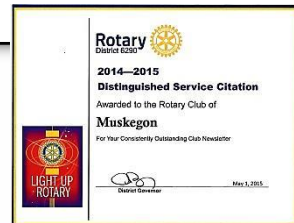


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Muskegon Rotary Club

Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916

AUGUST 20, 2020 12:00-1:00pm

FROM YOUR HOME, OFFICE, HAMMOCK

ReWine Satellite Club 8/20 – Mtg at 5:15pm

Western Ave Tents

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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?

(Pgm 8/20/20) "Rotary Youth Programs" John Noling

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

One waiting his/her turn in
The Book of Life.

REFLECTOR

8/13 Jane Clingman-Scott

THIS WEEK'S MENU

In honor of US Senator Kamala Harris being chosen VP Joe Biden's vice presidential candidate this last week, the menu title will appropriately be changed to this week's woMENU with all serving and clean-up done courtesy of the gentlemen present, in formal attire.

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

John Wahlberg Aug 21
Judy Hayner Aug 24
Ammy Seymour Aug 25
Stacey Cornell Aug 26

FUTURE PROGRAMS / EVENTS

08/20 **Zoom Meeting**
08/20 Rotary Youth Pgms
08/27 Read Muskegon
09/03 United Way Update
09/10 Baker College & MCC

Thanks to **Ginny Sprague**, for providing **President Mark Meyers** with the following quote:

"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." *George Bernard Shaw*

Membership Directory Talk **Are your Directory profiles in good shape? All completed?**

Last we looked, facial photos were needed for **Kim Dimmett, Karen Hayslip, Karly Kelly, Mary Anne Kowalski, John McCann, Nicolas Morano, Craig Pirrotta, Heather Ruffin, Tim Susterich, Mary Tripod, Chauncy Williams**. Club photographers are available, if one is needed.

One of the things we learn from the Directory at year's-end is who's no longer a member, for lots of different reasons. Here's the unverified list from 2019-20: Mike Alstrom, Venancia Avorque, Jill Bonthuis, Jacob Eckholm, Jon Felske, Eric Gielow, Lisa

Grossenbacher, Robin Hard, Deni Hunter, Dawn Johnson, Judy Johnson, Matt Kaley, Dave Manley, Stephanie Marion, Consuelo Maxim-Sparrow, Wes O'Donnell, Myrna Olsen, Jennifer Roach, Zabrina Santiago, Tom Schaub, Kim Sims, Carla Skoglund, John Sytsema, Katie VanDoeselaar, Adam Zuwerink.

Best Wishes to each of these former members. You'll be missed but you're welcome back anytime.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Eric Messing—Guest Ken Johnson (Emergency Medicine Physician who joined Spectrum Health last year as Vice President and Chief of Acute Health and Continuing Care)

Nancy Crandall—Guest Gary Allore— (President of Mercy Health Muskegon and one of the presenters)

Did you miss a ZOOM?

We don't ever want you to miss out on Rotary-recorded ZOOM meetings, so we're including the August 13, 2020 link for you [here](#):

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReWine

Next 3 meetings are August 20, Sept 3 & 17 on Western Ave. under the tent between Rad Dads and Dr. Rolf's BBQ (rain or shine).

Following are notes from 8/6 meeting:

On August 20 Interact presidents from OV, RP and Oakridge will be featured during the normal lunch meeting (via Zoom). *Don't miss it!*

Chili Cookoff – upon further discussion with ReWine members it was decided that the money raised for the bag fees for donations for El Salvador should be sent to El Salvador instead of Honduras like previously discussed. Esther will contact the current Chili Cookoff co-chairs to discuss and then contact **Doug Mealy** about the best way to get the funds to El Salvador.

John Noling is growing trees for the Interact students to sell. He is going to get Kevin info on the types of tree and he will write up care instructions for each type. Hoping to do the sale in early October at the Farmer's Market.

John and Sue Noling make Muskegon more beautiful in many ways. One of them is by putting out flags for the holiday. If you'd like to be part of making Muskegon proud, contact John via email (johnnoling65@gmail.com) to put up flags for Labor Day. Monday, September 7, 2020—7 am to put them up and 5:45 pm to take them down along Seaway Drive between Southern and Hackley Avenues.

