

# 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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## Duty Roster

**March 6, 2025**

*Greeter*  
Scott Howat  
*Moment of Inspiration*  
Cheryl Chapman  
*Meeting Coordinator*  
Maj. Becky Simmons  
*Classification Talk*  
Amy Richardson  
*Guest/Student Host*  
Melissa Nikolich  
*Registration Desk*  
Mike Kilbourne

**March 13, 2025**

*Greeter*  
Matt Howell  
*Moment of Inspiration*  
Kathleen Dolio-Thorson  
*Meeting Coordinator*

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

## Apple Dumpling Time



It's that time of the year when we go to the 3rd grade classes in the schools located in Michigan City to support literacy. In the process, we also show the students the Four-Way Test and the values of Rotary.

This is a great way to interact with the students and show the community why Rotary is important.

Our club has been doing this project since 2008 and have educated all 3rd graders about the Four Way Test.

We cannot do this without your help. Please click [here](#) and reserve a spot or 2 to read to the 3rd graders.

## President's Message

By Matthew Kubik



Fellow Rotarians,

On October 19, 1916, the first meeting was held to organize the Rotary Club of Michigan City. 53 local leaders were in attendance. One of the goals I set when I was inducted as President last July 1 was to grow our club to 53 members to match the number at the first meeting over 100 years ago. WE are SOOOOO CLOSE! It is true in all organizations that membership numbers fluctuate. Some folks join and then decide that Rotary just doesn't fit in their lives. As of this week, we have 50 active members and one new application. Who do you know that would enjoy being part of a growing and vibrant organization that makes our community a better place to live? How about inviting them to lunch? First time visitors eat free!

The reasons for joining Rotary 100 years ago are still valid today. Here are a few of my favorites.

### Professional Networking

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business, community and professional acquaintances. Our Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals – People who make decisions and influence policy.

### Service Opportunities

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and

David Sisk  
Classification Talk  
Nora Ryszka  
Guest/Student Host  
Jessica O'Brien  
Registration Desk  
Jim Welborne

## Speakers

**March 06, 2025**

Captain Greg Jesse, Michigan City Police Department

Capt. Jesse, a 20-year veteran of MCPD, is Commander of Uniform Operations. He has spent time as SRO, detective, training officer/instructor, impaired driving expert, SCUBA member, and bicycle officer.

**March 13, 2025**

Fr. Kevin Huber, Founder, New Directions Guidance Services

Kevin Huber, seeks to provide women and men with an opportunity to walk through the challenges of life accompanied by someone who actively listens, offers insights, and walks with people on a path to wholeness, happiness, and empowerment.

## Club Leaders

**Matthew Kubik**

President

**Jessica A O'Brien**

President-Elect

**Rebecca S Simmons**

Secretary

**Kevin McGuire**

President-Nominee

Treasurer

**Kathleen Dolio-Thorson**

Club Director

**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**

iPast President

internationally. Our club focus is on service to youth.

### **International Awareness**

With more than 34,000 clubs in over 200 countries & geographical areas Rotary's highest objective is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

### **Friendship**

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today.

### **Good Citizenship**

Our weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and motivated to make a difference.

### **Youth and Family**

Our main focus is on service to youth. This Spring we are providing scholarships, reading in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms, providing opportunities for youth leadership training and more.

### **Entertainment**

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Our monthly Thirsty Thursday events paired with Cocktails for a Cause lets us let loose while giving back.

### **Ethical Environment**

Every week we encourage high ethical standards when we recite the Four Way Test.

### **Leadership Development**

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance.

Yours in Service,  
Matt Kubik

## Alinsky Award



We are seeking nominations for the 2025 Paul J. Alinsky Excellence Award!

This award is presented annually to a person from the Michigan City community who exhibits dedication to community service, as well as excellence, passion, and innovation in their vocation or career. Nomination forms are available by clicking on the Alinsky Award Application in the menu or clicking [here](#) and must be submitted by Friday, March 14.

The most recent recipients of this award include Kevin McGuire, Clarence Hulse, Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch, and Dr. Barbara Eason Watkins.

The award will be presented during our Rotary Club meeting on Thursday, April 10 at noon at The Salvation Army, 1201 S. Franklin Street. The meeting is open to the public, and lunch will be available for \$15.

## WIMS monthly radio show

The Rotary Club of Michigan City's show will be the first Wednesday of every month from 8:45am to 9am, plus it will be live on Facebook. Matt Kubik and Bryant Dabney were on this week's show.

[Click here to view a copy of the show.](#)

So tune in if you can. You can listen on AM 1420, 95.1FM, 106.7FMValparaiso and via stream around the world at [wimsradio.com](#). #wims





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