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Brad Enterline & Greg Gorny *Lake Erie Solo Challenge*



The Great Lakes Singlehanded Society is an organization established for the perpetuation of the sport of solo sailing. It is one of the few organizations where no amount of money will purchase a membership - only by successfully completing a Port Huron to Mackinac, Chicago to Mackinac, Sault Ste. Marie to Duluth, the Lake Erie Solo Challenge, or the Lake Ontario 300 Solo Challenge is lifetime membership conveyed by the Society.

As of 2014 there are less than 300 members, far fewer than the number of astronauts who have orbited earth, or climbers who have scaled Mt. Everest. Within our ranks, you will find the true spirit of singlehanded sailing, a spirit which is not defined by age, gender, or boat type. These challenges can be grueling and exhausting both physically and mentally. The length of the event can last from 2 days to over 6 days, depending upon the weather, wind, and conditions. Most participants set a sleep schedule that prohibits them from sleeping longer than 15 to 20 minutes at any given time during the entire event. This allows them to keep a proper watch for shipping traffic, pleasure boats, and other obstacles.

Brad Enterline began sailing as a child in 1967. He has cruised extensively on Lake Erie with his family and has also participated in local club racing. In 2007 he was the 1st person in Erie County to become qualified to participate in the Lake Erie Solo Challenge. Brad has completed 6 Lake Erie Solo Challenges out of the 7 he attempted. Two of those challenges in 2009 and 2015 have been widely regarded as some of the most difficult on the Great Lakes. Brad has also chartered and sailed in the British Virgin Islands, Florida, and off San Diego California. He is the immediate Past Commodore of the Erie Yacht Club, a local family law attorney, a trained mediator and collaborative professional. Brad and his wife Lauri have 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

Supporting Cast:

Presiding: *Melanie Titzel*

Greeter: *Betsy Monsalve*

Invocation: *Lisa Anderson*

Pianist: *Bruce Gingrich*

Song Leader: *Tom Pysz*

Sgt at Arms: *Brenda Bennett*

Speaker Intro: *TBA*

Program Schedule

12:00 pm

Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel, 2nd Fl
Parking is free in the Parking Garage!

May 25:

Dr. Winston Chu
An Immigrant's Story

June 1:

No Meeting

June 8:

Rotary Picnic

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Greg Gorny is 64 years old. He started boating in a MFG 14' outboard at the age of 4 and started sailing at 15. He has raced competitively in family auxiliary sailboats, one-man Laser class one design, and three-man Thistle class sailboats for many years. He was part of the organization planning the finish of the first Lake Erie Solo Challenge in 2007. He competed in 7 of the next 8 LESC events, finishing 4 of those. He is currently the Rear Commodore of the Erie YC, married to M'Lynn, and currently expecting grandchild #3.

ROVA

Heather Yahn arranged a visit to the Erie County Vocation/Technical School to hear comments from students who attended the ROVA leadership program in March of 2016 and 2015, as scheduling prevented them from coming to us at a Wednesday meeting. We were joined by fellow Rotarians from Edinboro, who also provide scholarships. The students were very enthusiastic about their experience and grateful for the opportunity that Rotarians have provided them.



IN FRONT: Jeff Leretsis • General McLane

BACK (from left to right): Edinboro Rotarians Ron Crist and Patricia Crist, Skyler Sanders • North East, Kasey Seymour • North East, Justin Groszkiewicz • Fairview, Dana Pierce • General McLane, Megan Alfieri • Iroquois, Shelby Parmerter • McDowell, Danielle Younkin • Fairview, Rotarians Mark Louis and Heather Yahn

How many of you know what ROVA is?

Every year, Rotary District 7280 hosts the Rotary Outstanding Vocational Awards. The goal of this event is to:

- Demonstrate the respect that Rotary Club has for students in Vocational Training • Provide a positive training experience to potential leaders
- Encourage leadership of youth, by youth and • Publically recognize young people who are rendering service to their communities.

Top students from the vocational schools in the district are invited to participate in a two day retreat held in the McKeever Environmental Center. The students take part in fun team leadership activities that stress self- confidence, ethics, decision-making, conflict resolution, time management and service.

This year, the event took place March 6-7th.

More information about ROVA can be found at the district site:

<http://www.rotarydistrict7280.org/documents/rova/Rotary-7280-ROVA-2015.pdf>

-or-

Contact Heather Yahn: heatheryahn@gmail.com

This is a great opportunity for these future leaders. Thank you for supporting them.

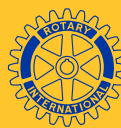
a BIG Thanks

to

STEPHANIE WILLIAMS

for filling in for

Invocation at last week's meeting!



*Do you want to
bring a guest
to the Rotary meeting?*



**Contact Dick DeLuca the
Monday before for ample seating
814.455.2632**

Ad Hoc Committee Volunteers

Monday May 9th there was a board meeting. The board approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Implementation Committee that would oversee development of the new Rotary Club of Erie standing committees to include:

Communications, Education, Ethics, Events & Fundraising, International and Membership. This Ad Hoc Implementation Committee would comprise recruited Board Members and at-large-Rotarians.

It would be sunset after their work has been completed and the standing committees are formed and approved by the Board.

We are now looking for volunteers for the Ad Hoc Committee.



**If you are interested please contact Laurie Root
laurie@unitedwayerie.org or 456-2937 x223**

The Rotary Club of Erie will be sponsoring a ShelterBox worth up to \$1,000.00

ShelterBox provides emergency shelter and vital supplies to support communities around the world overwhelmed by disaster and humanitarian crisis. If there are families in need of emergency shelter, ShelterBox does everything it can to help them rebuild their lives.



Dick DeLuca and Gary Flick standing next to the ShelterBox Display at the District Convention at Peek n' Peak this past weekend.

LEAP & Layups

The 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Fundraiser held on Saturday • May 14, 2016



(Left Photo): David Dope, Lisa Graff, Julie Cella with her son Max and Mary Ellen Dahlkemper (Right Photo): Betsy Monsalve with Villa Students

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District Website: RotaryDistrict7280.org

SPREAD THE GOOD WORD!

*Check in at the Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel -or-
Manufacturer & Business Association during our Wednesday meetings.*