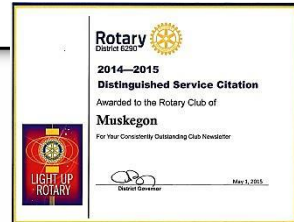


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Muskegon Rotary Club

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FROM YOUR HOME, OFFICE, TV STUDIO
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WATCH US GO **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?
(5/21/20) "West Michigan Great Lakes Steward Initiative"
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

* Rich Berry

REFLECTOR

Jane Mountain

THIS WEEK'S MENU

* Breaded SPAM (Going back for seconds on SPAM, I am)

STUDENT GUESTS

* Muskegon Big Reds

NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

- Peter Wills May 21
- Pam Babbitt May 22
- Lin Turnage May 23
- Jack Briggs May 24
- Craig Pirrotta May 24
- Bob Scolnik May 24
- Marty Sytsema, May 27

FUTURE PROGRAMS / EVENTS

- 05/21 **Boom Conference**
- 05/21 Gr Lakes Stewardship
- 05/28 Pigeon Hill Brewing
- 06/04 Festival Panel
- 10/07 **Grape Escape**

* **SCHEDULED BUT CANCELLED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Below is a link to the recording of the May 14th Rotary meeting [recording](#):

COVID-19 update

From **Kathy Moore**, Muskegon County Public Health Director. Currently 404 cases in Muskegon County with 21 deaths and 54 recovered. Positive cases are spread out amongst all age groups but racially, a disproportionate number of African-Americans continue to be affected. We've been successful in slowing the spread. That is worth repeating. **We have been successful in slowing the spread!** Muskegon has had better success dealing with this virus than other parts of Michigan due to how well our community has been collaborating. It is time to make plans for reopening, though it is not quite time to actually reopen.

In need of help? Please call 2-1-1. For information on volunteering or the COVID response efforts visit www.unitedwaylakeshore.org/coronavirushelp



"Back in the day when I could do this (maybe 5 years ago or so)," said **Susan Cloutier-Crain**, our Assistant District Governor. "I will get back to it even without a sailboat mast to climb."

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"
--Fred Rogers

Last Week's 3-minute Updates continued

By Stacey Cornell

For those of you who lose track like I do, we had another Thursday and along with Thursday comes another Rotary by Zoom meeting. Our programs are always informational and this week, the trend continued. We started by finishing up the 3-minute updates on how COVID-19 is affecting different parts of our community.

Rabbi Alan Alpert talked about how COVID-19 and the faith-based community. Online services continue in our area throughout the various houses of worship but nationwide donations have dropped and summer camps are in jeopardy. **Pastor Jim Rausch** added that churches are learning more and more about streaming services and anticipates that even once churches open their doors again, streaming will continue in order to accommodate people who are not comfortable gathering right away.

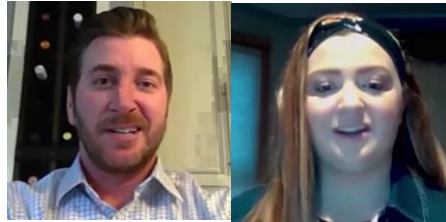
Kathy Moore reported on COVID-19 and our Community Grants Committee. Discussion was had about postponing or foregoing the normal grants and pledging that money to COVID issues.

Harmony Park will still receive funds. If you're looking to help out, you can donate some of your rebated Rotary lunch money to do so, which looks to be \$50 for each month that we don't meet in person. Contact **Kathy Betts** via [email](#) by Tuesday, May 26th if you'd like to donate.

Welcome New Rotarians

Ryan Rozycki of Lake Michigan Insurance Agency has become a new member. He is married and has two children in Mona Shores schools. He loves Muskegon and sees its potential

after having lived in many different places.



Sonja Schmidt, founding member and secretary of Reeths Puffer's Interact, also joined us and reported on making much-needed masks and the good feeling that comes from helping others.

Muskegon Rotary History



Mike Vogas, our own Mr. Fun and visual storyteller extraordinaire, treated us to 104 years of Muskegon Rotary history in 2 minutes and 5 seconds. Mike's joy in life is finding good things people have done and then sharing them. This video reminds us not only of all the good Rotary has done but also reminds us that our mission is unchanged. The video was played during the weekly Rotary meeting and can be viewed [here](#).

