

# 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

## Speakers

**May 02, 2024**

Kelly Smith  
City of Michigan City

**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

## 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  
Howell  
Club Director

Kevin McGuire  
Club Director

Bruce Eric Smith DDS  
Club Director

Terry A Voltz

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

## Presidents Message

By Matthew Kubik



Fellow Rotarians,

How do we develop a vibrant Rotary community that is united in its commitment to service, fellowship, and making a positive difference in the world? I am often touched when we do the "good of the order" and someone simply proclaims, "Rotary Love", while making a donation. It is a direct proclamation of the strength of our growing community. Through regular meetings, social events, and service projects, we are fostering strong relationships among members. Our weekly gatherings and monthly fellowship events work toward that end.

In the past year, we have identified a more clearly defined purpose and mission of our Rotary community. It was one that already existed in the ongoing projects but was brought into sharper focus. We support health, education and leadership development in young people. Our Rotary community joins in unity to support these service goals. Much of our service work is in the form of financial support. However, we also work together on projects, (Apple Dumpling for example) that require active participation. We develop Rotary community by spending time together improving our city and the world. In the next year we will work to create more of those opportunities for service and fellowship.

Friendship. Our community depends on being friends both within Rotary and beyond. We encourage networking and collaboration to strengthen bonds within the Rotary community. I know in my life the contacts I've made through Rotary have been essential to the many personal endeavors I've taken on. People I've met through Rotary are now cherished friends.

Our Rotary community is based on core values: service, integrity, diversity, leadership, and fellowship. As Rotarians, we embody these values in our actions and interactions within the community and beyond. In this way we show others we are a community of Rotary Love and one someone would want to join.

Yours in Service,  
Matt Kubik

## Duty Roster

**May 2, 2024**

*Greeter*  
Voltz, Terry

*Guest/Student Host*  
Howell, Matt

*Invocation*  
Gately, David

*Meeting Coordinator*  
Kubik, Matthew

*Registration Desk*  
Kilbourne, Michael

**May 9, 2024**

*Greeter*  
Vance, Deborah

*Guest/Student Host*  
Smith DDS, Bruce

*Invocation*  
Dolio-Thorson, Kathleen

*Meeting Coordinator*  
Scott, Jim

*Registration Desk*  
Ryszka, Nora

## The Rotary Foundation

By James T Welborne on Sunday, April 28, 2024

Our Rotary District has available District Designated Funds for clubs in the district to use for projects. To be eligible to receive these funds our club must average \$50 per member donated to the Rotary International Foundation's Annual Fund over a 3 year period.

At the May 2nd Rotary Meeting, Jim Welborne will present to the members present how funds are allocated and used by the International Foundation's Annual Fund, District Designated Funds, and our Clubs Foundation.

Be sure to attend this meeting to learn how we can use these funds for projects.

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## TEN HABITS OF HAPPINESS

By Scott P Howat on Thursday, April 25, 2024

*I read an article just the other day,  
nine habits to nurture happiness  
ways to live our lives, every day  
but one came to me and popped to the surface  
Service Above Self, provides meaningful service*

*Profound meaning and fulfillment, not just for us  
but for those who we touch  
who may need a crutch  
there's never too much*

*Positive change, achievement of goals  
direct from the heart, good for the souls*

*Stop overthinking  
don't dwell on the past  
let go of those grudges  
comparisons don't last  
embracement of change  
never short-change  
don't drain the well  
but nurture the seed  
practice self care  
we have what we need*

*Positive change, achievement of goals  
direct from the heart, good for the souls*

*TEN HABITS FOR HAPPINESS  
win, win - rest here within  
Service Above Self  
undeniable wealth .....*

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## Footlight Rotary Night Out

On May 4th at 2PM our own Rotarians Nora Ryszka, Ericka Kilbourne, Mike Kilbourne are members of the cast of The Lost Boy along with Anna Ryszka, Eleanor Ryszka, and Annabelle Kilbourne.

