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Almitra Clerkin

Erie Playhouse: Celebrating 100 years



Almitra Clerkin, Executive Director (2006-) at the Erie Playhouse, was born in Bellefonte, a. A graduate of Villa Maria Academy (2006 Alumni of the Year), Almi went on to Gannon University and graduated cum laude with a degree in business management. Before beginning her career at the Erie Playhouse she served as

assistant to the external affairs director and President at Mercyhurst University, customer service manager at Progressive Insurance Financial Services in Richmond, VA and development director at Villa Maria Academy.

Almi began her volunteer years at the Erie Playhouse in 1977 and was hired as Youtheatre Director in 1992. In 2001, she added the duties of Development Director. Her favorite shows include *A Little Night Music* (Charlotte), *My Fair Lady* (dancing chorus), and *Les Misérables* (Mdme. Thenardier).

Almi has directed numerous productions, most recently *Ragtime*, and is currently in rehearsal for the holiday family musical *Scrooge*. Recently, Almi was named the 2016 Distinguished Alumni for the School of Business and Engineering at Gannon and is currently earning her masters degree in Health Communications. Almi looks forward to what the next chapter of her life will hold when her spotlight is extinguished after 25 wonderful seasons on the Playhouse staff.

Supporting Cast:

President: Laurie Root

Greeter: Mark Louis

Invocation: Walter Harf

Pianist: Bruce Gingrich

Song Leader: Susannah Weis Frigon

Sgt at Arms: Brenda Bennett

Speaker Intro: Roger & Joanna Zurn

Program Schedule

12:00 pm

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

NOVEMBER 23:

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

No Weekly Meeting

NOVEMBER 30:

Dr. Fred Mirarchi

Institute on Healthcare Directives

DECEMBER 7:

Steve Westbrook

CEO of Erie City Mission



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DISTRICT SITE: ROTARYDISTRICT7280.ORG



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– NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES –

Member Birthdays

Name	Date
Hattjar, Bernadette	Nov 05
Herbert, Joseph	Nov 07
Tupitza, Tom	Nov 07
Barber, Lori	Nov 08
Barrett, Michael M.	Nov 09
Moffatt-Link, Ann B.	Nov 11
Curtin, Ed	Nov 16
Kaliszewski, Susan	Nov 19
Witherspoon, Spoon	Nov 24



Date Joined Rotary

Name	Years	Date
Simon, John	1 Year	Nov 04 2015
Grab, David	7 years	Nov 11 2009
Stockard, John	13 years	Nov 12 2003
Bula, Mary	9 years	Nov 14 2007
Herbert, Joseph	10 years	Nov 15 2006
New, Larry L	23 years	Nov 17 1993
McCracken, Phyllis	15 years	Nov 21 2001
Murphy, David J	37 years	Nov 21 1979
Bloomstine, Chris	27 years	Nov 22 1989

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you!

We want to send belated birthday wishes to
Bernadette Hattjar (Nov. 5th),
Joseph Herbert & Tom Tupitza (both on Nov. 7th),
Lori Barber (Nov. 8th), Michael Barrett (Nov. 9th),
Ann Moffatt-Link TODAY!! (Nov. 11th) ...AND...
Ed Curtin who will be celebrating on Nov. 16th
We hope you enjoy(ed) your day!

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>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need 22 volunteers to work one hour shifts.

Anyone can sign up by simply sending an e-mail to Paul Carpenedo with their time preference at: carpenedo@velocity.net -or- call Paul at 814-392-7636.

Days, times & places are as follows:

1. Kettle at noon meeting at Bayfront Sheraton on Wednesday, 12/7.
2. Kettle at Macy's East Door at Millcreek Mall (same location as we have had for several years - a good busy location) on Thursday, 12/15 from 9:30am -8:00pm.



You're Invited!

Rotary Club of Erie

Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Conference Center at the
Manufacturer & Business Association
2171 West 38th Street
Erie, PA 16508

5:30pm Reception:

Hosted Bar & Hors d'oeuvres

6:30pm Welcome:

Invocation & Dinner Buffet Entertainment

RSVP by Dec. 9th

Norm Zymm: nzymm@mbausa.org

Members are Free · Guests \$30

2017 ETHICS SYMPOSIUM #7 MARCH 7 • MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY

The Ethics Symposium #7 will be held on March 7th at Mercyhurst University. Volunteers are needed for registration, guides, and for facilitator – Rotarian small group discussions.

If interested in volunteering please see Stephanie Williams (wlfive74@gmail.com) or Heather Yahn (heather@HAYprojectmanager.com).

This year volunteers who will have direct contact with the students need to secure only the Child Abuse (SP4-164A). The on-line form can be secured at <https://epatch.state.pa.us/> . If you have had clearances within the last 60 months, you do not need to secure a new one. The clearance should be completed by February 10th (this will enable you to be approved to volunteer for the next several years). Just print and provide the document to Stephanie or Heather.



FEEDBACK NEEDED, PLEASE!



Erie Rotary Club Communications Committee is interested in hearing from the membership on ideas they have to enhance marketing and communication efforts.

1. PLEASE 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 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.

ANY IDEAS OR COMMENTS DIRECT THEM TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

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ERIE ROTARY NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES

Looking for a previous newsletter? Look no further. Thanks to Rotarian Derek Sieber, all newsletters are now archived on our website. Please check them out. If you're recruiting a new member, please use this as a tool to help them learn about Rotary.



"Pass the Hat": District 7280 Les Cayes School Roof Repair

Your \$2 Ensures Students Have School Roof!

St. Jean du Sud, the school that Erie Rotarians and District 7280 refurbished and adopted in 2013, experienced damage to its roof (see photos) during hurricane Matthew sat month. Metal roofing is typically used in Haiti for all buildings. The school was not otherwise damaged. An estimate to repair the roof has been secured at \$2,141.

The Erie Rotary Club Board and President Laurie Root have approved a disaster relief campaign over the next two weeks asking each Erie Club Rotarian to donate \$2 (the cost of a cup of coffee at Starbucks) --- \$310 total for our 155 members. We have challenged District 7280 through DG Tom Chelgren (1,300 total members) to follow our lead in this disaster relief so that the children can return to school.

We can do this! We will be collecting \$2 per member at the next two club meetings and a district total amount will be wired to our Les Cayes Club. Checks for larger amounts may be made out to the Rotary Club of Erie and given to Gary Flick. Many thanks for anything that you can give!!!

An historical note: For newer Rotarians in the Erie Club, Haiti holds a special place in our hearts as all our district clubs partnered with Les Cayes Rotarians for 10 years on a literacy project which allowed hundreds of children born into poverty to pass the state exam so they could continue their education beyond 6th grade. Additionally, we provided several hundred student teachers with lesson plans and instruction on how to teach proper French poor children who basically spoke Creole. These student teachers are now teaching is school throughout Haiti using those lesson plans, breaking the cycle of poverty through education. Our amazing project was featured as one of the international projects of the year by Rotary International!

Submitted by Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

Photo of St Jean du Sud in 2013 following the refurbishing completed with the generous gifts of our Erie Rotary Club and District 7280. Note Rotary logo and acknowledgement of District 7280 on two sides of the building.



A sample photo above shows typical metal roof sheeting that needs to be restored or replaced on parts of our school. This photo shows another damaged school as we were unable to get a clear photo of the roof damage at St. Jean du Sud. Thankfully roofing was the only damage to our school.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER,
get the application from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper,
Membership Chair at:
maryellen.dahlkemper@gmail.com**

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