

Rotary



The Rotary Club of Michigan City

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President's Message

By Matthew Kubik



Spring Into Service!

New Year's Greetings to all my Fellow Rotarians!

New Years is a time of both reflection and consideration of the future. I am so happy with the direction that our club is heading in both the development of club spirit and community AND our service to the community and the world. Our Rotary day ringing the bell for the Salvation Army collected \$2170.08.

In the coming months we will continue our monthly Pop-Up Service projects and our new format of Thirsty Thursdays combined with Cocktails for a Cause. We will also continue to honor Students of Excellence each month. We have a fundraising goal of \$1500 to provide THREE Mobility Carts for Malawi. A June Beach Breakfast Clean-up is also a possibility.

We also have three of our annual service projects for club members to organize and get involved in. For two of these, we need a member or two to assume leadership.

1. Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) LEADER NEEDED.

WHAT IS IT? RYLA is an intensive weekend leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts. Nominated students are selected to attend where they develop skills as a leader while having fun and making connections. After the experience, the award-winners are invited to share their experiences with our club at a meeting.

WHAT DOES THE PROJECT LEADER DO? A full "to do" project schedule is provided. The Rotary Club Leader is responsible for co ordinating with the high school counselors from MCAS and Marquette to select worthy students for this award. Students and parents are to be notified with necessary information. Transportation is co-ordinated with MCAS. As representative of our club, the leader meets the students to see them off on their weekend adventure.

2. Apple Dumpling Reading Project LEADER NEEDED.

WHAT IS IT? The Apple Dumpling Reading is one of our club's longest-running and most fun projects where all Rotarians can get involved. Rotarians go to third grade classrooms in both public and parochial schools to read an adventure book incorporating the Rotary 4 Way Test.

WHAT DOES THE PROJECT LEADER DO? Rotary President-elect Jessica O'Brien has been team leader for this project for several years. With her new duties as she prepares for her year as Rotary President, she needs to pass this project off to new leadership. She will provide mentoring for the new leader. Working with MCAS schools and the local parochial schools, a date is set. A reading schedule is created and Rotarians are encouraged to sign up to read. Books are ordered and provided to Rotarians who have signed up.

Rotary Scholarship Award – 2025 LEADER Bryant Dabney, Committee Members Needed

WHAT IS IT? Our Rotary Club is proud to present a Rotary Scholarship to a student from MACS and Marquette High School. Bryant Dabney has volunteered to

Meeting Information



Casa dei Libri
312 East 8th Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
Thursday 11:45am

[Map it.](#)

Mail:
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P. O. Box 9372
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Speakers

January 09, 2025
[Nick Lomaglio](#)
Library renovation and other projects in Michigan City

January 16, 2025
[Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department](#)
Shannon Eason and William Walker, MC Park & Rec Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will join our meeting to discuss news and events coming up in 2025.

Club Leaders

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President-Elect

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lead this project.

WHAT DO COMMITTEE MEMBERS DO? The Scholarship Committee has the important job of reviewing the applications from those seeking the award and then selecting the winners.

Working together we will make a great impact on our community this spring.

Yours in Service,
Matt Kubik

Library and other renovations in Michigan City

Rotary is being given exclusive access to the recently renovated 1800's Public Library. Renamed Casa dei Libri the building that once served as the cultural center of Michigan City now has 5 luxury apartment units.



Nick Lomaglio will also tell us about his other development projects in Michigan City.

WE WILL MEET AT 312 E 8th St. at NOON. A light lunch will be served.



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