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### **Rebecca Brumagin, ED** Acheivement Center



Rebecca is the executive director of the Achievement Center – a position which she has held for 28 years. She holds an MBA with a concentration in Health Care Administration from Gannon University and has taken graduate level courses in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University at Buffalo.

Under Rebecca's leadership, the Achievement Center, once known as the Erie County Crippled Children's Society and Learning Disability Center, has grown from around 35 staff members to 300 staff and currently serves about 3,500 children and

their families each year – in four northwest Pennsylvania counties. Through the dedication and compassion of professional staff – child psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, psychologists, speech, occupational and physical therapists, behavior specialists, mental health therapists, blended case managers, as well as reading and math tutors and more, the Achievement Center provides an array of specialized services to assist children with various challenges. Over the years, the agency has added a number of programs and specialized treatment modalities to best meet the individualized needs of children – ranging from birth to young adulthood.

In addition to serving children with physical disabilities, developmental delays, literacy difficulties, autism spectrum disorders, and various mental and behavioral health problems, mental health clinicians at the agency have been providing cognitive behavioral therapy to an increasing number of children – including very young children, pre-teens, and adolescents who have experienced significant trauma in their lives.

Rebecca and her team are concerned about the effect of trauma in our community – not only does it impact the many individuals who are experiencing and trying to cope with trauma every day of their lives, it has a profound impact on us as a community. Her presentation will focus on the collaborative efforts that are underway to transform Erie into a healthier trauma informed community.

### **Supporting Cast:**

President: Laurie Root Greeter: David Bertges Invocation: Korin Giles Pianist: Bruce Gingrich Song Leader: Michael Malthaner Sgt at Arms: Brenda Bennett Speaker Intro: Tom Pysz



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

MARCH 7: ETHICS SYMPOSIUM No Meeting on 3/8/2017

**MARCH 15:** 

**TBD** 8am: Breakfast Meeting at the MBACC

#### **MARCH 22:**

Laura E. Guncheon Erie Management Group: Medical Marijuana

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!





# **Jake Ritenour**

Jacob graduated from Colorado University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resources. Jacob hopes to pursue his MBA in the next 3 years.

Currently Jacob wears many hats and enjoys being productive. He currently works at FASTSIGNS-Erie and serves as the Director of Sales & Visual Communications Specialist. In addition to his full-time career, Jacob and his wife Katherine, own two businesses: BabyBlue Modern Catering and Kat Ritenour Photography.

In addition to all of his endeavors, Jacob enjoys serving his church and local Erie community. Jacob has compassion for people who are impoverished and have suffered through tragic life events. He also been able to donate many of his services to non-profit organizations including, March of Dimes, Emma's Footprints and Juvenile Diabetes (JDRF) to help raise funds needed for their organization.

Jacob thoroughly enjoys spending quality time with his wife and their 4 beautiful blue-eyed children; 9 year old daughter Diella Lynn, 7 year old son Ethan Thaller, 6 year old daughter Sayda Elizabeth and their 4 year-old son, Silas Gibson. Together, they love being active. Jacob also enjoys playing the bass guitar, and reading non-fiction & informational books.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you!

Erie Day School

Thomas Pysz (March 1) & Louis Caracci (March 3) ENJOY YOUR DAY!



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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

The Erie Rotary Club is pleased to announce the creation of the Young Professionals Corporate Membership. This special membership can be shared by up to four individuals working for the same organization. All young professional corporate members must be 35 years old or younger. Only one of the members may attend a Rotary lunch or breakfast meeting on any given week. The membership application must be approved by the board and the full membership. The annual fee is \$1,000. If you have questions or know of an organization that would benefit from such a membership, please contact: <u>maryellen.dahlkemper@gmail.com</u>

# Inhouncing: ERIE ROTARY CLUB TRIAL MEMBERSHIPS

**Do you know someone who is interested in exploring the Erie Rotary Club before committing to membership?** A "trial membership" may be just the ticket! Through our new "trial membership", an individual may attend up to 5 meetings in a two-month trial period, paying only for the cost of lunch/breakfast. The individual still completes an application at the start of the trial period which must be approved by the Board and the Club. Our membership chair holds the application until the trial period ends, then approaches the individual for membership commitment. The "trial member" wear a special badge at meetings that allows active members to recognize, welcome and talk to him/her about their experience of being a member of the Erie Rotary Club.

### **ROTARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER** FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR THOMAS CHELGREN · 2017

Please take a few minutes to look through the most recent District newsletter - it has a lot of information. Thank You!

*To access the most recent issue of the District's newsletter, please go to:* 

http://www.rotarydistrict7280.org/documents/newsletters/2017/NL-February-2017.pdf



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Do you have any blast from the past photos you want to share? Email Lisa@KimKopy.com to share with a short caption.



Past District Governor Mary "Skip" Sample (Grove City Club) welcomes Rotarian Genet Gelin who traveled from our sister club in Les Cayes to speak at the 2004 District 7280 Conference about our shared Haiti Literacy Project. Erie Club Secretary, Dick Deluca was one of three Rotarians who traveled to Haiti in 2002 to vet the project.

2-15-17 "Guess Who": Our apologies, last week's name was incorrect for this photo. This is BUD BRIGGS!





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## - MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES -

#### **Member Birthdays**

Name	Date
Pysz, Thomas	Mar 01
Caracci, Louis	Mar 03
Yahn, Heather	Mar 05
Thiem, Claudine	Mar 06
Poor, David R	Mar 10
Bonsell, Janel	Mar 14
Parnell, Jeff	Mar 14
Benacci, Katherine	Mar 16
Herron, Charles	Mar 17
Wheaton, Judy	Mar 17
Hackshaw, Linda	Mar 21
Badams, Jay	Mar 22
Cicchetti, Geri	Mar 28
Cella, Julie	Mar 30
Gaines, Michael	Mar 30
Root, Laurie	Mar 31



#### **Date Joined Rotary**

Name	Years	Date
Walczak, Chuck	6 years	Mar 03 2010
Wilkinson, Linda	18 years	Mar 04 1998



#### 2016-17 Rotary Foundation Donors

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