



# The See-Way

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District 7280

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## Brian Slawin

*Why Erie?*



As a recovering entrepreneur, Brian has lived the startup life... from the late nights to the last minute deadlines, from running out of money, to running out of ideas ...to capturing it all again, it's the best thing he's ever done; ever!

Having recently moved to Northwest Pennsylvania, Brian considers himself fortunate to have found an entire ecosystem of people to work with and support who are looking at their future and thinking "I'd like to give that a try".

In short, Brian supports the vision entrepreneurs have and believes in the power that comes with passion and commitment. As a portfolio manager, his role, is to help create a culture of entrepreneurs who leverage the vast resources available in Pennsylvania, reach out and nurture their ideas, provide early-stage funding and then support and encourage them as they grow based on solid business principles. *Contact: [BrianSlawin@corp.benfranklin.org](mailto:BrianSlawin@corp.benfranklin.org)*

## Supporting Cast:

President: *Laurie Root*

Greeter: *Lisa Watkins*

Invocation: *Dennis Lagan*

Pianist: *Bruce Gingrich*

Song Leader: *Michael Malthaner*

Sgt at Arms: *Brenda Bennett*

Speaker Intro: *Bradley Keiper*

## Program Schedule

12:00 pm

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

### **JANUARY 25:**

**Attorney Ron DiNicola**  
*Community College:  
Shaping Tomorrow Grant*

### **FEBRUARY 1:**

**Michael Lammbrau**  
*Insights on Korea*

### **FEBRUARY 8:**

**Patti Larson**  
*Strings for a CURE*



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



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# 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.

### *Happy Hour!*

The next happy hour is Wednesday, January 25th

**Three B Saloon • 5:00 - 7:00pm**

**732 West 4th • Erie, PA**



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



## 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!

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

<http://www.rotarydistrict7280.org>





## *The Salvation Army* Thanks You!

Thank you very much to all of you for standing out on a very cold and windy day with wind chill's below zero to ring the bell for those who are less fortunate in our community. The results of this year compared to last year are shown below:

Total for the Year:	Date:	Location:	Amount:
<b>\$954.31</b>	12/9/15	Rotary Meeting	\$230.00
	12/17/15	Macy's East Door	\$724.31
<b>\$740.18</b>	12/7/16	Rotary Meeting	\$292.85
	12/15/16	Macy's East Door	\$447.33

As you can see, the club members increased our donations nicely from last year. Thanks to all for your generosity. The Salvation Army sends their thanks to all of us for helping them.

It is disappointing that the donations in the kettle at Macy's decreased by \$276.98. I hope that was due to the cold and windy day keeping shoppers away. I know that we all did our best (greeting shoppers, opening the door, etc.) without directly asking for a donation.

Just a thought. Since the Salvation never has enough volunteers and their donations have been down in the last few years, I wanted to pass on an idea. Several years ago I asked the Outreach/Mission Committee at my church to consider taking a day ringing the bell. They did, and they have continued it every year since. Perhaps you are part of an organization that could also help the Salvation Army with their Red Kettle Drive. Or Rotary could take 2 days to ring the bell!

Thanks again to all of you for your dedication and help. Best wishes to you and your families for 2017. - Paul

### *Thanks to our volunteers on 12/15/16:*

**Nicole Reitzell**  
**Linda Wilkinson**  
**Paul Carpenedo**  
**Karen Carpenedo**  
**Rick Lamb**  
**David Bertges**  
**Ron Norman**

**Susan Kaliszewski**  
**Dave Lastowski**  
**Dennis Lagan**  
**Lisa Watkins**  
**Brenda Bennett**  
**Robin Scheppner**  
**Laurie Root**

**David Doupe**  
**Katherine Benacci**  
**Raymond Benacci**  
**Janel Bonsell**  
**Janel's sisters:**  
**Jennifer & Jodie**

**Mary Jane Antoon**  
**Beth Zimmer**



# Superbowl Fundraiser



STARTING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

*Derek Sieber and Brian Gorman will be selling squares for our annual Superbowl Fundraiser. Rules & pricing apply:*

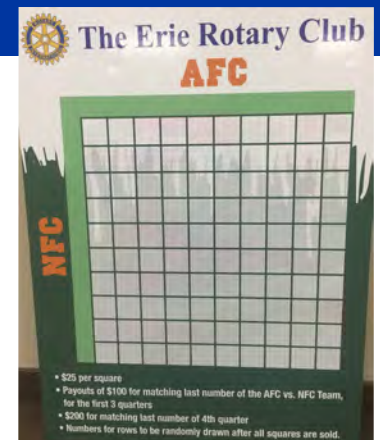
- \$25 PER SQUARE
- (3) PAYOUTS OF \$100 FOR MATCHING THE LAST NUMBER OF THE AFC & NFC TEAM SCORE AT THE END EACH OF THE FIRST 3 QUARTERS
- \$200 PAYOUT FOR MATCHING LAST NUMBER OF AFC & NFC TEAM FINAL SCORE.
- NUMBERS FOR ROWS TO BE RANDOMLY DRAWN AFTER ALL SQUARES ARE SOLD.
- WE ACCEPT CASH, CHECK, OR GARY CAN SEND YOU AN INVOICE.
- PLEASE E MAIL DEREK IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A SQUARE, BUT WILL NOT BE AT THE MEETING.

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

Contact Derek Sieber -or- Brian Gorman:

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[gormanbw@gmail.com](mailto:gormanbw@gmail.com)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** *to you!*

We want to send birthday wishes to  
John Stockard on Tues, Jan 17th!

*We hope you enjoy your day!*







**Rotary International  
2017/18 President  
Ian Riseley**



**District 7280**

**March 11 - Blair County Convention Center  
Convention Center Dr, Altoona, PA 16602**

## **YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR DINNER** with Rotary International President 2017/18

Ian H.S. Riseley, of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, will serve as the President of Rotary International in 2017-18. Riseley says "Doing good in the world is everyone's goal. We must learn from the experience of the polio eradication program to maximize our public awareness exposure for future partnerships."

RIPE Riseley will be our featured guest at our first ever Quad District TriState PETS at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA.

This special dinner is on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the Blair County Convention Center - Convention Center Dr, Altoona, PA 16602.

### **CHEF CARVED PRIME RIB BUFFET DINNER \***

Mixed greens with tomatoes, red onions, cucumbers, cheddar cheese, olives, croutons and assorted dressings.

Pasta Salad, Slow roasted prime rib of beef with au jus, Parmesan crusted breast of chicken with honey, Blackened salmon with fruit salsa, Ranch flavored smashed red skinned potatoes, Vegetable Medley,

Apple Pie, Coffee, hot tea, milk, iced tea, lemonade, and water

The cost is **\$75.00** per person (Checks payable to District 7280)

Cash Bar and Social Hour from 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Invocation, Pledge and 4 Way Test at 6:30pm

Dinner Starts at 7:00pm

Space is limited and there will be no tickets available on the day of the event. Please RSVP and ensure payment is received by 2/28/17. President Elects are already paid for by your club assessment however if you wish for your spouse to attend you must submit this form.

For more information, please contact:

#### **District 7280**

District Secretary Mike Visconti  
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103 Bellefield Ave. Butler, PA 16001

Rotarian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name : \_\_\_\_\_

District Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* If you have any dietary restrictions please contact the venue directly.*