

# "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 JULY 30, 2020 12-1pm

FROM YOUR HOME, OFFICE, HAMMOCK  
ReWine Satellite Club – No meeting 7/23



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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?

## (7/30/20) "Mental Health in Muskegon" Cece Riley, Lauren Meldrum

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

\* Gone for Meet/Greet Training  
REFLECTOR

First Volunteer

### THIS WEEK'S MENU

Everyone's on a starvation diet this week; either that or face masks are getting in the way of full nutritious bites in wonderful Zoomland.

### NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Steve Dangel Jul 31  
Joan Schmitt Jul 31  
Jane Johnson Aug 1  
Gary Post Aug 3

### FUTURE PROGRAMS / EVENTS

07/30 **Boom Meeting**  
07/30 Mental Health in Mgn  
08/06 Los Amigos  
08/13 Mercy Health  
08/20 Rotary Youth Programs  
08/27 TBA  
09/03 United Way  
09/10 Baker College and MCC  
09/17 MAISD / Local Schools  
09/24 Read Muskegon

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RIM Date Changes

It's long been what we do, but a mystery as to why. Why is the current RIM date next week?

I spoke exclusively with **Bill Johanson**, semi-retired Editor-in-Chief of RIM, and here's what he said:

"Back in the day, RIM was US mailed, so members would typically not receive it until Tuesday or Wednesday, just before Thursday's meeting. So, we'd get the newsletter one day with all the necessary information for tomorrow's meeting."

In reviewing this process, **President Mark Meyers** and the RIM Editorial Team have decided to change the RIM Newsletter to the current date. So, **THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM** will be the program that just happened, not what you're going to get next week.

We can assure you; it wasn't just Bill Johanson messing with us.

### ReWine Report 7/16/20:

Interact will continue the can drive for another week. John Noling is growing several trees for the students to sell this fall, more info TBD.

#### Upcoming ReWine Meetings:

**August 6 & August 20 5:15 PM**

Western Ave. covered tent area between Rad Dad's and Dr. Rolf's BBQ – rain or shine

### COVID-19 Update

**Kathy Moore**, Muskegon County is currently at 1,021 cases and no deaths for 10 days. They're seeing a slight uptick in the number of testings and cases, the positive rate remains the same. The increase continues to be in the younger age groups and mostly related to unstructured social activities. We're not out of this yet, Muskegon. Stay diligent, stay safe.



From Christine Robere, United Way of the Lakeshore, "You have heard me talk about our hoteling program for the homeless. Currently, there are 25 families that we are trying to get housed. We are in desperate need for low income rental properties in our community. If you have any ideas or connections for us, please reach out to me at 231-332-4001."

## Welcome New Members!

The following applications for membership were accepted by the Muskegon Rotary Club Board on 7/14/20:

**John McCann Jr.**, JR Automation, Program Manager, sponsored by **Howard Hardesty**

**Vonnie Reames**, Hear Michigan Audiology, Marketing Manager, sponsored by **Cathy Brubaker-Clarke**

Please contact [muskegonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:muskegonrotary@gmail.com) for additional information.

## Are you missing something....?

All of the Rotary Apparel ordered in March has been delivered. (The wine cups came in, but are being sent back for re-printing - stay tuned for those!) The apparel items can be picked up at **Merica Dobry's** office at **296 W. Clay (corner of 2nd and Clay, entrance on Clay)** the following dates and times:

**Monday, July 27 from 10am - 3pm**

**Thursday July 30, from noon-3pm.**

*Masked up please!*

She can also keep your items until we meet in person again. If you have not yet paid via dues or chose to keep things separate, please pay Merica when you pick up your items. If you need a reminder about how much you owe, feel free to reach out!

[Merica.dobry@gmail.com](mailto:Merica.dobry@gmail.com)

## Paul Harris Fellows

Congratulations to two new Paul Harris Fellows today.

Introduced by **Josh Silvas, Rich Kramer** is a 20-year Rotarian who grew up in Muskegon and graduated a three-sport athlete in 1986 from Reeths Puffer.



He then went on to Hope College and settled in Spring Lake with his wife, Pam. Rich has been working at Shoreline Insurance since 1995 helping companies navigate employee benefit plans. Rich is a Stride Mentor and Rotary Board Member. He is a leader in business, and approaches with heart of service and giving, servicing customers, serving employees in need, and the community.

**DJ Hilson** introduced the next Paul Harris Award to Public Safety Director, **Chief Jeff Lewis.**



Chief Lewis started his career in Ypsilanti in 1978, went on to work at Eastern Michigan University in early 2000, finally arrived in Muskegon in 2012. DJ Says Chief Lewis has been an instrumental part of his development and career as prosecutor. Just a few of his commitments to our community include being a partner in the Social Justice Commission, a partner since 2012 for National Night Out, traveling to neighborhood associations, a Power of the Purse model, and member of

the Diversity Inclusion Committee. He has been instrumental for developing the Community Mixer at Mona Lake Park. He truly works to bring community and law enforcement together. He is also a Board Member of The Boys & Girls Club of Muskegon Lakeshore.

## We really, really mean it this time!

You haven't done this yet? All the cool kids are cleaning the cans out of *their* garages.

