

# The See-Way



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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

**Brenton Davis, Republican Candidate, Erie County Executive**



During his active Naval Service, Brenton attended Basic Training and Gunner's Mate "A" School in Great Lakes, IL, Basic Underwater Demolitions (SEAL training) at Coronado, CA and Navy Search and Rescue Swimmer Course in Jacksonville, FL. He is a veteran of Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism Campaigns having served a total of three years of overseas service.

During his tenure at Edinboro University, Brenton moved to Erie County and founded B. Davis Enterprises, LLC. This began his career as an Entrepreneur. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 2008.

Following graduation, Brenton entered the United States Army Officer Candidate School at Fort McClellan, AL where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and awarded the title of Honor Graduate (Valedictorian) and received awards for Leadership Excellence and Top Physical Fitness. In the Spring of 2009, Brenton earned the number two spot on the Army National Guard Marathon Team representing the United States in various marathon and running events across the country.

His career pathway led him to Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, GA. He was promoted to First Lieutenant as a Platoon Leader assigned to the 1st/112th Infantry Regiment in Cambridge Springs, PA. Brenton returned to Alabama Military Academy as Drill Instructor for eight cycles to mentor our Nation's Military Officers in Leadership. Upon completion of his Platoon Leader service, Brenton was selected and promoted to a Captain position at Detachment One, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group in Kenova, WV.

## Club Leaders

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Treasurer

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**Tom Pysz**  
Past President

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**Lisa M. Graff**  
Area Governor

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During the Battalion selection process, he was rated number one among cadre and peer reviews prior to attending the active-duty Special Forces Assessment and Selection Course at Fort Bragg, NC. During the summer of 2012, Brenton suffered a life changing injury fracturing 3 vertebrae and nine ribs, ending his career in the Special Forces. He was transferred into the Inactive Ready Reserve to recover.

He was later recruited into his current position by the 2nd Battalion Army Reserve Careers Division, to serve as the Operations Officer over Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Daily, he provides the leadership and resources necessary to maintain the strength of the United States Army Reserve.

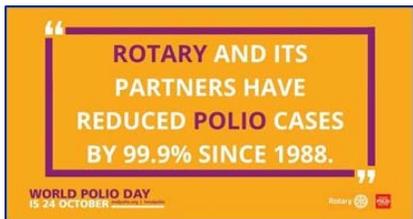
As an Entrepreneur, Brenton built B. Davis Enterprises, LLC from the bed of a \$1,000 pickup truck into a seven-figure company within eight years. His company employs dozens and creates opportunities for training within the Erie community. He has expanded his areas of interest into founding Lake Erie Log Homes, CD Real Estate and Investments and Any wall, Anywhere Seawall Systems and Marine Construction.

Having solved common problems with uncommon solutions, Brenton recognized the potential Erie has to offer and has made several investments within Erie's lower east side community. He has purchased blighted commercial properties and has rehabed residential buildings. He realizes Erie County can and must do better. Brenton believes that it is time we begin to think outside of the box, end business as usual, and eliminate the Old Erie status quo.

Mr. Davis will be introduced by Rotarian Edwin Smith.



### First Annual PINTS FOR POLIO Event October 27!!!!



For more than 30 years, Rotary and our partners have driven the effort to eradicate polio. Rotary's PolioPlus program was the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication by vaccinating children on a massive scale.

The Rotary Club of Erie will observe World Polio Day and the start of our Rotary International Foundation giving season with a special fundraising event designed to help RI close that 0.01% gap in polio prevention coverage.

