



Battle Creek Rotary Club Newsletter: The RotoScoop Week of August 17, 2020



Thanks to Rod Auton, Administrator, Albion Health Care Alliance

The Albion Health Care Alliance began as the Greater Albion Alliance Health Care Task Force in 2002 to respond to the closure of Trillium Hospital — the only hospital in the greater Albion area. The Alliance was created through the partnership and generosity of Battle Creek Health System, Oaklawn Hospital, Albion College, Battle Creek Community Foundation, and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.



Mission

Albion Health Care Alliance will be a recognized and trusted community partner helping area residents achieve optimal health.

Vision

Albion Health Care Alliance envisions a collaborative community that values prevention, wellness, and improved health for all.

The Albion Health Care Alliance is housed in the Cram Building in downtown Albion. Rod explained that the alliance supports advocacy and navigating the community resources to ensure access to care for all who requests service.

The partners at the Cram Building are Grace Health/Dentistry, Summitt Point/Behavioral Health, Oaklawn Hospital/Audiology, Dr. Machalka/Family Practice with optometry and ophthalmology services being planned for the near future. The alliance has a close relationship with Albion College. They also work closely with the Faith community.

The Albion Health Alliance also sponsors several events including a Healthy Babies Day and a Health and Safety Expo. Within the next few weeks, the alliance will offer Covid-19 testing through a federally funded program.

The Albion Health Care Alliance surveyed the community and identified that access to service, womens' health care, eye doctors, dental access and access to specialists are rank of highest need.

Barriers to care are waiting time, cost of care, lack of insurance, transportation and lack of child care.

Rod acknowledged that they are working hard to get the word about the Albion Healthcare Alliance.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Ron commended **Tom Ebeling** and **John Godfrey** for their ongoing commitment and volunteer efforts for our community. Both individuals have invested countless hours volunteering with Habitat for Humanity building wheelchair ramps. John expressed that the need is increasing exponentially all around the county.

President Ron announced that in the coming weeks, members will receive a Survey Monkey to assess areas of interest in service projects and levels of comfort in volunteer situations – inside/outside etc.

Members of the Rotary Club unanimously supported Kathy Gallagher in her nomination to serve as District Governor in 2022-2023.

We are looking for a volunteer to cover the Rotoscoop from August 23 – October 5. Contact Kathy Gallagher to volunteer!

We Miss You!!! We continue to meet on Monday's via zoom and encourage all Rotarians to set aside the time to join us for our weekly meetings.

**Please be sure to join us for next Monday's meeting!
Susan Balbaugh, Executive Director,
Community Music School will present!**