Protecting Older Adults from Financial Exploitation: A Team Based Approach

By Stacey Cornell

Last week, **Kris Collee**, Executive Director of AgeWell Services, introduced the presentation team and gave a brief overview of SafeSeniors Muskegon County. The panelists presented in the following order:

DJ Hilson, Muskegon County Prosecutor

Bruce Morningstar, Elder Abuse Task Force Detective, Norton Shores Police Department
Chris Burnaw, Safe Seniors Coordinator, AgeWell Services of West Michigan

Kris opened the presentation and talked about the need to protect our seniors in the community and what's been happening. Scams are on the rise, both on phone and in person. Seniors are often somewhat isolated and this pandemic has increased that isolation.

Loneliness can increase vulnerability. With the rising costs of medical and nursing home care, seniors need their savings more than ever. We can prevent abuse through education.

Advocates are needed to prevent abuse and neglect. SafeSeniors is a collaborative that works well together. Previously known as Vulnerable Adult Multi-Disciplinary Team, the task force formed in Muskegon County in 2018 with the focus of justice for older adult victims of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation. It is funded by grants through Senior Resources of West Michigan, from the Muskegon County Senior Millage and the Older Americans Act.

Muskegon County Prosecutor **DJ Hilson**, below, gave thanks to many for their service on this task force which is even more important as the population ages and expands. Scams, financial exploitations and physical abuse are often perpetrated by someone the victim knows and loves.



This task force is victim-centered and takes the extra time needed to support victims. The team can work anywhere

in the county. Information to educate older citizens is delivered along with meals which allows them to reach the isolated who are more likely to be victimized. Even once the pandemic subsides, it's anticipated that older relatives will be targeted by scammers. The task force currently has 22 cases and statistics will be shared as the program continues.

Elder Abuse Task Force Detective Bruce Morningstar of the Norton Shores Police Department considers



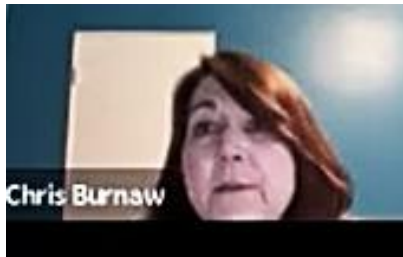
the time put into the labor-intensive investigations well worth it for the long-term members of our community who have contributed so much. The goal is to stop victimization in a way that makes the perpetrators stop. This includes treating cases as criminal rather than just civil but also working at gaining restitution. It can take a while before missing funds are noticed.

Sometimes cases turn out to be linked and solving one case can lead to solving another.

Chris Burnaw, coordinator for SafeSeniors, provided tips and tricks for prevention and recognition of scams.

1. Protect yourself and your assets - monitor your assets and/or work with a trusted reputable company to have them managed for you. Keep sensitive documents locked up. Emphasize that NO ONE is entitled to your assets unless you say so, even your family.
2. Remember that not everyone is a friend. Top scams right now are callers asking for banking and/or social security information to receive the

stimulus check, fake charities and fake contact tracing. People on the phone may not actually be from the institution listed on caller ID.



Scams are always changing. Call 211 or SafeSeniors for help.

Individuals are needed to be part of the prevention team that meets every other month. Contact Chris Burnaw chrisb@agewellservice.org to help out.

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THIS WEEK:
West Michigan Great Lakes Steward Initiative, Sarah Coleman & Erica Johnson

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- A desire to share your literary gifts
- Opportunities to rub elbows with some of the finest people in the world
- A willingness to contribute to a stellar publication by reporting as little or as often as you like
- Flexible hours, work from home

Contact

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If you're not ZOOMING Muskegon Rotary every week, you're missing out!

The stay-at-home order is extended until May 28. These extra weeks have the potential of impacting Muskegon Rotary meetings during that period.

The new login information will be good every week through June 11.

Please click [HERE](#) to join:

Webinar ID: 670-340-645

Password: 984357

Or join by phone if your device does not have video/audio capability:

1-929-436-2866 or 1-312-626-6799

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Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device.

Please follow the guidelines below to ensure we have a respectful and productive meeting.

