

Rotary



The Rotary Club of Michigan City

Chartered 1916

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Salvation Army Kettle Drive

It's that time of year! We want to fill all the spots for this year's Kettle Drive.

[Click here to sign-up.](#)



President's Message

By Matthew Kubik



Fellow Rotarians,

One thing that is happening with our Rotary Club is that we are showing that service can be FUN! Here is what is coming up in the next two weeks.

POP UP SERVICE! The Salvation Army has asked us to provide gift items appropriate for young teenagers. Please bring a NEW item to our meeting on December 12 at the Army Community Center or our December 19 Holiday Party at Pathways at Elston, (Formerly Elston Middle School) 317 Detroit Street

DECEMBER 19 HOLIDAY PARTY! ROTARY ORNAMENT EXCHANGE. Enter into the Holiday Spirit by bringing an ornament to bring joy to a fellow Rotarian. Homemade, vintage or new will brighten someone's day. Dress in your holiday celebration clothes. A Festive Holiday Lunch will be provided by the MCHS Culinary Arts Program with a special program by the MCHS Choir!

DECEMBER 19 THIRSTY THURSDAY/COCKTAILS FOR A CAUSE. The party continues from 4-6pm at Fiddlehead. The giveback this month will raise funds for our Mobility Carts for Malawi. This project provides mobility and dignity for those stricken by polio. Yes, service CAN be Fun! Thank you to the event sponsor Rotary Corporate Member, Aperion Care Arbors Michigan City.

DECEMBER 21 BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY. This is one of our projects where Rotarians take action. There are still NINE OPENINGS. Eleven Rotarians have signed up to ring a bell for a 2-hour shift. Some have signed up for two shifts. There are currently 52 Rotary members in our Club. It's definitely more fun to ring with a friend. Invite someone to join you and let's fill all our time slots. Sign-up is on our webpage <https://mcrotary.org/>

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

December 1 was the 108th anniversary of the granting of our charter as a Rotary club and last Thursday, December 5 was our Annual Meeting. Congratulations to our new President Jessica O'brien, who takes office July 1, 2025. Our new President-elect is Kevin McGuire, who will be president in 2026-27. The next in line is Larry Piotrowski, who is slated to be

Meeting Information



Salvation Army
1201 Franklin Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
Thursday 11:45am

[Click here to meet online](#)
if you cannot attend the meeting in person.

[Map it.](#)

Mail:
Rotary Club of Michigan City
P. O. Box 9372
Michigan City, IN 46361-9372

More Links

[World Polio Day Video](#)
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Duty Roster

December 12, 2024

Greeter
Terry Voltz
Guest/Student Host
Christine Scheider
Moment of Inspiration
Deborah Vance
Meeting Coordinator
Kelly Wise
Registration Desk
Jim Welborne

December 19, 2024

Greeter
Kevin McGuire
Guest/Student Host

Kathleen Dolio-Thorson
Moment of Inspiration
Kelly Wise
Meeting Coordinator
Rodnet Mannion
Registration Desk
Mike Kilbourne

Speakers

December 12, 2024

Drive Clean Indiana has helped reduce Indiana's gasoline gallon equivalents by over 300 million gallons and has helped reduce greenhouse gas emissions by over 2 million tons.

December 19, 2024

Holiday Fellowship
Holiday Fun and Fellowship
Join us at Elston for a holiday gathering and Rotary Love

January 09, 2025

Nick Lomaglio
Library renovation and other projects in Michigan City

Club Leaders

Matthew Kubik

President

Jessica A O'Brien

President-Elect

Rebecca S Simmons

Secretary

Kevin McGuire

Treasurer

Kathleen Dolio-Thorson

Club Director

Liliana E Franco

Club Director

Matthew Vernon Howell

Club Director

Larry Piotrowski

Club Director

Bruce Eric Smith DDS

Club Director

James T Welborne

Club Director

Club Executive Secretary

Terry A Voltz

Past President

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president in 2027-28. Our impressive list of service accomplishments in 2024 is below, and we are not finished yet!

YOURS IN SERVICE,
MATT KUBIK

2024 Rotary Service January - November

- Apple Dumpling Reading in 3rd grade classrooms
- Two \$2000 Scholarships awarded
- Three students receiving Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- Monthly recognition of "Students of Excellence" from each high school
- Salute the Troops Event with Financial Support and Delegate
- Eyeglasses for Youth
- Alinsky Award – Kevin McGuire
- Four Paul Harris Fellows
- Two Polio Plus Member
- Service Above Self Awards to First Responders
- Polio Fundraising - \$10,000K raised to vanquish world polio
- Salvation Army Turkeys and Hams – feeding 500 people on Thanksgiving Day
- Pop-up Service Projects – Collecting Band-aids for school nurses and women's hygiene products for the Salvation Army
- \$1000 to Michigan City Public Art Committee for Art classes Scholarships
- \$1500 to Michigan City Public Library for the reupholstering of the childrens library's Ball Chair designed by Eero Aarnio
- \$1000 to Pine School for publication of the Naomi Anderson Biography illustrated by students
- \$500 Support for Budding Entrepreneurs Program teaching economic literacy and financial management for youth
- \$300 for completion of the Scouting America Mural at Camp ToPeNeBee

2025 Rotary International Convention

December 15th 2024 is the last day for the early registration discount for the Rotary International Convention!



Gary Rotary Raises Funds for West Side Academy Health Clinic

Gary



West Side Leadership Academy, in contrast to other high schools in Lake County, does not have a health clinic on site. Gary Rotary is helping to change that by raising \$3000 to furnish equipment for a health clinic in West Side Leadership Academy. To that end, we have received a Rotary District 6540 Grant for approximately \$1800 and conducted a fundraising event on October 26, 2024, at 18th Street Gary Brewery to raise another \$1200. The event provided live music and a free buffet. Thanks to the participation of over 50 guests, we raised \$1500. Hats off to committee chairs Dr. Frank Marmo and Eric Tonk for leading us to a great event.

Events

December 21st, 10:00-6:00 PM
[Salvation Army Kettle Drive](#)

