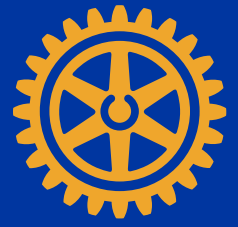


# The See-Way

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## Chris Sirianni The Brewerie at Union Station



Born & raised in Erie, PA, Chris is the proud son of Peter & Barbara Sirianni. He is a lifelong member of Our Lady of Peace Parish, where he also attended grade school, and is a graduate of Cathedral Prep.

He attended IUP for four years & graduated in 2000 with a Bachelors Degree in Business Management with a concentration on Marketing.

Upon graduating, he developed a business plan to open a micro brewery and pub in downtown Erie. After nearly five years of fieldwork, planning and setbacks, The Brewerie at Union Station opened in the fall of 2006 as Erie's exclusive brewpub. He currently holds the position of President & General Manager there.

Chris has various roles in the community including positions as a Visit Erie Executive Board Member and Erie Downtown Partnership Marketing Committee Member. He is also the current the president of the Lake Erie Ale Trail, as well as the president of the Pennsylvania Restaurant Association–Northwest Chapter.

His most rewarding role however, is coaching several youth baseball & basketball teams.

Chris now resides in Millcreek with his wife Karin & their two children, ages 9 & 10.

## Supporting Cast:

President: Laurie Root

Greeter: TBA

Invocation: Betsy Bort

Pianist: Bruce Gingrich

Song Leader: Michael Malthaner

Sgt at Arms: Brenda Bennett

Speaker Intro: Lisa Graff

## Program Schedule

### **BREAKFAST MEETING**

**7:30am Buffet Opens**

**8:00 am Meeting Starts**

in the Conference Center at the  
Manufacturer Business Association

### **MARCH 22:**

**Laura E. Guncheon**  
Erie Management Group:  
Medical Marijuana

### **MARCH 29:**

**Brian Waugaman, CEO**  
Erie Federal Credit Union

### **APRIL 5:**

**Student Scholarship Awards**  
Lunch Meeting  
at Manufacturer &  
Business Association



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# Guess Who?!

A blast from the past! Can you guess who and when?



## LAST WEEK:

WHO: Two Beloved Erie Club Rotarians, now deceased: Past President Cal Neithamer, was also the first District Governor from Erie (1994-95) here with Sam Sherman, 5th .... WHEN: Circa 2000

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you!

We want to send birthday wishes to  
**Janel Bonsell (March 14), Jeff Parnell (March 14)**  
 -and- **Katherine Benacci (March 16)**

*We hope you enjoy your day!*





# Host Families Needed for School Year Youth Exchange Program



Families are needed to host an in-bound foreign student for all or part of the 2017-2018 school year. Many Rotary Clubs have found it good to have the in-bound student live with 2-3 families during the school year so the student gets to enjoy a variety of experiences, several families get to enjoy that student and no one family is over-burdened. The Rotary Club of Erie will be responsible for getting approval from the school district for the student's enrollment. The club also provides the student with a monthly allowance.

All families—even those without children—are encouraged to apply to be hosts. Any reputable family in our community is eligible to host a Rotary exchange student. For more information on how to become a host family, contact Jim McEldowney, at [jmceldowney@ymcaerie.org](mailto:jmceldowney@ymcaerie.org) -or- by phone at (814) 882-8425.



## Featured Rotarian

*Board Member of the Week*

# Geri Cicchetti

Geri Cicchetti has been a Rotarian for 9 years. She was on the first committee to develop the Ethics Symposium, has served as President of the Scholarship Foundation, Chair of the Marketing Committee, facilitator for Interact and is currently on the Board of the Erie Rotary Club.

Geri, an Erie native, is an accountant by trade and was a corporate auditor for GTE. She transferred to the GTE's sales office when the accounting department moved out of Erie. She then became a sales manager at the Erie Times-News in the Advertising Department. While at the Times, she secured her MBA from Gannon and began teaching Marketing classes at Mercyhurst University, and later at Penn State-Behrend.

She later became the first President of Villa Maria Academy. After her tenure at Villa, she was the Executive Director of the Regional Cancer Center Foundation and later consulted with marketing and fundraising clients. She began doing work for SafeNet, Erie's Domestic Violence Agency in January 2014 and later became their Director of Advancement and Marketing.

Geri is very active in community services. She is the Marketing Chair of the Board of the Erie Philharmonic, President of St. Peter Parish Council, President of The Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick, has served as the 2016 Erie Walk Chair for the Alzheimer's Association, and has been President of the Erie Ad Club. She has served on the boards of St. Vincent Board of Corporators, March of Dimes, Villa Maria Academy, and the Alzheimer's Association.

Geri plays the piano and was a church organist for 15 years. She enjoys gambling and traveling.





Announcing:



# 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: [maryellen.dahlkemper@gmail.com](mailto:maryellen.dahlkemper@gmail.com)

*Happy Hour!*

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Sneaky Pete's • 5:30 - 7:30pm

6116 Swanville Road • Erie, PA 16506



## - NEW ROTARIAN BADGE ORDERING INFO -

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Club of Erie



**DAVID MAHONEY**

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If you are interested in purchasing a new Rotarian magnetic badge, the cost is \$9.00.

**PLEASE CONTACT  
MARY ELLEN DAHLKEMPER TO ORDER.**

You can email her at: [Maryellen.dahlkemper@gmail.com](mailto:Maryellen.dahlkemper@gmail.com) with **your name, organization name and your title exactly as you want it to appear on your badge.**

You can pay for it when you pick it up at the meeting sign in desk or Gary Flick will bill you.

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