

Rotary



The Rotary Club of Michigan City

Chartered 1916

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.](#)

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Duty Roster

June 27, 2024

Greeter
Maj. Becky Simmons

Guest/Student Host
Mike Kilbourne

Moment of Inspiration
Kevin McGuire

Meeting Coordinator
Jessica O'Brien

Registration Desk
Jim Scott

Speakers

July 18, 2024
[Held in Hope](#)

August 01, 2024

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Presidents Message

By Matthew Kubik



Fellow Rotarians,

I am greatly honored to have been inducted as President of the Rotary Club of Michigan City for the 2024-25 term. It was especially meaningful standing beneath the magnificent Rotary/Grafton Mural donated by Rotary in 1925. What most do not know is that I spent many hours in the Elston High School study hall gazing at the mural and musing about Michigan City's past. In 1979, as a young architect, I served on the committee that raised funds for the mural's preservation. It is an outstanding work of art and a truly significant legacy of the Rotary Club of Michigan City.

Thank you to all the Rotarians who were in attendance and to those who assisted with the induction of our new members: Kelly Wise, Larry Piotrowski, Rodney Mannion. We also inducted Cindy Hall, who is a vital member, but informed me she had never previously been inducted. We have more new members who couldn't be with us that we will induct at future meetings. I'm excited that we had several guests who indicated that they are interested in joining our club!

We also added two new members to our Board of Directors: Kathleen Dolio-Thorsen and Larry Piotrowski.

Thank you to Dr. Bruce Smith for presentation to those who are now Paul Harris Fellows for having made a \$1000 donation to the Rotary Foundation: Cindy Hall, Maggie Spartz (second time), Jim Welborne (3rd time), Suzy Vance (3rd time).

Congratulations to Jim Welborne for becoming a member of the Polio Plus Society.

During the meeting we reviewed the service provided by Rotary in the past year.

- Provided Turkeys and Hams for Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner
- Holiday Bell ringing for the Salvation Army
- Apple Dumpling reading-3rd grade classrooms-literacy project
- Salute The Troops - financial support and participation in a regional honor event supporting high school students entering the military
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award - 3 high school students attending a weekend leadership camp
- \$2500 to the Michigan City Public Art Committee to provide childrens art class scholarships
- \$500 fundraising for supplies to complete the Camp ToPeNeBee BSA Mural
- Two College Scholarships to high school seniors
- Alinsky Award to Kevin McGuire
- Service Above Self honorary breakfast and awards to nominated first responders
- Eyeglasses Program - 9 glasses provided to students in need
- Rotary Garden at Friendship Botanical Gardens - revitalized
- Clothes collection (socks) for those in need
- \$1000 donation from club and individual members to Bashor Childrens Home for victims of sex trafficking
- Students of Excellence - monthly honor of nominated high school students

[Chris Allen](#)

August 15, 2024

[Professor Edward Delp,
Purdue University](#)

Club Leaders

[Matthew Kubik](#)

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[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

iPast President

- Interact Club development in progress
- \$2500 to Michigan City Public Library for restoration of the 1972 historic "Ball Chair" for the Children's Library " ongoing fundraising proposed for second chair restoration
- Participation " 2023 National Night Out community policing awareness-raising event
- Worlds Affairs Conference-financial support for MCAS and Marquette for attendance
- Salvation Army Light the Path Auction " financial support
- BSA Leigh Morris Good Scout Event - financial support and participation

It's an impressive list! We expect to continue these avenues of service in 2024-25 and add a few more. At the induction ceremony I listed four goals for the new Rotary year:

1. HAVE FUN " Rotary Fellowship is essential, and we will continue with our great speakers at meetings and monthly after-work fellowship events.
2. Spread the word and add new members. In 1916, when the first Rotary meeting was held in Michigan City, there were 53 members of the professional and business community in attendance. Our 2024-25 goal is to build our 21st Century club to 53 members.
3. Provide more opportunities for service through participatory action where we are visible in the community making positive changes.
4. Sponsor a significant civic improvement project that will impact the lives of those in our community. Throughout our club's history, we have supported numerous projects, including the Grafton Mural, development of Ames Field, renovation of the Children's Castle in Washington Park Zoo in 1977 and roof repair in 1997. We are ready to establish leadership for a project that will be a visible and enduring statement of Rotary's ethic of Service Above Self.

Yours in Service

Matt Kubik

Celebration of Service



We started a new Rotary year under the Grafton Mural by welcoming new and returning board members, club officers, new members, and Paul Harris Fellows.

In addition, Mike Kilbourne received the President's Award.

The event was well attended by Rotarians and guests.

Take a look in the Gallery under Club Links on the menu for more pictures.

[Join us on July 10th to hear about Help To Help](#)

JOIN US ON JULY 18TH TO HEAR ABOUT HELP IN HOPE

Miscarriage often isn't talked about, but it should be. Women often don't feel prepared with the information about miscarriage management and the practical items necessary to miscarry at home, but they should be.

Held in Hope is a nonprofit company that creates and distributes miscarriage boxes to equip and support women through their pregnancy loss.



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