

Rotary



The Rotary Club of Michigan City

Chartered 1916

Club Meeting

Michigan City
Meets at Salvation Army
1201 Franklin Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

Join Us Online

Speakers

May 09, 2024

[State Senator Mike Bohacek](#)
and [State Rep. Pat Boy](#)
Legislative Update

May 16, 2024

[Danny Hogan](#)
Interim President of the
Michigan City Area Chamber
of Commerce

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

Club Leaders



[Matthew Kubik](#)
President

▬ [Jessica A OBrien](#)
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](#)

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Kelly Smith's Presentation

By Scott P Howat on Friday, May 3, 2024

Kelley Smith provided us with an excellent presentation on 5/2 regarding the Mayor's office. She talked about (4) key elements that intertwine, which are providing "positives" for Michigan City.

Kelley was provided a well deserved thanks, along with the following;

SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, ALIGNMENT, SAFETY

*Service and Leadership, we're all on the Same Page
so mindful of Safety, for everyone's age
Customer Service, I haven't a doubt
the ways that we lead, will always stand out*

*Our focused team rising, always will shine
for we have the rhythm, accented with rhyme
we don't take for granted, but will take the lead
to aid one another with whatever their need*

*Steadfast and focused to help
provides the best health
never trade Service Above Self
for all of the world
for all of its wealth ...*

Howell
Club Director

==== Kevin McGuire
Club Director

==== Bruce Eric Smith DDS
Club Director

==== Terry A Voltz
iPast President

Duty Roster

May 9, 2024

Greeter

Vance, Deborah

Guest/Student Host

Smith DDS, Bruce

Invocation

Dolio-Thorson, Kathleen

Meeting Coordinator

Scott, Jim

Registration Desk

Ryszka, Nora

May 16, 2024

Greeter

McGuire, Kevin

Guest/Student Host

O'Brien, Jessica

Invocation

Kilbourne, Michael

Meeting Coordinator

Simmons, Becky

Registration Desk

Scott, Jim

Good Scout Awards Dinner Honoring Leigh Morris



This is a special May 16th Thirsty Third Thursday event.

Each year, the La Salle console Good Scout Program recognizes an outstanding member of the community for their work that is consistent with the values of scouting. This year La Salle Council is proud to recognize our past Assistant District Governor Leigh Morris with the 2024 Good Scott Award. Our club has purchased a table for this event, so your attendance is at no cost. You may, however, make a donation to support Scouting Programs in La Porte County.

[Click here to let us know you will be coming at 6pm.](#)

Club History Series - Part 2

By James T Welborne on Monday, May 6, 2024

The quality and interests of the membership in the fledgling Michigan City Rotary Club organization quickly established it as a strong and valuable force in the community. Before a month had passed, for instance, on November 2, 1916 heard speakers discuss the possibilities of a national park in the sand dunes -- the beginning of a movement that reached fruition 50 years later with the establishment of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. The Club also conducted a community-wide contest in 1917 to adopt a slogan for Michigan City, with the winner to receive a \$10.00 award. The winning slogan was "The Hoosier Seaport".

With World War I coming closely after the founding of the club, much of the activity in the years 1917- 1918 were related to it. One of the largest of these activities, sponsorship of a potato and vegetable growing project in an effort to meet the shortage of food resulting from the war effort. This project resulted in a financial loss because of an early frost. Still, it showed the lengths to which the club was willing to go in support of our country.

The great Spanish influenza epidemic of 1918 accounted for the discontinuance of meetings of the club for a number of weeks.

When the Armistice came in November 1918, the readjustment to local needs was made, and activities once again took on a civic flavor. On April 8, 1921, a story on the front page of Michigan City's Evening News reported that Rotarians had appropriated \$50.00 for the benefit fund being raised for the families of two Michigan City policemen, officers Simmerman and Spencer, who had been slain in the line of duty. At the same meeting, Judge James A. Collins, of the criminal court of Indianapolis, the speaker, prefaced his talk on pending criminal legislation with this compliment for Rotary, "Rotary is something that draws men together; there is nothing like it in any other organization. The wonderful spirit of 'service, not self' is going to rise throughout America. The spirit of service will carry the flag and make the music for the universe."

Later, on November 3 of the same year, Michigan City Rotarians sponsored a "Ladies Night", with the principal speakers Professor Thrasher of the University of Chicago and Lincoln Steffins, the noted magazine writer and publicist. Another feature of the evening was a songfest, which featured such songs as:

"My Bonnie leaned over the gas tank, The depth of its contents to see. She lighted a match to assist her. Oh, bring back my Bonnie to me."

The provider pipeline

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

When a hospital system declared an emergency on youth mental health, Rotary members stepped up



Dressed in honorary white coats, Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch members (from left) Tamara Fennell, Shrin Murthy, and Debby Doig pose outside of Children's Hospital Colorado. They raised \$500,000 to establish the Rotary Clubs of Colorado Endowed Fellowship for Pediatric Mental Health.

Courtesy of Tamara Fennell

The chief medical officer at Children's Hospital Colorado had never seen anything like it. Suicide had become the leading cause of death for the state's adolescents ages 10-18, and there were periods in 2021 when the number one reason children turned up at emergency departments was for an attempt to take their own life. Straining to meet the demand for care, the hospital's CEO did something that had never happened at the 113-year-old institution: She declared a state of emergency.

Similar scenes were playing out around the country as the COVID-19 pandemic turbocharged the mental health crisis among America's youth and revealed in stark terms the results of a shortage of providers.

One in 6 U.S. children over the age of 6 have a diagnosed mental health disorder. Yet, only around half of them receive adequate treatment.

Among those who took notice when the Colorado hospital system sounded the alarm were three members of the Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch, a Denver suburb. Within a year they began raising funds to confront the issue head-on. Debby Doig, Shrin Murthy, and Tamara Fennell spent more than a year crisscrossing the state to talk about youth mental health at Rotary clubs. After almost every presentation, Doig says, someone would approach them with a story.

"They didn't raise their hand and say this out loud, but they would come up to one of us and whisper in our ear their own personal tragedy," Doig says. "Many times, it was suicide. Their child, their sister, their brother. I had one woman at a Rotary meeting come up and say, 'Two weeks ago, I tried to kill myself. And if it wasn't for Rotary, I wouldn't be here.'"

Testaments like that shored up the trio's commitment to an audacious goal: raising half a million dollars to fund the education of pediatric mental health specialists.

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