and older. We want those groups to be in the front of the line so if you know of anyone, they do not need to wait, they should be at the front of the line now. 65+ and older who want a vaccine, will have a vaccine within the next couple of weeks. They will be moved to the front of the schedule as well. Food and agricultural workers are now getting scheduled. March 8th, 50-64 years old with underlying health conditions and caregivers of children with special care needs are going to start getting scheduled as well. The other groups before these next two will still be prioritized. 46,660 shots have been administered (about 1/3 of this number means fully vaccinated).

Thank you to **Rane' Garcia** to help make Muskegon Heights High School available for a special outreach clinic and being available late at night even after it ended. Lots of appreciation from the community for the outreach clinics.

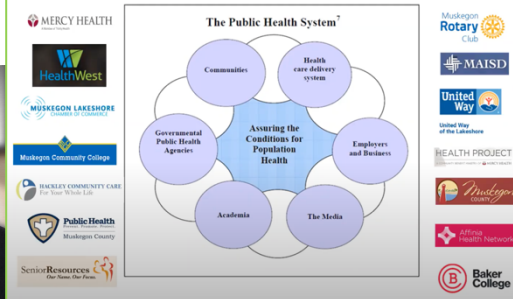
Public Health: www.Muskegonhealth.net

Mask Up Muskegon:

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

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

Public Health System



For your listening pleasure from our own **Bill Johanson**: (click the links below to hear the songs) ["Graveyard"](#) ["Cool-It"](#)



• IN LOVING MEMORY •



of our dear Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Friend

MERLE NANCY SCOLNIK

JUNE 4, 1943 - JANUARY 24, 2021

Dear Muskegon Rotary Club,

I apologize for being later than I would have liked in getting this card out. I want to Thank You for your wonderful donation to Temple B'Nai Israel in memory of Merle. In our 50+ years living in West Michigan, her Congregation was one of the cornerstones of her life here. She loved our Temple, her Rabbi and everything that it represented. She had been Principal of the Sunday School for 25 years, President of the Congregation and our religious life and much of our social life revolved around the members. Remembering Merle by a donation would have made her very happy. We had 50 great years together and I would have liked more, but I am grateful for 50. From both myself and our family, THANK YOU!

Love
[Signature]



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Tiger Legacy: Honoring Tradition and Planting Seeds for Tomorrow

RIM Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**

Facilitator: **Troy Bell**

Speakers: Dr. Arnetta Thompson,
Jennifer Saylor, and **Rane' Garcia**

Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System spoke with **Troy Bell**, Muskegon Heights City Manager, about the rich legacy of Muskegon Heights Schools and what the Muskegon Heights

Public School Academy System is doing to plant seeds for a strong future.

Dr. Arnetta Thompson, Jennifer Saylor, and Rane' Garcia took part in a panel discussion for Muskegon Heights – Tiger Legacy, a nonprofit charter school that serves people in the community from birth to age 26. The mission of the school is to provide a comprehensive, equitable system where all stakeholders work collaboratively to make the success of each and every learner as the highest priority. They are committed to a climate that embraces student values, beliefs, backgrounds, and identity in a safe, welcoming, and joyful environment. Through relentless urgency, they empower students



Dr. Arnetta Thompson

with the academic and non-academic supports they deserve to reach their potential. Our scholars define their own success realizing they are the key to a future of meaningful options. The School's vision is "Empowering Ferocious Scholars."

Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System

The school is dedicated to partnerships between schools, city government, health care, families, and faith in their community. The school has worked hard at maintaining staff and they want to make sure they have the right people in the right position. By doing this, they have retained 95% of their teachers over the past twenty months and hope these teachers will stay until they are ready to retire from teaching.

Rane' Garcia shared that COVID-19 is the second pandemic in their community. The first is racism ad decades of isolation. They have experienced lack of access to education, health care, community loss, and death from racism. Over the past year all communities have felt isolated due to COVID-19 but people in Muskegon Heights have felt isolation for several years. Rane also shared that each family in the school system has received a book called Black is a Rainbow Color and recommended it to others to read.

The school takes pride in all students - parent experience is a sense of pride due to the progress and success of their children. As highly respected partners in the educational process, parents work

cooperatively with school personnel to establish goals, support their child's continual learning and pursuit of college and/or career goals.

Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System involves the community as supporters, volunteers, and mentors of our kids.

The school's pool reopened in December of 2019 and every student receives free swimming lessons. The pool is open to the community for swimming lessons on Saturdays for a fee. If you are looking to support the school in a variety of ways please visit their website at <https://www.mhtigers.org/about-us/> and go to the donate tab.



Jennifer Saylor



Why Do We Celebrate Women's History Month?

Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history. From [Abigail Adams](#) to [Susan B. Anthony](#), [Sojourner Truth](#) to [Rosa Parks](#), the [timeline of women's history milestones](#) stretches back to the founding of the United States.

The actual celebration of [Women's History Month](#) grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, [California](#), in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa.

A few years later, the idea had caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country. In 1980, President [Jimmy Carter](#) issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National [Women's History](#) Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.

Preliminary vaccination timeline

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

Core vaccine administration period Vaccines continue to be available for anyone not yet vaccinated

Estimated schedule for first doses administered

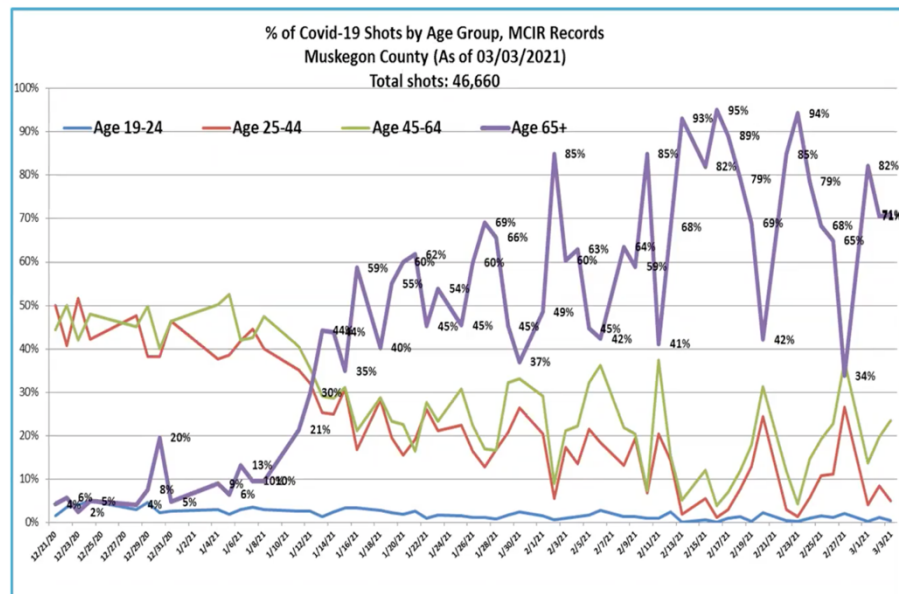
Phase	People covered	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1A	Healthcare workers													
	Long term care residents and staff													
	75 years+ not covered above													
	Prioritized frontline responders													
1B	School and child care staff													
	Corrections staff													
	Agriculture/food processing workers													
	Other essential front-line workers													
1C	65-74 years old													
	50-64 with disabilities/pre-existing conditions													
	Caregivers of children with special health care needs													
	16-49 with disabilities/pre-existing conditions													
	Remaining essential workers													
	50 to 64 years not covered above													
2	16 to 49 years not covered above													

Updated: March 3, 2021

www.Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine

Date	Daily Positive Test Rate	7-Day Average	14-Day Average
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	5.0%	2.9%	3.8%
2/21/2021	2.2%	2.6%	3.5%
2/22/2021	2.1%	2.8%	3.3%
2/23/2021	1.3%	2.5%	3.2%
2/24/2021	2.1%	2.3%	3.0%
2/25/2021	1.2%	2.1%	2.6%
2/26/2021	1.8%	2.1%	2.4%
2/27/2021	1.5%	1.7%	2.4%
2/28/2021	6.7%	2.0%	2.6%
3/1/2021	2.9%	2.0%	2.7%
3/2/2021			
3/3/2021			

Doses Administered



Hospital Capacity
(as of 2/24/21)

Great!!!

Outbreaks

(Month of February as of 2/24/21)

0

Deaths

(Month of February as of 2/24/21)

3

Positivity Rate

(as of 3/1/21)

2.0%

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