



Battle Creek Rotary Club RotoScoop

May 8, 2023

Alexander Kuehl

CTA Fan Experience Director

BC Battle Jacks



Alex Kuehl of the Battle Jacks and Rotary President-Elect Jill Anderson

The next chapter in the history of Battle Creek as a baseball town continues, explained Alex Kuehl of the BC Battle Jacks. Having just barely survived the pandemic by merging with a Kalamazoo team the BC Bombers have moved away. This year, the BC Battle Jacks will draw the crowds to C.O. Brown Stadium. Part of the Northwoods League, which is a collegiate summer baseball wooden bat league, all Jacks players must have NCAA eligibility and are not paid.

The players will again billet with local families and play almost nonstop between Memorial Day and mid-August. The team is loaded with pitchers to accommodate this demanding schedule. "Pitch Clocks" are now part of the game just as they are in the Major Leagues, which speeds up the game.

Kuehl promises good baseball and nonstop entertainment. A "Batdog", games, and special events will provide interest between innings. The stadium underwent renovations to add food and drink rails, a KidsZone and Dog House upgrades. The team has signed a longterm contract with the city, has new, local ownership, and some of the games will be carried on ESPN. A variety of new ticket packages provide something for everyone. The Jacks want to provide Major League entertainment at a Minor League price.

Want to attend a Rotary Club Game Night this summer? [Click here to let Program Chair Chuck Asher know.](#)

OTHER NEWS....



50/50 Raffle!



Sign Up Now! Red Rose Dinner, May 25, 2023
First Congregational Church Community Center

Click here: [Dinner/Play Tickets are \\$50 each.](#)

Click here: [50/50 Raffle Tickets: \\$5 each*](#)

*your ticket will be automatically added to the raffle... no need to print out raffle tickets!

This year's Red Rose winner is Rick Tsoumas, longtime community volunteer. We will also be awarding scholarships to two local students. In thanks for our Club funding for their Washington DC trip, Battle Creek Academy Students will give a special performance of Twelve Angry Men after dinner. Please RSVP by May 18, 2023. This is one of the only fundraisers our club holds and we need every member's support.

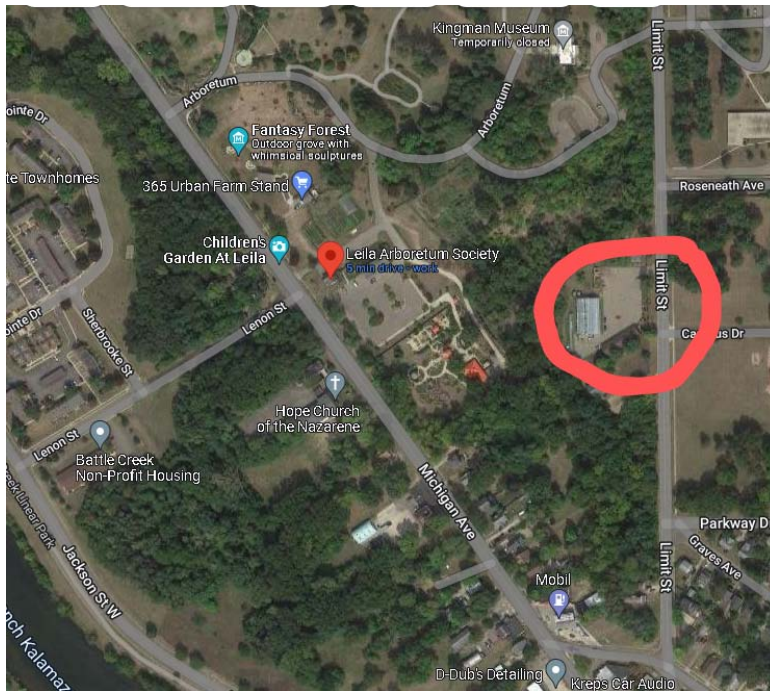
Bill Lewis, Director of the Lawrence Memorial District Library in Climax, MI attended Monday's Meeting as a guest.

Congratulations to Teresa Allen! Allen was recognized as **this year's Club Hero** for her energy and enthusiasm, not only for her work as Chair of the Club's Service Project Committee, but also for her work as Director of the Charitable Union.

Your Chance to Vote on the Club's Revised Bylaws is coming up May 22, 2023. Watch for a separate email with the old and new Bylaws coming for your review. We need approval by 2/3rds of the Club members so please do your part.

Club Recognition! The BC Rotary Club was recognized both at the April 19th District Training and last week's District Conference as having the most members attending. Also, Rotary International recognized the Club's support of Polio Plus during 2021-2022 with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Community Service at 365 Urban Farm on Monday, May 15, 2023. No meeting at the Kool Center.



Map to **365 Urban Farm greenhouses** off Limit St. (If you end up behind the old Kingman Building go to the the next drive on your right going south. Parking near the large greenhouses.)

Upcoming Speakers and Events

- 05 15 2023 Community Service at
365 Urban Farm
- 05 22 2023 Mallory Avis
City of BC Transportation
Vote on Revised Bylaws
- 05 29 2023 Memorial Day
No Meeting!!

Contact Jill Anderson if you have any ideas: jillandersongrants@gmail.com

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