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A Note on Weekly Meetings

Dear Members:

We finally solved our technology challenges and provided a seamless online experience last week. If you cannot join us in person, give us another chance to beam you in!

If you do plan to attend in person, please RSVP to Program Chair Allison Keenan so we can help the Sheraton prepare for the right-sized crowd.

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

President Diane Chido



Guest Speaker

Joe Schember, Mayor of the City of Erie

A lifelong Erie resident, Joe spent high school and the first two years of college at St. Mark's Seminary, studying to become a Catholic priest. After deciding against becoming a priest, he completed his undergraduate degree in English at Gannon University. He went on to obtain a master's degree in English from the University of Dayton and a master's degree in business management from Gannon University.

After teaching at Elk County Christian High School in St. Mary's, Pa. for two

Club Leaders

Diane E. Chido
President

Maureen Rizzo
President-Elect

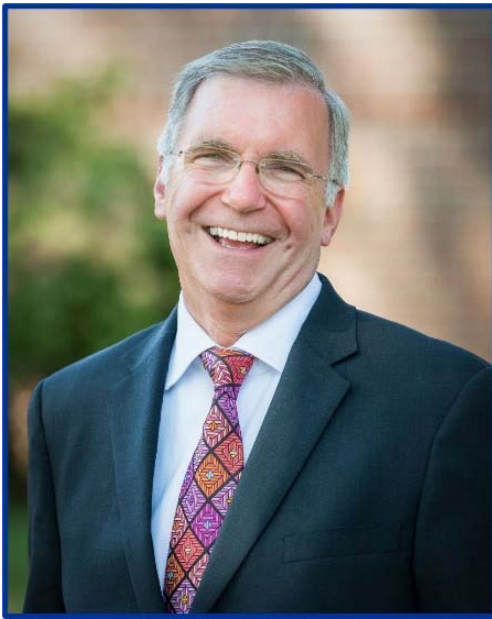
Allison Keenan
Vice President
Club Programs Chair

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Secretary

David Mahoney
Treasurer

Tom Pysz
Past President

Lisa M. Graff
Area Governor



years, Joe returned to Erie and began a career in banking at Marine Bank, which became PNC Bank. Joe started as a teller and worked his way up to regional

manager. He was responsible for all 53 branches in the Northwest Pennsylvania, and his reputation for skilled management grew. His final years with the bank were spent as a relationship manager in the Wealth Management Group. What Joe loved about banking is that it is a ♦people business. ♦ That is why he spent 40 years in various banking roles and why he loves being Mayor now.

A dedicated teacher, Joe spent 30 years teaching summer banking classes for the PA Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association at Bucknell, Georgetown, PENN, and Penn State Universities. He also used those skills to write and deliver bank training classes, radio, and television spots.

In an effort to give back to the community, Joe served as a member of Erie City Council for 5 ♦ years. During this time, he chaired the finance committee and was active in guiding decisions that would help the city ♦s finances.

Now, as mayor, Joe is working hard to ♦build opportunity, restore hope and transform Erie ♦ for future generations. By listening and collaborating, he is tackling the tough and complex issues facing this city and region. Whether it is through neighborhood meetings, door-to-door visits or professional gatherings, he is meeting with community leaders, educators, life-long residents, transplants, immigrants, refugees and anyone who lives in the Erie region. Joe is committed to being open, honest, transparent, and accessible.

Joe fell in love with his wife, Rhonda Mahoney Schember, at age 19. Rhonda and Joe are very close with their three children: Jaime, Jodi, and Joe.

Years of Service

Melvin Witherspoon
10-01-1980
41 Years

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

Lisa A. Watkins
10-16-2002
19 Years

Jack Daneri
10-13-2010
11 Years

Lori Barber
10-13-2010
11 Years

Brian W. Gorman
10-20-2010
11 Years

Lisa M. Graff
10-10-2012
9 Years

James H. Hynes
10-15-2014
7 Years

Karen K. Tyler



First Annual PINTS FOR
POLIO Event

First Annual PINTS FOR POLIO Event ♦ THIS WEDNESDAY!!!



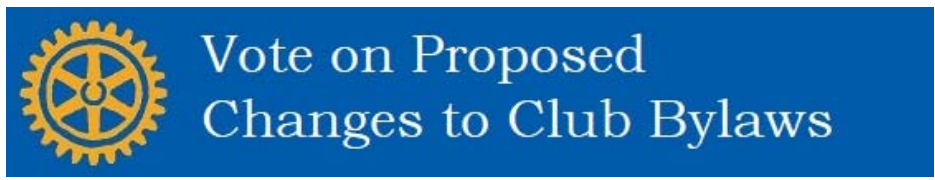
Join us upstairs at **Calamari's Squid Row at 1317 State Street in Downtown Erie on October 27, 4:30-7pm** to support the fight for a Polio free world. With a \$20 donation to PolioPlus (in advance or at the door), enjoy complimentary beer, snacks, and fun. Bring \$\$\$ for the big 50/50 drawing!

