

# Rotary



# The Rotary Club of Michigan City

Chartered 1916

## Meeting Information



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

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meeting in person.

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## Duty Roster

**August 1, 2024**

*Greeter*  
Kathleen Dolio-Thorsen

*Guest/Student Host*  
Mike Kilbourne

*Moment of Inspiration*  
Dana Purcell

*Meeting Coordinator*  
Terry Voltz

*Registration Desk*  
Jim Scott

## Speakers

**August 01, 2024**  
[Chris Allen](#)

**August 15, 2024**

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

## Community Beach Cleanup

By Matthew Kubik



Join members of the Rotary Club of Michigan City on Monday, Aug 5 from 7am to 9am, for a Community Beach Clean up after the Great Lakes Grand Prix powerboat races. Come for 15 minutes or more.

Any large event leaves the beach littered with single-use plastics, cans, cigarette butts and more. These non-biodegradable items can only be cleaned by hand. Enjoy Breakfast on the Beach with coffee, juice and doughnuts. Grabbers, scoops and buckets will be provided.

We will be located at one of the picnic tables along the walkway. Before 8am, the lot is open for free entry. After 8am you only need to let the gate attendant know you are there for the beach cleanup.

[Professor Edward Delp,](#)  
[Purdue University](#)

## Club Leaders

### [Matthew Kubik](#)

President

### [Jessica A OBrien](#)

President-Elect

### [Rebecca S Simmons](#)

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Treasurer

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### [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's Message



Fellow Rotarians:

The Lake Michigan Grand Prix boat races certainly have a big economic impact on the economy of our city. Thousands visit our beaches to watch the event. The races also have a huge impact on our beautiful white sand beach. Let's face it... People are messy. The aftermath of any big event is that the beach is littered with single use plastics, cans, cigarette butts, cigar tips, wrappers and more. These non-biodegradable items can only be cleaned by hand. Our Rotary Club will meet Monday, Aug 5 from 7-9 am for a Community Beach Clean-up. Enjoy Breakfast on the Beach with coffee, juice and doughnuts. Grabbers, scoops and buckets provided.

What can only 15 minutes of service accomplish? This morning I dropped Aurora off at Zoo Camp and headed to the beach with a bucket and grabber. This picture shows how much I was able to clean up in just a quarter hour. You don't need to come for the full 2 hours - indeed that is a lot! Come for 15 minutes or more and we will make progress.



Tuesday, August 6, from 5:00pm to 8:00 p.m. the Michigan City Police Department will be hosting National Night Out. This is the second year that our Rotary club will be participating. The goal of this event is to build neighborhood unity, awareness, safety and police-community relationships. We will have a table set up providing information about Rotary and promoting polio awareness by painting purple pinkie fingers. Join us at the table for a time of fellowship and spreading the word about Rotary. The location of the event will be Civic Plaza lots at 7th/Franklin Streets.

Yours in Service,

Matt Kubik

## This week's speaker is Chris Allen

Chris is traveling throughout the state to present The Lincoln Special, and touring all major cities along Lincoln's funeral train route. By using a motion picture, he will re-introduce Lincoln to the people by telling the story of Lincoln's funeral train and how that event brought the nation together.

Conference will highlight Rotary's new...

## Conference will highlight Rotary's power to promote peace

Monday, July 29, 2024

### RI President Stephanie Urchick to host the special event with the theme "Healing in a Divided World"

At a time when conflict, inequality, and displacement have put many communities in crisis, pursuing a commitment to peace is challenging. That doesn't deter RI President Stephanie Urchick and other Rotary members who are organizing a presidential peace conference for early next year.

"Rotary is an organization founded on the principle of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. It is our responsibility to promote peace," says Urchick, who has made this topic a focus of her presidency. "I am expecting the conference will help showcase Rotary's role in peacebuilding."

The event, with the theme "Healing in a Divided World," will occur 20-22 February at the Hilton Istanbul Bomonti Hotel & Conference Center in Türkiye. It will build on Rotary's contributions to promoting peace and explore how to reduce polarization in communities, technology's role in peace and development, how peace and environmental issues intersect, and opportunities to create sustainable peace.

"The idea of a conference dedicated to healing in our divided world holds significant promise," says conference planning committee chair Afak Alpay, a member of the Rotary Club of Istanbul-Sisli and a past director of Rotary International. "I hope that through its workshops, panels, success stories, and interactive sessions, the conference will serve its theme. This exchange of knowledge can inspire participants and provide practical guidance for implementing strategies for peace in their regions."

The conference will also highlight the new Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, one of seven Rotary Peace Centers around the globe. The center launched in February 2024 and will welcome its first class of fellows in early 2025, just in time for the conference.

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