



Rotary Club of Battle Creek RotoScoop

April 15, 2024

Victoria Houser, BC City Clerk



In November 2022, Michigan voters voted to adopt a constitutional amendment granting Michigan voters certain rights related to voting in-person and by absentee ballot and requiring certain duties of election officials. Generally, the changes revolved around making it easier for people to vote and ensuring the integrity of the voting process and the election results. BC City Clerk Victoria Houser explained how the 23 municipalities in Calhoun County worked together to roll out Early Voting for the first time. Houser stated that turnout was lower than expected but welcomed by the voters that did take advantage of the new service. She expects that more people will take advantage of Early Voting in the future as the option becomes more well known.

Houser also reviewed all three methods of voting - absentee ballot, early voting, and in-person voting on election day. The next two elections are the Primary Election on August 6 and the General Election on November 5. For more specific information, contact your local clerk's office.

Service Opportunities

Saturday, April 20, Kalamazoo River Clean Up

Six Southwest Rotary Clubs are coming together this Saturday to clean up six miles of the Kalamazoo River. Starting at the Mayor's Riverside Park in Kalamazoo at 11:00 am until 3:00 pm, crews will work with the MI Waterway Stewards to remove debris and obstructions from the river. Picnic and pizza to follow. Contact [Kathy Gallagher](#) for more information. Or sign up to volunteer [HERE](#).

Saturday, April 27 Linear Park Annual Clean Up

Tom Ebeling is organizing the Rotarian clean up crew again this year and will let us know when and where we are meeting on Saturday, April 27. Let him know if you are interested in participating, either at a meeting or by emailing him at this [link](#).

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)

Applications from high school sophomores and juniors are now being accepted for the District's annual leadership program. Held in July at the Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center, the deadline to register is May 31. For more information, see the RYLA tab on the district website [HERE!](#)

Looking for Host Families for the Rotary Exchange Program

This world-class youth program is looking for homes to host four incoming students this coming school year. The program provides training and support to the host families. It is a great experience for the whole family. Rotary membership is not required. Contact [Cathy LaVally](#) for more information.

Upcoming Speakers and Events

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| 04 22 2024 | Lucinda Stinson, Lending Hands of MI & Student of the Month |
| 04 29 2024 | 5th Monday Social @ 5:01 pm - Griffins Pub and Grill |
| 05 03 & 04, 2024 | Rotary District 6360 Conference, Kalamazoo |
| 05 06 2024 | Chiezan Tomczyk, SokukoJi Buddhist Monastery Plans for Meyer's Toy World Building |
| 05 13 2024 | Susan Schneider, Adjunct Professor WMU, Fighting Climate Change |

Contact [Chuck Asher](#), [Talia Champlin](#), or [Chad Kyger](#) if you have any ideas for programming.

Rotary Vision Statement

Together we see a world where **people** unite and take action to **create** lasting **change** across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

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