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If you plan to attend our weekly meetings in person, please RSVP to Program Chair Allison Keenan so we can help the Sheraton prepare for the right-sized crowd. **Our in-person meetings require masking when not eating lunch and are also streamed live via Zoom using this [link](#).**

Meeting ID: 865 2253 0793 Passcode: 1424

Guest Speaker

Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County Executive: *Reflections on Eight Great Years of Serving Erie County*



Kathy Dahlkemper took office as Erie County Executive on January 7, 2014. She is presently finishing her second and final term in office. Dahlkemper previously represented Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, serving from 2009 to 2011.

She was the first woman elected from the district to this position. On a national level, Dahlkemper serves as first vice president for the County Executives of America. She served on the National Association of Counties-National League of Cities taskforce on the opioid epidemic. She also served on the

National Association of Counties International Economic Development Task Force and NACo's Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee.

She was appointed by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf to serve on the Great Lakes Commission, as well as Pennsylvania's Redistricting Reform Commission and the state's Local Government Advisory Committee. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics advisory board.

Since early 2020, County Executive Dahlkemper has partnered with the Erie County Department of Health to guide the community through the multiple and monumental challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. As County Executive, she was honored to work with public and private partners

Club Leaders

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Area Governor

to build a more vibrant Erie County, to create opportunities for all residents and to move Erie County forward.

Kathy and her husband Dan have five children and nine grandchildren. They live in the city of Erie.

Kathy will be introduced to our membership by long-time friend **Rotarian Linda Stevenson**.

Please be sure to [RSVP](#) to Program Chair Allison, especially if you plan to bring guests, to be sure we can accommodate everyone.



Weekly Mtg Recap: November 10th

Rotary Club November 10 Speaker Recap: District Governor Rick Tote



L-R DG Rick Tote Erie Rotary Club President Diane Chido, President-Elect Maureen Rizzo, and Secretary Blane Dessy

We welcomed Richard Tote, District Governor of Rotary District 7280 as our speaker for our November 10th Rotary weekly meeting.

DG Rick shared updated information with our membership regarding the goals and challenges facing Rotary at the International, Regional, and District levels. He highlighted the intentions of Shekhar Mehta, the new President of Rotary International, who has emphasized that our pursuit to Serve to Change Lives is critical in making effective changes in world poverty, literacy, and public health.

DG Rick also reminded us of the many resources and supports available to our club as we work to rebuild our member and committee bases and continue to work towards our goals of supporting local education opportunities for all ages. The District has many resources available to support our PR & Outreach, Membership Development and RI Foundation Committees in their missions: <https://www.rotarydistrict7280.org/>

The District Governor presented each attending Rotarian with an enameled Rotary pin depicting a rainbow hued Earth held in the palm of a hand with the inscription of Serve To Change Lives, as a memento of his visit and as a reminder of our Rotarian responsibilities.

District Governor Rick was introduced to our membership by **Club President Diane Chido**.

DG Rick provided a written affirmation for the McKinley Elementary School library in the book, Just My Luck by Cammie McGovern. It seemed fitting as his last trip to Erie was to the only SeaWolves game this season to be called for bad weather. We thank DG Rick for making a second trip to deliver his important message.



Years of Service

David J. Murphy
11-01-1979
42 Years

Jacob Andrew Rouch
11-01-1994
27 Years

Robert H. H. Allshouse
11-01-1995
26 Years

Mark B. Louis
11-03-1999
22 Years

Phyllis McCracken
11-21-2001
20 Years

John P. Stockard
11-12-2003
18 Years



Please Send Your Electronic Proxy Votes on Bylaws



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

We have tried to complete the membership vote for three weeks but last week missed a quorum of 40

attendees by one. In order to get these passed, please email your proxy **Yea** or **Nay** vote on the slate of proposed changes to Club Secretary Blane Dessy (bdessy@gmail.com) with a cc to President Diane Chido (dchido@dcanalytics.net) **no later than Tuesday, November 16.**



Rotary Foundation Giving Season is Here!!!