For Real Last Call for pickups and drop-offs so we can add YOUR NAME to the 10-Cent Honor Roll, contact **Blake Cramer** [blakec51@gmail.com](mailto:blakec51@gmail.com)

## 10-cent Honor Roll

Doug and Kim Wood  
Martin Asplund  
Annette Jack  
Jim Roth  
Mary Ann Gorman  
Jim Schiltz  
Mark and Gwen Bialas  
Muskegon Yacht Club  
Rob and Priscilla Taylor  
Josh and Sarah Noling  
Esther and Kevin Ricco



Huge shoutout to Kim Nguyen for the donation from Muskegon Yacht Club along with some of the workers there! Thanks to **Kim Blum, Susan Crain, and Nancy Crandall** for setting this donation up. This weekend was a big score for the Oakridge and Orchard View Interact Clubs!





# July 23 Program: MUSKEGON CITY PUBLIC ART INITIATIVE

**Judy Hayner, Project Director  
Muskegon City Public Art  
Initiative Project of Community  
Foundation of Muskegon  
County**

Interviewed by Nancy Crandall



Former Muskegon Museum of Art Director **Judy Hayner** thought retirement might mean slowing down a bit. She couldn't have been more wrong, and we couldn't be more grateful!

The Muskegon City Public Art Initiative Project to date has four dozen major works of public art throughout our urban center.

These pieces help define Muskegon and define us. It becomes part of who we are.

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Charles Hackley was inspired by Andrew Carnegie's charge to wealthy men to spend their money improving their communities. He was interested in public art. The very first work was the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Hackley Park placed in 1892.



Following was the McKinley statue in front of the Hackley Administration Building in 1902. It was the first tribute to William McKinley after his assassination.

Formed in 2005 by Pat Johnson, the Downtown Arts Committee was part in parcel of trying to figure out how to reimagine and redefine our downtown. Pat put together a group to figure out where does art fit into that mix. Henry Matthews, former Director of the Museum, invited community artists to advise the Community Foundation to look at where could we put art.



Patrick O'Leary, CFO for Sealed Power, lived in Muskegon for five years. He no longer lives here, but his heart has never left. He had the idea to see and support another 10 significant works of permanent public art in our community.



So far there have been three completed including Moxie the Mastodon and the City Built on Timber at Heritage Landing. The third will be at the roundabout at Pere Marquette.



Patronicity has now raised \$50K which will also be matched.

The first big project the Public Art Initiative worked on was with a Chicago sculptor, Richard Hunt. His sculpture in the downtown roundabout is one of his very best works.



*Muskegon Rising Together* by Richard Hunt.

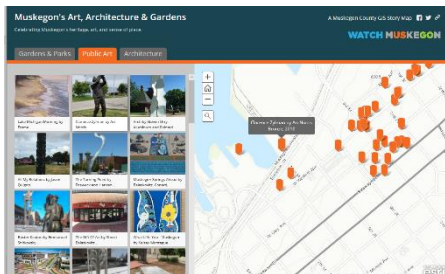
Coming up, **Jerry Wiersma** has worked with the railroad companies allowing us to commission art for the railroad murals.

The Symphony Project is heading toward an August installation at seven different sites downtown and 31 musical instruments, the largest of this kind anywhere.

We're very lucky to have the tradition of all of the arts. When you think about what makes Muskegon really unique, it's not just the lake and the beaches. What everybody doesn't have is that combination of things we have in Muskegon. An amazing infrastructure of art and culture (and remarkable generous people who care). And best of all - public art is free to all!

The Downtown Arts Committee has worked on a map developed by the Tom Van Bruggen and the County of Muskegon GIS. On this site is detailed information on most of the works Judy discussed today. Use this handy map to plan your driving/biking/walking tour of Muskegon.

<http://arcg.is/1Diama>



**Did you miss our Zoom meeting today?**

**Click the link below to catch what you missed.**

[Link here.](#)

## Seaway Drive Labor Day Flag Helpers Needed



Please help our club this Labor Day, Monday, September 7, to help place and later take down 34 American flags along Seaway Drive between Southern and Hackley avenues.

**7 am put up flags**

**5:45 pm take them down**

**John and Sue Noling** would like some partners from our club to keep this tradition going. This is about 45 minutes of service to your country and community....and leaves you feeling good! We also pick up all trash in the median along the way so our Rotary section looks wonderful when we are done.

We work with six other community service organizations who make Seaway Drive from Green Street to the Causeway look really grand on major holidays. This is a great country we live in and we send an important message to our fellow Americans. Please contact **John Noling** if you would like to pitch in [johnnoling65@gmail.com](mailto:johnnoling65@gmail.com).

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## We miss you too!

We'd love to see your faces. Slowly transitioning back into our favorite places around Muskegon is happening (carefully, of course). Send us your photos and just maybe we'll include them in the next RIM issue. So when we do meet again, "what have you been up to" might not take as long to review.



From RIM Editor Lori Weiler:  
"I saw this guy at Pigeon Hill one day. I just thought you all should know."

### Selfie submission suggestions:

- Local public art displays and parks
- Enjoying local eats and drinks
- Sunsets (ours are the best!)
- Any day spent on the water
- Small group visits to one of our many amazing museums, Hackley Library, or Farmer's Market
- Hiking, bicycling, motorcycling around Muskegon County

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