



The See-Way

2023-2024



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

Club 5136, Organized in 1913

District 7280

January 30, 2024

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February 7th – Mayor Schember, State of the City Address



Please join us on Wednesday, February 7th to greet Mayor Joe Schember with a warm Rotarian Welcome!

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.

Meet in person at 11:30 for lunch with meeting at 12 pm
Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel – 2nd Floor Meeting Rooms

Next Meeting: Feb. 21st – Erie County Executive– Brenton Davis

Please join us on Wednesday, February 21st to greet Erie County Executive, Brenton Davis with a warm Rotarian Welcome!



Ethics Symposium: Mar. 5th

Please join us for a day packed full of fun! Our 14th annual Ethics Symposium will take place on Wed. March 5th at Mercyhurst University. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Staab, President Elect.

Rotary International: Our Mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Vision Statement

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.



IMPROMPTU - WED. 1/31

PLYMOUTH @ 5PM

**LET'S GATHER FOR AN
INFORMAL HAPPY HOUR! THIS IS
A GREAT CHANCE TO ENJOY
FELLOWSHIP AND LIGHT-
HEARTED CONVERSATION.**



Hamot Health Foundation with “Boo” Hagerty, Jan. 17th

Members and guests heard from Boo Hagerty, President of the Hamot Health Foundation on January 17th. He shared with the group various ways the Hamot Foundation is supporting the needs of our community. Highlighted programs include: educational needs, serving the under represented population, and providing basic necessities to homeless. Boo was compassionate in addressing the issues surrounding chronic homelessness in our area.

www.hamothealthfoundation.org



Our Club & Local Events

- **Super Bowl Squares** – The 21st annual Rotary Club of Erie's Super Bowl Fundraiser. Please contact Zac Wild or visit our Club website to purchase. www.erierotary.club
- **Ethics Symposium** – March 5th – See attached page!
- **SAVE THE DATE – Rotary Club Bingo Fundraiser Event Sunday April 21, 2024**, JPTF W. 38th St.
- **Sisters of St. Joseph GALA May 11th** – See attached page. dchido@gmail.com

My Rotary: Please consider using the “My Rotary” feature to make your annual donation. A minimum of \$75/per member would guarantee our club meets requirements to apply for grants!

Does your organization have an upcoming event? Need help promoting or volunteers? Please submit your request to be published here! mrizzo@brevillier.org

Rotary International:

Travel With Rotary! Here are opportunities for international travel with RCF friendship teams of Rotarians.

Please, extend invitation to Erie Rotarians to travel overseas as RCF Friendship Exchange.

1. May 15-25, 2024 MALAYSIA-INDONESIA-SINGAPORE (Stay at 2024 Rotary Convention)

Links to RI News

- o <https://blog.rotary.org/>
- o <https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/magazines>
- o <https://www.rotary.org/en/news-features/social-media>





HAPPY Birthday

Member Birthdays	Birthday
David Bertges	23 February
Tatiana Bogatova	18 February
Paul Carpenedo	28 February
Brian W. Gorman	06 February
Gus Pine	12 February
Brian R. Sivillo	25 February
Amy Swartzfager	16 February



HAPPY Anniversary

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Paul Carpenedo	02/01/93	31
Bruce Sr. Kern	02/01/72	52
Dennis Lagan	02/04/05	19
Julio C. Reyes	02/26/20	4
Nicholas C. Scott	02/01/74	50
Karen A. Staab	02/05/20	4

Thank you for your membership, service
and commitment to the Rotary Club!

Rotary Club of Erie – Board of Directors

Geri Cicchetti, President	Karen A. Staab President Elect	Amy Swartzfager Treasurer	Dr. Karen Tyler Secretary
Tatiana Bogatova Club Director	Norman H. Stark Club Director	Penny Mechley-Porter Club Director	Erinn Lake Club Director
Mike Zavasky Club Director	Gus Pine Program Chair	Maureen Rizzo Club Director	Nathan Koble Club Director

Remember, Rotary requires FIVE avenues of service. They include:

- **Vocational** - Serve your vocation because all work is honorable and benefits the community. This supports Rotary's traditional classification system in which the club seeks diversity in occupations (one funeral director, one banker, one architect, etc.).
- **Club** - Every member is expected to contribute to the improvement of the club by serving on a committee or as an officer.
- **Community** - Rotarians believe in "Service Above Self" which translates into service in the community of which we are a part-Make it better by volunteering.
- **International** - World Peace is Rotary's aim. It is achieved through knowing a person in another land and culture, which leads to friendship which matures into love of one another. Consider participating in a Group Study Exchange, housing a foreign exchange student, or attending an international convention.
- **Next Generation** - Pass on the Rotary torch by supporting a Rotaract Club, an Interact Club, or a Community School.



The Rotary Club of Erie proudly partners with United Way Community School, McKinley Elementary. We provide financial resources, book donations, and volunteer services as requested. "Today a reader, tomorrow a leader!"



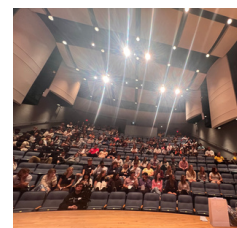


13th Annual Ethics Symposium – March 6th

The Ethics Symposium is our signature event for the year and the 2024 symposium is just around the corner! The Thirteenth Annual Ethics Symposium will occur on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

We need you to volunteer for the event! Please consider setting aside some time from in your schedules to be present and interact with the participating students. We especially need individuals who are interested in facilitating student groups that occur during the morning half of the day. I will spend time at one of the February, 2024 Rotary meetings reviewing the content of the sessions, explaining expectations for facilitators and answering any questions you might have. Please reach out to Karen Staab, staabpsychserv@gmail.com or 814-881-8782 if you are help us at the symposium.

All volunteers will require two separate clearances, one from the Pennsylvania State Police and one from the Department of Human Services. Both of these clearances are free for volunteers.



Rotary

THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, DO

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIP**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Save The Date 04/21
BINGO EVENT

Doors open at 12, Bingo begins at 1 pm
\$30 per ticket | JPTF 3819 West 38th Street, Erie, PA

SAVE THE DATE!!

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Our Rotary Club is hosting a Bingo fundraiser on April 21st. Please share this info with your family & friends!

SAVE THE DATE!!→



Save May 11th, 2024 and join us for SSJ Neighborhood Network's 17th Annual "Guess That Tune" GALA!!

Please contact Diane Chido for more information: dchido@gmail.com