Rotary Director and RI Foundation Chair Jim Hynes gave us a great overview of the Foundation and the process of giving. **Our club's 2021-22 goal for the Annual Share Fund is \$9,000.** Our contribution to Polio Plus is not part of this total.



Jim told members about Conneautville native Arch C. Klumph who served as RI President in 1916-17. At the end of that year's RI Convention, there was \$26.50 left over in the account and at Arch's suggestion, it was made the nest egg for the RI Foundation, the purpose of which was, in Arch's words, **for some great educational service to mankind.**

This week, **Foundation Committee Member Cassandra Whitmer** will provide guidance on the mechanics of contributing to the Foundation as well as Foundation Recognition Awards. Her presentation will include the option to sign up for monthly or quarterly automatic payments through [MyRotary](#), a simple and painless way to ensure we support the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund to help meet our club's goal. As members of Rotary International, one of the tenets of membership is for [Every Rotarian Every Year \(EREY\)](#) to support the Foundation.



People of Action: Urgent Aid for Afghan Refugees Coming to Erie

Birthdays

Rebecca E Walker
November 1st

Bernadette Hattjar
November 5th

Thomas A. Tupitza
November 7th

Joseph P. Herbert
November 7th

Lori Barber
November 8th

Susan E. Kaliszewski
November 19th

Melvin Witherspoon
November 24th

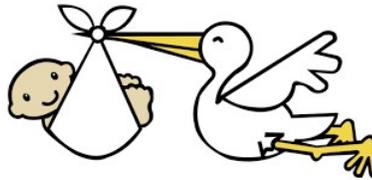


We all saw the heartrending scenes of desperate people trying to fly out of the Kabul airport after the Taliban takeover. The US expects to resettle 50,000 Afghans and their families who gave direct support to our troops over the past 20 years of war.

Rotarian Joe Haas, recently left Catholic Charities Counseling & Adoption Services (CCCAS), which, along with the International Institute, is expecting to resettle 250 Afghan refugees in Erie over the next month. Joe gave us a briefing on the process and the dire

needs of these incoming families. This is a LOT of people to settle with new homes, jobs, furnishings, clothing and all the necessities of life we take for granted.

One of our refugees is expecting a baby this month, so there are specific needs as you might imagine! If you have or know anyone with extra baby supplies, please let your President know.



- Urgent needs include:
 - Winter clothes (hats, gloves, coats ♦ all sizes)
 - Winter gear (shovels, umbrellas, car scrapers)
- Ongoing Needs include:
 - Rugs, curtains, lamps especially, but any household items are always needed, including furniture, bedding and towels
 - Hygiene products (full-sized shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothpaste, etc.)

If you have or can obtain any of these, please bring them to our Rotary meeting on November 17 or contact President Diane for delivery assistance of any larger items at dchido@dcanalytics.net. USCRI-Erie also has an Amazon Wishlist that makes donating specific items quick and easy: www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1GYML3IG1DHD6/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist



Erie Rotary Club Supports Zelenople Club's SHINE for ShelterBox



At its November 7 meeting, our Board of Directors approved purchase of a \$50 gift card for dinner at the Sheraton to compliment a one-night free stay certificate as an auction

item for the Zelenople Club's [SHINE for ShelterBox](#) fundraiser. At the meeting, **Past President and Past District Governor Norm Stark** spoke eloquently about the need for our club as the District's largest by far to

support other club's events and fundraising.

Kathy Corcoran, District Membership Committee Chair and member of the Zelenople Club thanked the Rotary Club of Erie sincerely for this contribution and said it will likely be a most popular auction item. All District Rotarians and friends are invited to attend this November 19 evening of gourmet dining catered by **Rotarian John Marshall**, entertainment by the Harmony-Zelenople Jazz Band and lots of gift basket raffles and silent auction items to raise funds to help support families affected by disaster. Register for the event [here](#).