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. So far in 2021, only two polio cases were reported, one in Afghanistan and one in Pakistan. The Taliban has pledged to the World Health Organization (WHO) that it will permit and even safeguard the continuing vaccination program in Afghanistan.

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.

We sincerely thank **Rotarian Marci Honnard** for supporting this event. Designated refreshments courtesy of Calamari's and Erie Beer. All funds raised benefit PolioPlus.

Guests and prospective new members are encouraged to attend!



Vote on Proposed Changes to Club Bylaws October 27 Noon Meeting

To update our eligibility for Emeritus Membership and to streamline our processes for accepting new members and making amendments to our bylaws, the Board has approved changes to the Club Bylaws.

This information was sent to the membership in two emails and the current bylaws can be accessed, along with our Club Constitution and many other documents, such as archived issues of the See-Way at <https://erierotary.club> under the ♦News and Stories♦ tab. We will vote on these proposed changes at our October 27 regular weekly meeting.



The proposed changes relate to the following Articles:

Article 11 would now read:

Section 1 ♦ A member proposes a candidate for membership to the board

10-28-2015
6 Years

Marc Turner
10-01-2017
4 Years

Robert A. Nelson
10-11-2021
0 Years

Birthdays

Maureen Rizzo
October 2nd

Gregory A. Loop
October 3rd

Robin Scheppner
October 4th

Mark B. Louis
October 11th

Brenda Bennett
October 13th

Melanie R. Titzel
October 14th

Michael Garrett Roth
October 15th

Linda L. Stevenson
October 17th

Nathan Koble
October 17th

and/or the membership committee, or another club proposes one of its transferring or former members.

Section 2 ♦ The board approves or rejects the candidate's membership within 30 days and notifies the proposing member of its decision.

Section 3 ♦ If the board approves the candidate's membership, the prospective member is invited to join the club.

Article 12 only changes the Emeritus Membership eligibility from having to reach your 85th birthday to having served as a Club President. The Paul Harris Fellow and 25 years of membership remain the same.

Article 15 only removes the requirement of informing the membership of proposed amendments by mail and reducing the comment period from 21 to 14 days, due to the efficiency offered by electronic communication.



Meeting Recap: October 20th

Emmy Hackshaw, All of Us Research Program



We welcomed Emmy Hackshaw of the All of Us Research Program, as our speaker for the October 20th Rotary weekly meeting.

A self-proclaimed connector, Ms. Hackshaw works doing community engagement and participant recruitment for the All of Us Research Program through her alma mater, the University of Pittsburgh (Master of Health Administration in Policy in Management). Hackshaw seeks to engage and educate the community through public health research.

Emmy explained to the audience that creating the right health approaches and care for the right person is called precision medicine. Getting the right information to make that happen is the goal of the All of Us Research

Program funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), one of the more ambitious health research efforts in U.S. history, with a participation goal of 1 million Americans from diverse backgrounds. The program will examine how biology, lifestyle, and environment intersect to influence the overall health of both individuals and communities.

It's the first study of its kind to come to Erie, and researchers hope to use its insights to develop improved treatments and preventatives for a variety of diseases. Additional Information about this research and participation options may be found at <https://joinallofuspa.org>

Emmy will return as a guest for our upcoming meeting on October 27th, and will have information available for anyone interested in becoming part of this exciting longitudinal research program.

Emmy was proudly introduced by her mom, **Rotarian Linda Moore**.



A Moment in History: Bicentennial Tower Time Capsule

A Moment in History: Rotary Club of Erie Contributions to Bicentennial Tower Time Capsule

On October 13, the Sunday [Erie Times News](#) provided an interesting retrospective on the development and construction of the Bicentennial Tower on Dobbins Landing. The City of Erie was founded in 1795 and in 1995 the City celebrated its 200th Anniversary. A key feature of this celebration was the erection of the 187-foot tower at the foot of Dobbins Landing to provide a focal point for the still-developing Bayfront skyline.



A time capsule was placed in the base of the tower to be opened in 2095 on Erie's 300th anniversary. The placement of the time capsule coincided with Rotary International's

90th Anniversary, so the Rotary Club of Erie was invited to place some items in it. The Club's contributions include:

- A letter written by then District Governor and Past Erie Club President Cal Neithamer, along with the program of the 90th Anniversary District Conference held in Erie
- A bottle of white wine produced by Mazza Winery for Rotary's anniversary with a special label commemorating the event
- Proclamations about Rotary's contributions to the community over its 90-year history from local notables, including the US Congressional Representative Phil English, Erie Mayor Joyce Savocchio and former Erie Mayor Judy Lynch.

The event was attended by former District Governor and member of the Kane Club, Glennis Richert, who was that year celebrating his 100th birthday and was especially notable for having met Paul Harris.



50/50 Winner

October 20 Lucky 50-50 Winner!

Congratulations to **Sargent-At-Arms**,

Penny Mechly-Porter, who won this week's 50-50 drawing! You've got to show and play to win!

Each week, see Bob Cronmiller for your tickets for \$1 each. Proceeds go toward our club's [Rotary International Foundation's Annual Fund](#) goal.

