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Our weekly in-person meetings require masking when not eating lunch and are also streamed live via Zoom. Join our meeting online with this [link](#). Meeting ID: 865 2253 0793 Passcode: 1424



Guest Speaker

Sean Fedorko, Co-founder, Radius CoWork



Sean will discuss the coming changes in labor markets, real estate, and related impacts of the pandemic.

Sean is the co-founder of Radius CoWork, where Erie's freelancers, startups, and remote workers form a supportive community to get work done and have fun doing it. Located in the heart of downtown, Radius is a 24/7/365 facility full of tech talent, designers, & ambitious entrepreneurs.

Sean is passionate about enabling people to find their most fulfilling work - the kind of work where they can flourish personally and profitably. He's been working in the local economic and community development ecosystem since 2014 and has contributed to national conversations about fostering entrepreneurship and stronger social connections.

He co-organizes the Erie Day of Code conference and the PA Coworking Conference. He is a volunteer with the Startup Grind chapter in Erie, and he is an occasional adjunct professor for the political science department at Mercyhurst University. Sean also handles business development strategy and execution on behalf of Werkbot Studios.

Sean will be introduced by Rotarian Penny Mechley-Porter, Sergeant-At-Arms.



People of Action - LAST Call to Action!

People of Action LAST Call to Action! Erie Rotary Challenge to

Club Leaders

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Sept 15th - Invocation

Support Shelter Box's Emergency Efforts in Haiti by 15 SEP

After the recent devastating earthquake in Haiti, ShelterBox sprang into action. To support their lifesaving efforts, the Rotary Club of Erie has issued a membership challenge. The Club will donate \$500 in matching funds to allow the club to donate \$1,000 over our typical annual donation of \$500. **Area Governor Lisa Graff** challenged our membership to provide a minimum of \$500 collectively to match the club's additional gift.



Due to the urgency of the situation, the last day to donate will be at our club meeting on **September 15**. Please make your checks out to Rotary Club of Erie and indicate **Shelter Box-Haiti** on the memo line and give them to **Treasurer David Mahoney**.

If our club and members commit to a collective \$1,000, our club can be recognized as a Rotary Shelter Box HERO (and be a hero to the families you help as well)!

Thank you in advance for your generous support, Rotarians!



New Member Mentors Needed



Rotarian Tatiana Bogatova is our Red Ribbon Chair. Tania asks members to volunteer to become a mentor. Each new member is matched with a mentor. A mentor makes a new member feel welcome by checking in from time to time, by helping with getting involved with different committees, by inviting a new member to a coffee, and by supporting the red ribbon on-boarding process.

New mentors are provided with a checklist of items new members must learn and do to have their ribbons removed. This is a great way to get new members involved, which is the key to retention and a positive Rotary Club experience. Those interested in getting

Years of Service

James P. McBrier
09-01-1992
29 Years

David M. Lastowski
09-01-1995
26 Years

Brenda Warner
09-23-1998
23 Years

Joseph P. Herbert
09-27-2006
15 Years

Joseph T. Kuvshnikov
09-12-2012
9 Years

Derek Sieber
09-19-2012
9 Years

Linda J Moore
09-18-2013
8 Years

Michael Garrett Roth
09-30-2015
6 Years

Julie Cella
09-30-2015
6 Years

Korin Giles
09-18-2016
5 Years

Nicholas Cianci
09-11-2017
4 Years

Allison Keenan
09-15-2017
4 Years

Charlotte Rerko
09-21-2017
4 Years

involved, **please text / call Tatiana Bogatova** at 814-835-8054.





Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Rotary Youth Exchange Program will be back in 2022  **but ONLY with YOUR Help!**

Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries. See the attachments with the email sending this newsletter for additional information and see the RI Youth Exchange website: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/youth-exchanges>.

Tatiana Bogatova is the Rotary Youth Exchange Coordinator for our club:. She needs your help to make the 2022 exchange year a good one. How you can help:

1. **Inform young people** about the exchange opportunity to help recruit outbound students to study abroad.
2. **Become a host family**  We need host families to be recruited for inbound students, who have several families during their exchange year, so it would generally be for 3-4 months. We ask not only Rotarians to consider becoming host families, ask your own families and friends to participate in this rewarding opportunity for cultural exchange.
3. **Become a mentor**  in addition to the host family, each student has two Rotary club mentors who help them through any challenges with school or the host family and takes them on occasional outings to help immerse them in our community. Mentors can also bring youth exchange participants to Rotary Club meetings.

Those interested in getting involved, **please text/call Tatiana Bogatova at 814-835-8054.**



Celebrate Banned Books Week

Celebrate Banned Books Week and Support the Erie Regional Library Foundation at the 1st Annual Banned Book Ball!

Sign up [here](#) and receive your very own *Banned Book Tote* when you make a \$50 donation. Each tote comes with a banned book and local goodies, including flavored popcorn from **PopLuck**, a cake pop from **Icing on the Lake**,

Birthdays

J. Clarke Kuebler
September 4th

Linda Breakiron
September 8th

Karen K. Tyler
September 12th

Chris N. Scott
September 16th

Gary Flick
September 16th

Michael J Malthaner
September 17th

Jacob Rouch
September 18th

Penny Mechley-Porter
September 18th

Carl Bruce Kern II
September 20th

Korin Giles
September 24th

Diane E. Chido
September 25th



coffee coupons from **Pressed**, chocolate from **Romolo's**, coupons for **Arts Bakery**, and more!

Your Banned Book Tote will be ready for pickup at the Foundation's *Banned Book Jeopardy!* event on Saturday, September 25th at 1 pm at the Hirt Auditorium (connected to Blasco Memorial Library). Your \$50 donation saves you a slot to test your banned book knowledge and win awesome prizes! Attendees are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite literary characters. This event is family-friendly, and children in attendance are invited to compete in free rounds of bingo!

Interested in just coming to play *Jeopardy!* without the \$50 donation? Donations of \$10 will be accepted at the door. Donors who do not attend the event will be contacted by the Library to make arrangements for the pick-up of their tote.

Want to enjoy the fun at home? With a \$5 donation, donors will receive a take-home *Murder Mystery Kit*, which can also be reserved on our [sign up page](#). All proceeds from the Banned Book Ball will benefit the [Erie Regional Library Foundation](#).