

# Rotary



# The Rotary Club of Michigan City

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Wednesday, February 12, 2025

## Alinsky Award



We are seeking nominations for the 2025 Paul J. Alinsky Excellence Award!

This award is presented annually to a person from the Michigan City community who exhibits dedication to community service, as well as excellence, passion, and innovation in their vocation or career. Nomination forms are available by clicking on the Alinsky Award Application in the menu or clicking [here](#) and must be submitted by Friday, March 14.

The most recent recipients of this award include Kevin McGuire, Clarence Hulse, Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch, and Dr. Barbara Eason Watkins.

The award will be presented during our Rotary Club meeting on Thursday, April 10 at noon at The Salvation Army, 1201 S. Franklin Street. The meeting is open to the public, and lunch will be available for \$15.

## President's Message

By Matthew Kubik



Fellow Rotarians,

On Thursday, February 13, we will be having a joint meeting with the League of Women Voters of La Porte County. This was planned before the events of the past three weeks, but even as a non-partisan service organization, we cannot ignore the changes taking place in our government and world.

I ponder the ethical statement we say at every meeting, The Four Way Test, as I consider my position regarding the actions of the Trump administration. Is it the Truth? The truth seems fluid and depends on which TikTok, Facebook post or media outlet you are tuned into. Is it Fair to All Concerned? When truth is fluid, fairness also seems to be fluid. Who is All? Is it all who look, think and act like you do? Will it Bring Goodwill and Better Friendships? In the world of government and public policy is this even a consideration? It apparently is no longer a consideration in foreign affairs. Was it ever? Or is goodwill just a cynical strategy to get what we want? Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned? Again, who is All? Is it just all my friends or do we, as Rotarians, mean all humanity?

These are tough questions, and you will have to pardon my anxiety and concern. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots

organization working to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy.

## 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:**  
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## More Links

[World Polio Day Video](#)  
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## Duty Roster

**February 13, 2025**  
*Greeter*  
Kathleen Dolio-Thorson  
*Moment of Inspiration*  
David Sisk  
*Meeting Coordinator*  
Nora Ryszka  
*Classification Talk*

*Guest/Student Host*  
Matt Howell  
*Registration Desk*  
Mike Kilbourne

**February 20, 2025**  
*Greeter*

Liliana Franco  
*Moment of Inspiration*  
Dr. Bruce Smith  
*Meeting Coordinator*  
Christine Scheider  
*Classification Talk*  
Kevin McGuire  
*Guest/Student Host*  
Mike Kilbourne  
*Registration Desk*  
Jim Welborne

## Speakers

**February 13, 2025**  
[JOINT MEETING WITH LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS](#)

**February 20, 2025**  
[Sheriff Ron Heeg](#)  
Join us for an update from Sheriff Ron Heeg of the La Porte County Sheriff's Office.

**February 27, 2025**  
[Mike Hackett](#)  
You don't want to miss this! Mike Hackett will be presenting his annual stock market report!

**March 06, 2025**  
[Captain Greg Jesse, Michigan City Police Department](#)  
Captain Jesse will give a brief overview of the police department's Uniform Patrol and Traffic Division and will be open to questions from the audience.

## Club Leaders

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We empower voters and defend democracy through advocacy, education, and litigation, at the local, state, and national levels. I'm looking forward to this meeting as we share our Four Way Test with the women whose purpose is to defend democracy.

The discussion generated this Thursday could not be more important at this time in our collective lives. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Service,  
Matt Kubik, President

## A poem in honor of MCPD's Kane Fletcher and police canine, Freya, read in our mtg. on 2/6.

By Scott Parker Howat



A poem in honor of MCPD's Kane Fletcher and police canine, Freya, read in our mtg. on 2/6. Thanks for what you do!

### FREYA'S MY NAME

*At the end of the day, I just might play, with  
my friends, my family, a ball  
I'll never shirk, I love my fun work  
usually I'm always on call*

*Providing you comfort, for whatever your need  
in those situations, I'll help plant the seed  
Freya's my name, I partner with my man, Kane  
and together we both take the lead*

*Taking the lead to help track you down  
perhaps if it's known or not knowing, your lost  
maybe it's true, what happened to you  
perhaps all of your signals got crossed*

*Good Golly Miss Molly, I'll am your strong ally  
I will not bite, I'll just build one's trust  
my work is my perk which I'll never shirk  
Fletch and me, our love for each other won't rust  
that you can trust*

## WIMS monthly radio show

The Rotary Club of Michigan City's show will be the first Wednesday of every month from 8:45am to 9am, plus it will be on Facebook live. Matt Kubik and Jessica O'Brien attended the first show.

[Click here to view a copy of the show.](#)

So tune in if you can. You can listen on AM 1420, 95.1FM, 106.7FMValparaiso and via stream around the world at [wimsradio.com](http://wimsradio.com). #wims



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Club Director  
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