Smile If You LOVE Muskegon!

A picture is worth a thousand words, so they say. In these days where we limit our interactions, pictures are even more important. Share your smile with a selfie of where you are and what you are doing. Pictures can be sent to RIM Editor **Lori Weiler** lori.weiler@summitlawncare.net

COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Rotary Website in our Future?!

Renee Dudek gave an update for the PR Committee; they've been working diligently and made some updates to the current website already but our future may hold a new website! Revel will help next week with updating our front page photos.



Check out the updated info [here](#). If you have any photos that you may have of Rotary events or meetings, please send those on to Renee radiodudek@yahoo.com.

Jonathan Wilson is a welcome new member to this committee who has expertise in the press release world. They are also working on obtaining approvals to move forward with testimonial videos to attract new members. **Mike Vogas** has agreed to help out with this project in its infancy stages. **Chanda Cregg** has increased social posts as well. Thank you to our amazing PR Committee!!!

Which book is next?

Doug Wood spoke on behalf of the Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion Committee Meeting. They spent some time on what Dr. Joy Degruy's book meant to them. They also started discussions about what could be their next book and issues of today so stay tuned or contact **Nancy McCarthy** (head of the subcommittee) with your input.

What are your committees up to?

President Mark and the Leadership Group met and **Tim Arter** had a suggestion to videotape club reports. Further ideas sprouted to show these videos at each meeting to

keep everyone informed on what our committees are working on.

COVID-19 Updates

Christine Robere reported on the United Way Day of Caring—Need volunteers!

The Day of Caring has been stretched to a Month of Caring to allow for social distancing this year. The kick-off is September 11th and the project is going to continue to pay tribute to and focus on our fallen veterans and first responders by hosting cemetery cleanups (clean off headstones and surrounding areas) with our municipalities. Sign up at www.unitedwaylakeshore.org

Public Health Director Kathy Moore

Yes, there is still COVID-19 in Muskegon County but we are doing a good job in the community. There are 191 active cases presently and 1,142 cases total overall have been identified. We are up to 60 COVID-19 related deaths in Muskegon County with 3 additional deaths that were not COVID-19 related but were in the COVID-19 database. Male 469 and 673 Female. Data on race and ethnicity is missing or unspecified on many of the case reports.

Age group 20-29 is the now the highest diagnosed group and has surpassed the previous ages 50-59 group that was previously the highest. Ages 50-59 were taking care of parents, kids, and very out and about. Up until around after the 4th of July, the 20-29 age group increased as we saw a lot more unstructured social gatherings. As of 8/13/2020, we have seven positive patients inpatient (three on ventilators) in our Hospital and have been averaging 2-12 over the past month. Our high back in April was the mid 30s.

Congratulations to two new Paul Harris Fellows today!

Jim Fischer introduced Gina and Frank Lister who have been an important piece to our Muskegon community. Gina and Frank met while working in the Psychiatry Department at the New Britain Hospital in Connecticut. Gina moved to Connecticut after growing up in North Muskegon and Frank was from Simsbury, Connecticut. In 1975, they married, came to Muskegon, and bought their business on Seaway Drive known as "Hearthstone."



Even though they sold the business a couple years ago, their names are familiar throughout our community with the other success stories of Century Club, Brownstone, USA Cafe, Rafferty's, City Cafe, and other food outlets in southeastern Michigan. What was the secret to their success? Frank and Gina give credit to their incredible teams, hands on attention to details, quality, and management. They are amazing community leaders and members through their support in many different boards, institutes, events, and volunteer opportunities throughout their lives. Frank and Gina expressed their gratitude and are honored for this recognition. While reflecting on their careers and successes throughout the years, they reaffirmed their gratitude for their phenomenal staff and teams they've had the privilege to work with throughout the years, support and love from their kids (Katie and Bev), and from the Muskegon community support.

Moxie is turning 1!



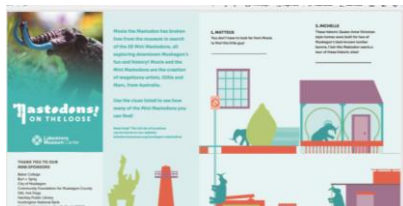
We dedicated the Moxie the Mastodon statue on August 22, 2019, and since then the community has been showing all sorts of love for our blue-tusked mega-beast. If you have taken a photo with Moxie, please share it with us for a special birthday collage! We ask that you send us photos (like the photo shown below) by August 19th to kate@lakeshoremuseum.org to be a part of this tribute to Moxie!



