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Dr. Winston Chu *An Immigrant's Story*



Is an immigrant's story important, especially this one? The answer is a resounding YES! Because every immigrant's story is unique especially for this nation begun mostly by immigrants and almost everyone is a descendant of one and how many of them enriched the American experience. Every immigrant experiences stages of 1) the push 2) the pull and naturally 3) the product.

Most commonly immigrants come for economic reasons, mine was because of ethnic and racial strife and discrimination which was officially sanctioned.

This presentation will be a celebration of America as a refuge, the shining beacon and its educated citizens many of whom were cognizant of their own humanity, international responsibilities and selfimposed sense of duty. My story is unique especially because it began before I was born, when my father graduated in 1942 as a doctor in Burma as the Japanese Imperial Army marched into Burma.

He joined the British Army—Burma was British then—which retreated to India namely Ledo, Assam where they reached by marching through tropical jungles during the monsoon rains through kneedeep mud which thwarted fourwheel drive vehicles battling leeches, malaria carrying mosquitoes, dysentery and canker sores. My father met Dr. IS Ravdin commanding the 20th General US Army Hospital—comprised mostly of personnel from U of Pennsylvania who will play a crucial future role. They were under the command of Generals Vinegar Joe Stilwell and Sun Lijen, who were architects of the LedoStilwell Road in northern Burma to supply China by land to replace flying over the Himalayan Hump.

ChinaBurmaIndia theater of WWII was won, my father fought all the way to southern China, met my mother and I was born in Burma. Flash to the slideshow to acquaint the audience to Burma, a beautiful country

Supporting Cast:

Presiding: *Melanie Titzel*

Greeter: *Jonathan Rilling*

Invocation: *Nicole Reitzell*

Pianist: *Bruce Gingrich*

Song Leader: *Mike Malthaner*

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!

June 1:

No Meeting

June 8:

Rotary Picnic

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endowed with natural resources and populated by a gentle people: illustrating where, what and how it evolved into a socialist dictatorship and its official policy of ethnic and racial discrimination which brought me to America as a stateless person with \$25 to my name.

The slideshow has no narration (which I shall be the presenting) is an evolving composition and may be subject to future editing; especially since 2015 this is the 250th anniversary of the Perelman School of Medicine and I am in a special edition of "Penn Med" published last spring which will be available for examination together with my book for sale, hopefully by the time of my presentation.



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DISTRICT SITE: ROTARYDISTRICT7280.ORG



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HOLD THE DATE!

*Brenda Bennett
and Laurie Root*

WILL BE

CELEBRITY BARTENDERS

BARTENDING FROM 6-6:30 PM

details are:

FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH

**SUPPORTING THE SEMPER FI & AMERICA'S FUNDS
BULLFROG BAR - 3866 PEACH STREET**

**THE FUNDS PROVIDE IMMEDIATE SUPPORT FOR POST-9/11
WOUNDED, CRITICALLY ILL AND INJURED MEMBERS OF THE
U.S. ARMED FORCES, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES TO EASE
RECOVERY AND TRANSITION BACK HOME TO THEIR
COMMUNITIES. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE FUNDS!**

*If you cannot attend, please consider supporting by contacting
Laurie Root at Laurie@unitedway.org*

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO
SHOWCASE YOUR
BUSINESS??**

*Now accepting ads for the
June Newsletters*

We must receive your ad by May 25th

to advertise in June(5 newsletters)

Rates per month

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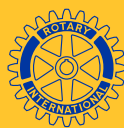
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*Rotarians out on the town at the
Regional Chamber Business After Hours at
Lakeshore Country Club*



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

**Contact Gary Flick the
Monday before for ample seating
814.454.3737**



**DICK DELUCA
is at St. Mary's Asbury Ridge**

**4855 W Ridge Road
Erie, PA 16506**

He is accepting visitors!

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**



Happy Hour!

The next happy hour is Wednesday, May 25th
The Plymouth Tavern Outdoor Patio • 5:00pm



STAY CONNECTED!

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Local Website: ErieRotary.org

District Website: RotaryDistrict7280.org

SPREAD THE GOOD WORD!

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

FOLLOW US!



- SAVE THE DATE -



ROTARY PICNIC
with Family & Friends
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016
 Rotary Pavilion @ Presque Isle State Park
 5:00pm til 8:00 pm
 Good Eats,
 Raffle, Kids Games,



The Rotary Picnic Begins at 5:00 pm at the Rotary Pavilion
 and the Barbeque will start at 6:00pm
 ~ Hot Dogs and Hamburgers are provided.
 Covered Dishes are WELCOME....Bring your award winning dish !

A Chinese Auction will be held. Bring a basket to raffle or a new item
 to raffle...also any show/sports tickets to an event are a good auction item.
 All proceeds will benefit the Childrens Programs in Erie



PLEASE RSVP TODAY!
SIGN UP SHEET GOING AROUND AT MEEINGS
OR EMAIL NORM ZYMM
nzymm@mbausa.org



Please contact Norm Zymm - nzymm@mbausa.org
 If you plan to bring a covered dish

