

# Rotary



# The Rotary Club of Michigan City

Chartered 1916

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

## 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

## Speakers

**May 16, 2024**  
[Fried's Cat Shelter](#)

**May 30, 2024**  
[Flaherty & Collins](#)  
Join us for an review of the Double Track and Franklin projects in Michigan City!

**June 06, 2024**  
[David Gately](#)  
The Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge

**June 13, 2024**  
[Steve Hobby and Melissa Bohacek](#)  
Paladin

## Club Leaders



[Matthew Kubik](#)  
President

[Jessica A OBrien](#)

## Presidents Message

By Matthew Kubik



**We have established a CLUB GOAL for 2024.** We are missing out on significant opportunities by not being eligible for District Grants for larger projects in our community. Why is that? In order to be eligible, we need to maintain a Club Member giving average to the International Rotary Foundation. The amount needed is \$50 per Rotarian. That does NOT mean that every member gives that amount. Some may give more and others may not be able to contribute that amount. As long as the AVERAGE is \$50, we are good. In order to be eligible for District Grants we need to do this for 3 years.

**I also challenge you to set a personal goal.** Become a Paul Harris Fellow. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Donations can be made over several years until the \$1000 total is reached. A Paul Harris Fellowship can also be established by donations made in someone's name. For example, Mother Teresa in 1980. Many other notable figures have been named Paul Harris Fellows, including U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, U.S. astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, the entertainer Pearl Bailey and polio vaccine developer Jonas Salk. When you become a Paul Harris Fellow, your name will be added to the Paul Harris Banner that we proudly display.

Your Fellowship can also be achieved through personal contributions along with "matching points" from another member, the Club or the District. Thanks to a Spring points matching program, you can get on the fast track to becoming a Paul Harris Fellow now. Here is how:

1. \$100 BEFORE MAY 31 will be matched by our District 6540 with 100 points towards your Paul Harris Fellowship
2. \$200 BEFORE MAY 31 will be matched by our District 6540 with 250 points towards your Paul Harris Fellowship
3. All Contributions \$100 or more BEFORE JUNE 30 will be matched with equal points by the Rotary Club of Michigan City

**Matching Points Example:** A \$200 donation before May 31 would result in the following points towards a Paul Harris Fellowship.

	POINTS
\$200 Donation	200
6540 District Match	250
MC Rotary Club Match	200

**TOTAL POINTS TOWARD  
PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP 650**

A donation of \$335 before May 31 would achieve your goal of becoming a Paul Harris Fellow!

## HOW TO DONATE

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE: [http://www.rotary.org](#)

President-Nominee  
Club Director

 [Rebecca S Simmons](#)  
Secretary



[James T Welborne](#)  
Past President  
Club Executive  
Secretary  
Treasurer

 [Marty Merrell Corley](#)  
Club Director

 [Liliana E Franco](#)  
Club Director

 [Matthew Vernon Howell](#)  
Club Director

 [Kevin McGuire](#)  
Club Director

 [Bruce Eric Smith DDS](#)  
Club Director

 [Terry A Voltz](#)  
iPast President

## Duty Roster

### May 16, 2024

*Greeter*

Kevin McGuire

*Guest/Student Host*

Jessica O'Brien

*Invocation*

Mike Kilbourne

*Meeting Coordinator*

Becky Simmons

*Registration Desk*

Jim Scott

### May 23, 2024

*Greeter*

Scott Howat

*Guest/Student Host*

Erick Kilbourne

*Invocation*

Liliana Franco

*Meeting Coordinator*

Denise Shipp-Glenn

*Registration Desk*

Kevin McGuire

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE: <https://my.rotary.org/en>

1. Sign-in or Register if you have not previously set up your account
2. Click on DONATE button
3. Choose What you would like to support â€” Annual Fund Share (Choose this one because a percentage returns to the District)
4. Scroll down to choose Donation Amount and continue scrolling to enter your credit card information.

**Accomplishing big goals starts with small steps. Can we reach our 2024 Club Goal or an average of \$50 per member? Can we do this before the end of the Rotary year June 30? I think we can.**

Yours in Service.

