



Club 5136, Organized in 1913

District 7280

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No Wednesday, July 20th Afternoon Meeting

But please join us on the Annual Victorian Princess Cruise!

Please RSVP!! Victorian Princess Social Gathering July 20th!!

Join us aboard the historic **Victorian Princess** paddle ship on Wednesday evening, July 20th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. This is a wonderful way to meet up with new and old Rotarian friends as we enjoy a beautiful evening tour of our own Presque Isle Bay.

While Erie Rotarians' passage is covered by the Club, all guests or other members of the community interested in this exciting program are welcome to join us for \$30 per person. Please bring a guest or prospective Rotarians! Light snacks, water and soft drinks will be served, along with a cash bar.

Boarding begins at 5:30pm and we set sail promptly at 6:00, returning at 7:30.



Guest Speaker

Wednesday, July 27th - Mike Ruzzi, Vietnam Reflection Series



Mike Ruzzi is currently the Erie News Now 5,6 and 11 pm anchor. He also does two weekly series, Vietnam Reflections and Community Gems. He does weekly reports during the NFL season from Pittsburgh and Buffalo. Mike switched from sports to news in August of 2013. Prior to that heserved as the WICU Sports Director for 30 years.

Mike will be joined by Retired Army Major Joe Pfadt and Retired Army Reserves First Sargent Joe Benacci. Major Pfadt is the President of Warriors to Washington and First Sergeant Benacci is the Director of Erie County Veterans Affairs

In Person:

Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel

55 West Bay Dr. Erie, PA 16507 2nd Floor Meeting Rooms Online:

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86522530793?pwd=Q0NLNVkvcElBY1hnVnZDQWtHemFTZz09

Meeting ID: 865 2253 0793

Passcode: 1424

Community Service Project Opportunities



Let's ring in the 2022-2023 Rotary Year by making our presence be seen by helping in the Community, wherever we are needed!!!

Rotarians, who participate will receive their very own Rotary People of Service T-Shirt.

Please sign up with Maureen Rizzo, at your earliest convenience.

By phone at: (814)898-5903 or email at: mrizzo@brevillier.org



Rotary of Erie Club - Chair & Committee Needs

Despite the many challenges COVID-19 and demands of work-life balance we have many things to be proud of as the Rotary of Erie Club!!! We have extremely dedicated leaders who have taken the reigns on various projects and details. These initiatives are welcome in all ways. We all can make an impact whether volunteering time, engaging in Rotary & community activities, or through monetary donations. Currently, we have several committees of one within our club. This can make it difficult to remain steadfast in our commitments to the Rotary Philosophy of Service Before Self. If you can spare a few moments to help, your participation would be greatly appreciated!

- Red Ribbon Coordinator
- Scholarship Foundation Chair
- Birthday, Celebration, Get Well & Sympathy Card Sender
- Greeter & Invocation Sign ups

Beginning July 1 in the new Rotary year, **Red Ribbon Coordinator Tatiana Bogatova** is ready to pass the torch after a very busy year matching new members to Rotary mentors. Please consider taking up this exciting position. It is a great way to learn more yourself about Rotary and our club's storied history, to better get to know our new club members and to become more involved with the club. Please let the Club Board know if you are interested in this leadership opportunity or in becoming a mentor

Linda Breakiron has recently decided to withdraw as Scholarship Foundation Chair and Club membership. This is a great loss and her dedication to the Scholarship Foundation will be missed.

We have a male exchange student from Italy will be coming to our District in the Fall that we are hoping to place. If you or anyone you know is available and interested, please contact our club's **Youth Exchange Program**Chair Tatiana Bogatova at: tatiana.bogatova@foresighteval.com.

Hosting a student is the best kind of servant leadership and fulfills so much of what is Rotary. It would be wonderful to get back to supporting this important program Rotary offers the student and community. An outline of what this entails:

Opening your home from anywhere from 3 to 9 months (time can be split between host families) student must have own bed, but can share a room with same sex student, if necessary Family with desire to learn about another culture/educate student on American culture Background checks: Criminal Child Abuse FBI (If you have not lived in PA for min of 10 years). The District pays for these. Currently, require COVID vaccinations.

If you want to learn more about this opportunity, go to www.exchangestudent.org and click on the "host a student" tab. Rotary Exchange Students normally live with a host family for three months at a time, so we will need multiple hosts with far less than a year commitment.

Please be sure to sign up for being a greeter or invocation! The sheets for the new year will be going around at the upcoming meetings. Thank you!

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Bruce Kern Sr.	15 July
Erinn Dyan Lake	17 July
James P. McBrier	19 July
James McEldowney	08 July
Bob Peters	16 July
Norm Stark,	11 July
David Tofel II	25 July



Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Karen Burton-Horstman	07/01/96	26
Michael A. McCormick	07/29/19	3
Albert P. Messina	07/01/91	31
Michelle Robertson	07/08/98	24
Chris N. Scott	07/28/10	12

<u>Maureen Rizzo</u>	Geri Cicchetti	<u>Karen A. Staab</u>	Blane K. Dessy
<u>President</u>	President-Elect	Club Programs Chair, VP	Secretary
<u>David Mahoney</u>	James H. Hynes	<u>Tatiana Bogatova</u>	Norman H. Stark
<u>Treasurer</u>	Club Director, Foundation Chair	<i>Club Director</i>	Club Director
Michael Garrett Roth Club Director	Joseph T. Kuvshinikov	<u>Joseph J. Haas</u>	Zac Wild
	Club Director	Public Relations Chair	Club Director
<u>Diane E. Chido</u> Past President			