If we have 10 or more Rotarians or guests attending, the cost is:  
\$15.00 - Adult, \$12.00 - Child

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

Story:

Despite finding success and fame as a writer, James M. Barrie is dissatisfied with his work and his life. He returns to his hometown in Scotland to visit his mother, who still blames him for the long-ago death of his older brother in a skating pond. Haunted by the tragic accident and his mother's harsh words, James slowly begins to confront his family's tragic past with the help of an unexpected friendship and his own gift for storytelling. This fictionalized account of the birth of Peter Pan will warm the hearts of audiences everywhere who remember the magic and mystery of The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up.

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## 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.](#)

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## Club History Series - Part 1

By James T Welborne on Sunday, April 28, 2024

Beginning with this story I will provide a series of stories that give a short history of our club.

### **In the Beginning - 1916**

The first real seeds in the formation of the Rotary Club of Michigan City were planted on September 15, 1915. Walter H. Mellor, a local jeweler, was appointed chairman of a local organizing committee by national Rotary President, Allen D. Albert. Walter Mellor received his commission on the same day from the District Governor, C. Angster, of Chicago. Mellor then created a secret committee of five men who passed judgement on 40 local retail trade men, professional men, and manufacturers in a variety of vocations. Of these 40 nominees, 23 received unanimous approval from the committee.

Two subsequent meetings of elected members produced 38 additional nominees. The stage was set for the official organizational meeting that was convened at the Vreeland Hotel on October 19, 1916. 53 of the 59 members at that time attended. Committee Chairman L.W. Keeler, then Superintendent of Schools, read the constitution, and by laws in the form submitted by the International Association and they were adopted with the following additions:

â€¢ The entrance fee was set at \$5.00 and the annual dues at \$10.00, including a subscription to *The Rotarian*.

â€¢ The meetings were to be conducted at noon on Thursdays, with the exception of one meeting each month, which was to be conducted on Thursday evening.

â€¢ The allowable number of absences from meetings was set at three.

Officers elected at that organizational meeting were: Walter H. Mellor, President; H.V. Armstrong, Vice- President; Samuel J. Taylor, Secretary; John R. Abbott, Sergeant at Arms; Carter H. Manney, Treasurer; and Fred E. Bartholomew, R.M. Cox, Dr. E.G. Blinks, M.A. Cushman, James H. Orr, C.A. Liddle, and Marvin Karpen, Directors. Karpen, whose family operated a furniture factory here, then introduced the following motion:

"That the Rotary Club of Michigan City make application for affiliation as a member of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, and then, immediately upon their election, the President and Secretary are authorized to prepare and forward the necessary papers for such application."The motion was seconded and carried. Guests at that organizational meeting included Angster, the District Governor; Frank P. Manley, 8th District Governor; and 14 Rotarians from South Bend.

As is indicated by the names of the first officers elected, the eventual 65 charter members of Rotary -- like other members who have followed -- were civic and governmental leaders of the community. Among those charter members, in addition to the officers, were Charles E. Arndt, E.C. Calvert, Albert M. Cartens, J.B. Faulknor, William J. Feallock, O.S. Glidden, J.J. Glasscott, R.F. Garrettson, A.J. Henry, A.C. Heitschmidt, August Korn, Leon Kramer, M. Moritz, Henry Miller, W.B. Manny, C.J. Robb, Dr. J.C. Sawyer, George J. Staiger, Ralph W. Tuthill, George T. Vail, and A.A. Wolf.

On the date of that meeting -- October 19, 1916 -- Michigan City's Evening Dispatch, in writing of the forthcoming organizational session carried the following objectives of a Rotary Club:

â€¢ "To promote recognition of the worthiness of all legitimate occupations and to dignify each member's occupation as affording him an opportunity to serve society."

â€¢ "To encourage high ethical standards in business and professions."

â€¢ "To increase the efficiency of each member by the exchange of ideas and business methods."

â€¢ "To promote the scientizing of acquaintance as an opportunity for service and an aid to success."

â€¢ "To quicken the interest of each member in public welfare and to cooperate with others in civic development.â€

Today, the object of Rotary is carried in different words, but the ideas embodied in that early recital of its object continue to be the same in spirit.

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