Matt Kubik, President

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## Club History Series - Part 3

By James T Welborne on Monday, May 13, 2024

On December 28, 1922, Michigan City Rotarians also made front page news when they passed resolutions at their meeting urging the Indiana legislature to pass legislation for the establishment of "a state park in the dunes region of Michigan City." In a talk given at a Rotary meeting on June 23, 1977, the city historian, Miss Edna P. Kitchell, told of other activities and achievements during the first ten years of the Rotary Club of Michigan City. "The many excellent addresses by outstanding leaders of this country and other nations (at Rotary meetings) proved to be an effective tool to attaining new goals," she said. "Out of these came the inspiration and guidance to establish a local Chamber of Commerce, the development of an athletic field (now Ames Field) for use of the boys' work leaders in the city. It was first developed by the Rotary Club but later turned over to the city of. Then came the laying of the foundation for city planning and zoning, to which Charles Arndt gave much leadership, along with many other Rotarians, until it, too, was channeled to the city.

Leadership in the bringing of an Art Festival to this city by the Chicago Art Institute; support given to the culture and entertainment areas during the great Chautauqua era; the bringing of the world-famed dramatist Cornelia Otis Skinner here to entertain the school children and the club; and the renowned John Phillip Sousa and his band for citywide appearances, as well as before the club; all were the result of Rotary initiative.

Addresses by Boy Scout leaders inspired the formation of that organization in the city, with Rotarian Dr. J.B. Rogers becoming an outstanding leader in Scout work, and the final selection of full-time health officer in the city, because the need was revealed by speakers to the club. These and many other needs were met through the inspiration and help of Rotarians. Always, the purpose was to promote the welfare and growth of the city and the betterment of mankind."

### 1926

One of the closing acts of the club in this particular historical period was the appointment on September 16, 1926, by (Rotary) President Dr. J.B. Rogers of Phillip T. Sprague of a chairperson of a historical committee for the purpose of organizing an historical association for Michigan City. This appointment resulted in the formation of the Michigan City Historical Society, chartered in 1927.

### 1950

The Foundations of Rotary principles, which the Michigan City Rotary Club built during its first decade of service to the community, have continued in the years since then. Between then and 1950, Michigan City's News-Dispatch reported on September 13, 1950:

- \$4,000 was contributed to Riley Hospital when it was built in Indianapolis for the care of crippled children,
- Creation of the Robert Grafton mural at the Isaac C. Elston Senior High School,
- 50 children from needy families were fitted with glasses. One child was fitted with an artificial eye and given follow-up care. Artificial limbs were secured for crippled children,
- Career Day, featured at the high school, was a Rotary project,
- In 1945, Rotarians sponsored a new Rotary Club in La Porte,
- In May 1950, the Michigan City Rotary Club played host to the 36th annual conference of the 224th district of Rotary International. Approximately 500 Rotarians attended the sessions at the Spaulding Hotel,
- \$1,300 was collected in a local Rotary-sponsored campaign and sent to the war-ravaged Korean people.

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**John Sever, a champion of polio eradication, dies**



John Sever, an infectious disease specialist and champion of Rotary's polio eradication program, died on 25 April. He was 92.

A Rotary member since 1964, the Chicago, Illinois-born Sever worked for almost three decades as chief of the Infectious Diseases Branch at the National Institutes of Health. Later he served as a professor of pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, microbiology, immunology and tropical medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He published over 600 scientific papers in these fields.

On Sever's recommendation in 1979, Rotary would embark on its decades-long effort to eradicate polio globally, expanding what began as a vaccination campaign in the Philippines. Because of his expertise and advocacy, Sever served on the International PolioPlus Committee (IPPC) from its inception in 1994 and was a member and vice chair. His tireless efforts were instrumental in driving the global campaign to eradicate polio.

Through his leadership, Sever, a member of the Rotary Club of Potomac, Maryland, USA, inspired countless individuals to join the ranks of Rotary members and partners. He helped forge a shared mission to immunize every child, reach every community, and leave no one behind. His guidance was influential in navigating complex challenges, overcoming barriers, and sustaining momentum in the face of adversity.

"His expertise in immunology was invaluable to both Rotary and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative," says IPPC Chair Mike McGovern. "In addition to the International PolioPlus Committee, John served on the US Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for many years until his passing."

[Click here for the rest of the story.](#)

## Events

May 16th, 6:00-8:00 PM

**[Good Scout Awards Dinner Honoring Leigh Morris](#)**

**Comment:** This is May's Thirsty Third Thursday!

