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Mayor Joe Sinnott "Erie Today"



Mayor Joe Sinnott is a lifelong resident of Erie, Pennsylvania, the son of two public school teachers, graduated from Academy High School in 1984 and Gannon University in 1988, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry.

Following his undergraduate work, Mayor Sinnott worked for eight years, in the environmental field, serving as the City of Erie's Industrial Pre-Treatment Coordinator. In this capacity, he helped local industry to solve environmental problems and achieve compliance with federal, state and local environmental regulations.

In 1996, Mayor Sinnott entered Case Western Reserve University School of Law and received his Juris Doctorate degree in May 1999. He returned to Erie and joined the firm of Quinn, Buseck, Leemhuis, Toohey & Kroto, concentrating his practice in the areas of environmental, commercial and bankruptcy litigation. He later practiced domestic and family law with the firm of Carney & Good.

In November 2003, Mayor Sinnott was elected to Erie City Council. He served just two years on Council before being elected Mayor in November 2005.

Immediately upon taking office, Mayor Sinnott began working on the fiscal dilemma facing Erie, as well as municipalities across Pennsylvania and the country. He has gained the distinction of being the only Mayor in Pennsylvania who, when faced with dire financial crisis, was able to turn his city around and avoid Act 47 state intervention, a program which more than 30 cities across the Commonwealth have entered, to avoid insolvency. Erie now enjoys financial stability and the threat of municipal bankruptcy has been eradicated.

Based upon his work in Erie, Mayor Sinnott reached out to Mayors across Pennsylvania to seek legislative changes in Harrisburg and Washington that will serve as the foundation for long-term stability and growth for municipalities. This led to the formation of the "Communities in Crisis Task Force" through the Pennsylvania League of Cities. This task force has developed an agenda for change that will help all municipalities emerge from financial crisis and grow the central communities.

Mayor Sinnott was elected to his third term in November 2013. He continues to pursue a holistic approach to municipal success, being fiscally responsible and growing Erie through revitalization and economic development opportunities.

Supporting Cast:

President: *Laurie Root*

Greeter: *Bradley Keiper*

Invocation: *John Simon*

Pianist: *Bruce Gingrich*

Song Leader: *Michael Malthaner*

Sgt at Arms: *Brenda Bennett*

Speaker Intro: *Lisa Graff*

Program Schedule

8:00 am Breakfast Meeting

Buffet opens at 7:30 am

at the Conference Center

at the Manufacturer & Business Association

JANUARY 11:

Dr. Michael Federici

Making History:

Presidential Inauguration

JANUARY 18:

Brian Slawin

Why Erie?

JANUARY 25:

Attorney Ron DiNicola

Shaping Tomorrow



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ATTACHED TO THIS WEEK'S EMAIL.**

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Direct Giving with a Credit -or- Debit Card

Things to know : You have to set up your giving through Rotary.org so you must log in or create an account if you don't have one.

The attachment walks members through how to set up their gift. It can be one time, monthly, quarterly, or annual.

You must select the Polio Plus Fund if you want your giving to count for Paul Harris Recognition.

Although it's probably too late for this year, perhaps this information can be shared for next year and help us reach 100% participation - Lisa Graff

CEO/Founder Dr. Fred Mirarchi and Vice President of Sales Eric Manendo wanted to express their appreciation to Rotary for the warm reception and positive feedback from Fred's Institute on HealthCare Directives (IHCD) presentation on Wednesday, November 30 by offering a special offer to Rotary members and their families. This card features the embedded video that was demonstrated in the presentation and includes all vital patient information; two (2) duplicate cards will be provided.

Through December 31, IHCD is offering Rotarians the opportunity to purchase the Vital Package MIDEO Card for \$350—a \$200 discount off the \$550 price!

TO LEARN MORE...

or to take advantage of this offer,
you can call **Eric Manendo** at
814.392.5559 -or- e-mail him at
Manendo@InstituteHCD.com

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 Volunteer Form. The on-line form can be secured at <https://epatch.state.pa.us/> ...CHECK THE VOLUNTEER ONLY LINK AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS. 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.

ROTARY NEWSLETTER FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR THOMAS CHELGREN • DEC 2016

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 monthly issue of the District's newsletter, please go to:

<http://www.rotarydistrict7280.org/documents/newsletters/2016/NL-December-2016.pdf>



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get the application from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper,
Membership Chair at:
maryellen.dahlkemper@gmail.com

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY *to you!*

We want to send birthday wishes to
Michael Zavasky (Thurs, Dec.29th) - and -
Bradley Keiper (Today, Dec.30th)

We hope you enjoy your day!

*May true happiness, longevity
and good fortune be with you
this New Year and always!*

2017
HAPPY NEW YEAR