- Please login to the Zoom meeting by 11:55 am if possible.
- When you login, please register with your name and not your email address to ensure attendance is recorded accurately.
- Please keep your microphone muted during the entire meeting to avoid disruption from background noises.
- Feel free to stop sharing your image if you have to walk away or leave the meeting temporarily.
- Please remember that while you are sharing your image everyone else in the meeting can see you – be mindful of what you do on camera.
- Please use the Q&A box to ask questions of the presenters and use the Chat box for sidebar conversations with other attendees.

Other Announcements

- Hugs and prayers to **Jack Briggs** and his family after the passing of his wife Jan.
- The Seaway Run will be held virtually this year. Click [here](#) to register.
- Parties in the Park has been canceled for the season.
- Grape Escape committees are still planning.
- June will likely be another month of virtual meetings - don't forget to let **Kathy Betts** know by 5/26/2020 what you would like done with the money you saved by lunching at home. If you don't specify, those funds will go into the COVID relief fund.
- Announcements about bylaw changes will be coming in the next few weeks
- There will be a job announcement next week for a Club coordinator who will facilitate communication between our councils and committees
- **Mark Myers** is your new incoming president so feel free to direct any questions to him as well. mmeyers@nortonshores.org

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... have a little room for a couple more!

Freddie Mercury is the king of showmanship. His four-octave vocal range was impressive enough, but the Queen frontman also had the theatrical stage presence and genre-

FOR QUEEN FUN CLICK:

blending expertise to create bombastic musical experiences no one could forget. Who else could weave opera into heavy metal with such assurance?

<https://youtu.be/TkFHYODzRTs>

A little more history from Bob Scolnik

The lockdown has given me time to look through old photos, some of which I had forgotten I even had.

This picture was taken in Korea, in late 1969. I don't remember names, but the full Bird Colonel who was the Commander of the 2nd Transportation Terminal Command promoted me to Captain and was putting on my new Captain's insignia with his Executive Officer. This was a big deal for me, just 3 years after enlisting as a Private E1.

I was stationed at the Port of Pusan in southern Korea, as the Battalion S4 Officer. We were the only floating unit in the entire Army, with our offices located on a huge barge made of concrete. Our main function in those days was unloading large freighters, primarily carrying ammunition.

There was a mountain of ammunition stored there, and I mean a mountain. Artillery shells, mortar rounds, rifle and machine gun ammunition...I have no idea, but much would go to Vietnam.

In those years, I was all-in and loved the Army. I had reenlisted for another year and received orders to go to Grand Rapids as the Senior Advisor to the Army Reserve in units throughout West Michigan. I had never heard of Grand Rapids and had to find a map to see where I was going.

I spent 8 weeks in a tent at Camp Grayling that summer evaluating various unit's summer training. Grand Rapids was not a suitable assignment for an Army career, Vietnam was starting to wind down and best of all, I met Merle at a church singles dance in Grand Rapids. I left the Army after 4 years in December 1970. That Church Singles Dance deserves another post! God had a plan.



Rotary International District 6290
Rotary Foundation 500 Recognition Point Match Program

For a limited time only, **May 01, 2020 through June 08, 2020**, on a first-come first-served basis, Rotary International District 6290 is offering to match a your gift of \$500 to The Rotary Foundation’s Annual Fund, with 500 recognition points enabling you to name a Paul Harris Fellow. Donations to qualify for a match must be received between 5/1/20 and 6/8/20. (Earlier donations cannot be counted towards the match.)

Please complete the information below and send together with a \$500 USD check payable to *The Rotary Foundation* to:

DRFC Gernot Runschke
District Rotary Foundation Committee
1624 Gladys Circle
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Forms must be accompanied by a \$500 USD check payable to **The Rotary Foundation**, postmarked no later than June 08, 2020.

The following Rotarian wants to participate in the district 6290 recognition points match program:

Rotarian’s Name

Rotarian’s Member ID Number

Rotarian’s Address

Rotarian’s Phone Number

Rotarian’s Email Address

Rotarian’s Club Name

\$500 Check payable to The Rotary Foundation, check # _____

Name (as it is to appear on PHF certificate) of person to receive Paul Harris Fellow

Questions? Contact Gernot Runschke at 616-566-3815, or gernotrunschke@gm