



# The See-Way

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## Dr. Jay Badams Superintendent, Erie School District



Dr. Jay D. Badams is currently superintendent of Erie's Public Schools in Erie, Pa.

As superintendent, Dr. Badams has led the district through significant financial challenges, improved transparency and community relations, enhanced related arts instruction and embraced implementation of the Common Core State Standards in Erie's 18 schools. Prior to assuming the superintendency in Erie, Dr. Badams served as superintendent of the Wattsburg Area School District from Sept. 2007 through Jan. 2009 after a 10-year

career as an educator in Erie's Public Schools.

During his first stint in Erie, Dr. Badams served as a special education teacher, assessment specialist, associate dean of Collegiate Academy, curriculum coordinator at both elementary and secondary levels and director of high schools. Accomplishments include a complete revision of the high school curriculum, the development of a district-wide assessment system and development of significant policies governing discipline, attendance and graduation requirements.

Dr. Badams was selected by the PA Department of Education as a featured presenter at several Governor's Institutes on Data-Driven Decision Making and served on the assessment work group of the Governor's Commission for College and Career Success. In 2014, Dr. Badams was nominated by Governor Tom Corbett to a seat on the Pennsylvania State Board of Education. The appointment was unanimously confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate.

Prior to becoming an educator, Dr. Badams served as a medic with the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division and worked an account manager with Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, N.Y.

Dr. Badams, originally from Rochester, N.Y., earned his bachelor's degree from Allegheny College in 1990, his master's degree and superintendent's letter of eligibility (2000) from Edinboro University and his doctoral degree from the University of Pennsylvania (2012).

Dr. Badams is married to Tiffany Badams, a business education teacher in Millcreek School District. Jay and Tiffany live in Erie with their four children, Jamie, Matt, Emma and Jack.

## Supporting Cast:

President: Laurie Root

Greeter: Susan Merwin

Invocation: Susan Merwin

Pianist: Bruce Gingrich

Song Leader: Michael Malthaner

Sgt at Arms: Brenda Bennett

Speaker Intro: Laurie Root

## Program Schedule

12:00 pm

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

### OCTOBER 26:

**Jeff Simmons & Beth Marshall**  
Rotary Youth Exchange Program

\*\*Lunch meeting @  
Courtyard Marriott Bayfront

### NOVEMBER 2:

**Cathy von Birgelen**  
eMarketing Learning Center  
@ Ben Franklin

\*\*Breakfast Meeting @ MBA

### NOVEMBER 9:

**Sgt. Stanley Tuznik**  
Erie Police Department



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DISTRICT SITE: [ROTARYDISTRICT7280.ORG](http://ROTARYDISTRICT7280.ORG)



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# ROTARY NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
THOMAS CHELGREN • OCT 2016

<http://www.rotarydistrict7280.org>

In an effort to be more transparent and to build stronger relationships, District Governor, Tom Chelgren, recommends sending this out to our full membership for review. Please take a few minutes to look through the newsletter - it has a lot of information! Thank You, Laurie Root

To access the October issue of the District's newsletter, please go to:

<http://www.rotarydistrict7280.org>



Guess which Rotarians sailed on the Tall Ship "IF & WHEN" in the Parade of Sal 2016???

## IF + WHEN



Guess which Rotarian hid in the dog pound during the pouring rain?! Ha Ha!

## 2016 FALL WORKSHOP + ONE ROTARY SUMMIT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 • FRANKLIN, PA

Details of the Fall Workshop and One Rotary Summit scheduled for Saturday, November 5th in Franklin are attached. You will find the agenda and sign up sheets. Two versions of the signup form are included in Word and PDF; they are the same. Use the one most convenient.

This information should be shared immediately with your clubs. It is suggested and requested that each club be represented by a minimum of 2 people.

Who should attend? All club members will benefit from attending this event. Small and large clubs alike will need to have their viewpoints heard if we want to continue our climb to success and continue making Rotary the best organization possible.

If you have any questions about sign up, contact District Secretary Mike Visconti at [bigbuck55@zoominternet.net](mailto:bigbuck55@zoominternet.net)

MORE INFO  
ATTACHED  
TO THIS WEEK'S  
EMAIL





## FEEDBACK NEEDED, PLEASE!



The newly formed Erie Rotary Club Communications Committee held its first meeting September 29. The committee is interested in hearing from the membership on any ideas they have to enhance marketing and communication efforts. We ask that

1. You review the website. What else would you like to see on the website?
2. You use your log in information and
  - Review your personal information in the directory of names.
  - Update anything that needs to be changed on your listing
  - Please make sure your email address is correct.

Can't remember your log in information? Email Derek Sieber at [Derek@mccartyprinting.com](mailto:Derek@mccartyprinting.com) who will give you a temporary user name and password. Once in, you can then reset your password.

3. Please go to our Facebook page and remember to Like and Share.

*Thank you for your assistance!*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY *to you!*

We want to send birthday wishes to  
**Melanie Titzel** today on October 14th,  
**Michael Roth** on October 15th

and

**Nathan Koble** and **Linda Stevenson**  
 on October 17th

*Enjoy your day!*

## *Happy Hour!*

The next happy hour is Wednesday, October 26th

**M Café • 5:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**5410 W Lake Road, Erie PA 16505**







# 2017 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in Atlanta, GA · June 10-14th, 2017



Celebrate with us in Atlanta!

Join thousands of Rotarians at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 10-14 June 2017. The celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100th Anniversary promises to be an unforgettable experience. Register before 15 December for extra savings!

Are you wondering where to stay? A number of excellent hotels are offering special convention rates, and many are within walking distance or a short bus or subway ride away. Learn more and book now. Are you coming to the The Rotary Foundation's 100th Birthday Party? Help us celebrate 100 years of doing good in the city where it all began, with cake, ice cream, and lots of fun. Purchase tickets for only \$26.50 per person.

The Atlanta convention's Host Organization Committee is planning outstanding events for all attendees. Visit the HOC site to learn about the many events, tours, and activities available.

Spread the word! Download promotional materials for social media, posters, and more.

Register Now: <http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta/register>

## *A Letter from Les Cayes, Haiti:*

Rotarians have expressed concern about our fellow Rotarians in Les Cayes, Haiti with whom the Erie Rotary Club and District 7280 partnered for 10 years on a highly successful literacy project in three elementary schools. Additionally we helped rebuild three schools after an earthquake several years ago. Mary Ellen Dahlkemper, local project chair, reached out to Rotarian Robert Legere & his wife Rosa-Marie Guzman, literacy project chairs in Les Cayes - here is Rosa's response:

*Dear Mary Ellen,*

*Robert and I as well as all the Rotarians of our club are fine dealing with some damages as is expected, but nothing we cannot fix.*

*Unfortunately, many people are in shelters and without a roof, very sad. We visited a few areas and the first thing we are doing is getting metal sheets to cover their small houses but it will not be easy.*

*The schools that we have helped are all built with cement so they made it with a few problems but ok.*

*Thank you so much for your concern and writing.*

*Regards,*

*Rosa*



*This shows the final school that our club and District 7280 rehabilitated. Note on the exterior wall of the school is a dedication to Rotary District 7280 for our support.*