Join us upstairs at **Calamari's Squid Row at 1317 State Street in Downtown Erie on October 27, 4:30-7pm** to support the fight for a Polio free world. With a \$20 donation to PolioPlus (in advance or at the door), enjoy

## Years of Service

Melvin Witherspoon  
10-01-1980  
41 Years

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Samuel P. Black III  
10-09-1996  
25 Years

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Lisa A. Watkins  
10-16-2002  
19 Years

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Jack Daneri  
10-13-2010  
11 Years

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Lori Barber  
10-13-2010  
11 Years

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Brian W. Gorman  
10-20-2010  
11 Years

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Lisa M. Graff  
10-10-2012  
9 Years

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James H. Hynes  
10-15-2014  
7 Years

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Karen K. Tyler  
10-28-2015  
6 Years

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Marc Turner  
10-01-2017  
4 Years

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complimentary beer, snacks, and fun. Bring \$\$\$ for the big 50/50 drawing! Guests and prospective new members are encouraged to attend!

Designated refreshments courtesy of Calamari's and Erie Beer. All funds raised benefit PolioPlus.



## Meeting Recap: October 6th

### Meeting Recap: Dr. Tyler Titus, Democratic Candidate for Erie County Executive



We welcomed Dr. Tyler Titus, the Democratic candidate for Erie County Executive, as our speaker for the October 6<sup>th</sup> Rotary weekly meeting.

Dr. Titus shared with us their personal history and the impact that growing up in poverty as one of 12 siblings to hardworking-class parents had on their world view and perspective. Seeing the effects of inadequate social services supports in their small rural community as their family took in foster children drove them to map their own life to

seek improvements in the foundational elements that build stronger families and communities.

As a candidate for Erie County Executive, Dr. Titus is focused on strengthening our economy, and ensuring that accessible healthcare and human services and quality education are available to all of our residents throughout the county.

Deeply committed to our region, Dr. Titus has committed their education and professional trajectory to community organization and advocacy for equity. With a professional history in human services administration, and as a provider of mental health services, as well as serving as President of the Erie City School Board and as an advocate at the state level for marginalized populations, Dr. Tyler is uniquely familiar with the needs of small businesses, county employees, front line workers and first responders, and vulnerable populations. Additional information about Dr. Titus, their work, philosophy, and their goals for our community can be found here:

<https://www.tylertitus.com/>

Dr. Tyler was introduced to our membership by Past President, Dr. Melanie Titzel.

## Birthdays

Maureen Rizzo  
October 2nd

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Gregory A. Loop  
October 3rd

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Robin Scheppner  
October 4th

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Mark B. Louis  
October 11th

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Brenda Bennett  
October 13th

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Melanie R. Titzel  
October 14th

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Michael Garrett Roth  
October 15th

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Linda L. Stevenson  
October 17th

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Nathan Koble  
October 17th



# Cranberry Rotary Club's 50th Anniversary

## Help Support the Cranberry Rotary Club's 50th Anniversary

**Rotary**



Cranberry Township Rotary Club

*You are cordially invited to the  
50th Anniversary Celebration of the  
Rotary Club of Cranberry Township*

*On Friday, November 12, 2021  
at six o'clock in the evening for cocktails  
seven o'clock for dinner  
cash bar*

*Treedsdale County Club  
1 Arnold Palmer Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044*

*Please RSVP by November 1 with the enclosed card.*

*Thank you for joining us as we work to give service to our community!*

In 2013, several hundred people from all over District 7280 joined us and Rotary International President Ron Burton to celebrate our club's centennial.

If you would like to attend this special event and share in the 50th Anniversary celebration with our friends in Cranberry, please find the response card attached to this newsletter email. Responses are requested by November 1.

District 7280 Area Governor Dr. Linda Clautti notes that they have "a fabulous speaker for that evening. He is William O'Rourke, retired patent attorney for Alcoa and world renowned speaker and author.

He will be speaking on Ethics in Business. You won't want to miss him."



## It's Fall Pledge Time at WQLN

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IT'S PLEDGE TIME - RIGHT NOW!  
Help us raise \$75,000

See WQLN's [website](#) for details on how to [donate](#), [participant gifts](#) and special opportunities for matching funds and other important announcements. As of this writing, they are halfway to their \$75,000 goal.

Our Club supports this important regional educational asset with a \$2,500 gift for its [WQLN Families](#) program. This allows us to support its programming and includes public service announcements informing the community about our support for Youth & Education.