Pictured: Moxie (back), Bob & Merle Scolnik, some random lady photobombing



PLUS, to get a digital version of the Mini Mastodon Hunt and download the Mastodons On The Loose Brochure, visit our website [HERE](#).



August 13, 2020 Program: Mercy Health Muskegon—Stabilized and Prepared!

Presenters: Gary Allore, Dr. Justin Grill, and Kim Maguire
Facilitator: Nancy Crandall
RIM Reporter: Susan Besteman



Mercy Health President for Muskegon, Gary Allore (above), gave praises to our Muskegon community taking care to minimize the pandemic surge by keeping people home and safe. Through this effort and the shutdown of the ambulatory and elective procedures and services, we did not see a significant surge from the pandemic here. Gary went on to state though, that this has been the busiest six months in his 32-year career in healthcare administration. This busy season also included the installation of a new electronic record system in January (which is still in the process of optimizing because of the COVID-19 pandemic spike in March).

In mid-May, Mercy Health started to ramp back up to a point where our community is feeling safe coming into the hospital and getting the appropriate services they need. They are back to running at about 95% volume of pre-COVID. It's been a tough few months to try to adjust but our colleagues, leaders, and medical staff have been amazing. Their mission of serving together in the spirit of the gospel as a compassionate, transforming, and healing presence was alive and they feel uplifted we are coming out of this pandemic and are set up for a terrific future.

Dr. Justin Grill, Chief Medical Officer for Mercy Health (below), also gave further updates on COVID-19.



As they prepared for the pandemic surge in the March and April timeframe, the highest positive amount of COVID-19 cases was the low- to mid-30's inpatient. For the last 3-4 weeks, it averages 1-11 cases for inpatient at any given time. Testing continues to be strong with lower numbers of hospitalizations and they have the ability to handle the capacity of COVID-19 volume.

Diagnosed cases do seem to be increasing and this is a trend with younger populations at this time; therefore, their primary goal now is to try to keep those cases from reaching the more at-risk populations.

The deaths continue to trail off too; in the last week, only one local death was noted and a number of days had zero deaths. (This is a trend for the State too.) Admissions and deaths seem to be decreasing. Diagnosed cases do seem to be increasing and this is a trend with younger populations at this time; therefore, their primary goal at this time is to try to keep those cases from reaching the more at-risk populations.

All employees are screened for temperatures and symptoms, according to Kim Maguire, Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer (below).



Mercy Health also conducts a COVID-19 test for all patients which allows them to offer separate COVID-free and COVID-positive zones where they staff for either zone without allowing either to cross zones. They also added hand sanitizer stations, enhanced cleaning, promote social distancing (including encouraging online registration & adding plexiglass throughout the desk areas and virtual physician visits too), and limited in-person visits (encouraging video visits instead).

Mercy Health is continuing their building projects. They are excited to have a consolidation date of October 12th through the 18th from Hackley Hospital to the state-of-the-art building at the Sherman location with private rooms. They have around 1600 colleagues and an average of 100-125 patients that will be transferred over during that time frame. There will be communications throughout the campuses and the community for updates on this progress. The Hackley location will still have emergency care; however, it will not be the full 24-hour services. Fortunately, the construction for medical was deemed essential so they were able to continue their progress on the Norton Shores Medical Center and the target open date for that location is January 2021.

They have a lot to do to make transitions happen but are moving along. Significant financial losses did occur so they will unfortunately not be able to bring back all furloughed employees. Mercy Health Muskegon usually operates around a \$7 million net and even with the \$15 million COVID-19 funds support programs, they are presently at a \$30 million net loss since March. It has been a difficult situation but they are looking forward to the new facilities and could anticipate hiring additional providers.

With the positive news of COVID-19 deaths and inpatient cases decreasing, Mercy Health is still warning our community to wear masks, encourage physical distancing, and promote continuous hand hygiene. If you are high risk, this still isn't the best time to travel; however, they are confident in their stabilization and preparedness and are encouraged to offer safe access to more care again at this time.

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