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## Laura Guncheon Erie Management Group: Medical Marijuana



Laura Guncheon joined Erie Management Group (EMG) in December 2016 as the head of Project Development as well as Marketing & Public Relations after serving for four years in the Pennsylvania Senate as the Director of Community Affairs & Public Relations for Senator Sean D. Wiley of the 49th District.

The first focus of EMG Project Development is to secure a one of the twelve

grower/processor licenses under the Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Act of 2016 and to have the facility producing medical marijuana products by mid-2018.

Guncheon brought with her not only her experience navigating state government, but also management and develop skills after serving over a decade in the non-profit sector as the Case Manager at the Bradley H. Foulk Children's Advocacy Center of Erie County, Inc.

She earned a BA in Administration of Justice from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford as well as a Masters in Administration of Justice from Mercyhurst University and was inducted into the UPB Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. Currently, Laura serves on the Board of Directors of the St. Martin Center and Family Services of NWPA and is a member of the Erie Times News Readers Advisory Board. Guncheon was among the 2016 class of Erie's 40 Under 40 Rising Business & Community Leaders.

A native of Port Allegany, Pennsylvania, Laura lives in the city of Erie and cites her favorite place as Presque Isle's Kite Beach on a summer day.

## Supporting Cast:

President: Laurie Root

Greeter: Brenda Warner

Invocation: Brian Gorman

Pianist: Bruce Gingrich

Song Leader: Michael Malthaner

Sgt at Arms: Brenda Bennett

Speaker Intro: Lisa Watkins

## Program Schedule

12:00 pm

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

### MARCH 29:

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

### APRIL 5:

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

### APRIL 12:

**Four Way Test & Service**  
**Above Self Awards**  
Lunch Meeting  
at Manufacturer &  
Business Association



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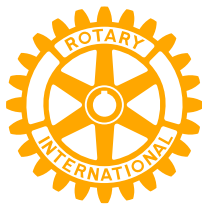
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DISTRICT SITE: [ROTARYDISTRICT7280.ORG](http://ROTARYDISTRICT7280.ORG)



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# Rotary Club of Erie



## YOUR VISION FOR ROTARY'S FUTURE

In January, we invited you to participate in our survey *Your Vision for Rotary's Future*. If you are one of the participants, the Strategic Planning Committee sends a sincere thank you. Almost 30,000 members of the Rotary family, including 20,000 Rotarians, provided their input for Rotary's future! We are very grateful for everyone's feedback and want to share a few highlights of what we're learning:

- When asked about the traits of their ideal organization, almost all Rotarians (95%) and Rotaractors (97%) prize transparency and accountability.
- According to Rotarians, the two top benefits of membership are 1) positively impacting their local community and 2) friendship/fellowship.

*In the results, we are also learning where Rotary can improve:*

- Almost a quarter of Rotarians say that their Rotary club conducts too few community service projects; even more (41%) feel their Rotary club is involved in too few international service projects each year.
- Many Rotarians (42%) and Rotary alumni (49%) are frustrated with Rotary's slow pace of change.
- Only 36% of Rotarians fully agree that Rotary acts upon feedback from its members.

We hear you and want to reassure you that we are taking action with the survey feedback. Your Vision for Rotary's Future survey results are an integral part in the development of a Vision statement for Rotary. Our goal is a Vision statement that is compelling, inspirational, and aspirational -- a future towards which all Rotary aspires to reach and reflects the impact Rotary wishes to have on the world. Once developed, the Vision will guide the creation of a new strategic plan and set a direction to ensure Rotary's ongoing growth and long-term success.

Rotarian input is essential at every step of the project. To ensure the Vision fully captures the shared values and priorities of Rotary, the Strategic Planning Committee will continue talking to Rotarians and members of the Rotary family at all levels and all parts of the globe. In the next several weeks, you may be asked to provide input to help develop the Vision. We hope you will participate if you receive a request.

Best regards,

Rotary International Strategic Planning Committee

## CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL BLOOMSTINE ON THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD!!!

The Alumni Medal is the highest honor awarded annually by the JCU Alumni Association. It recognizes an individual for accomplishments in his/her profession, exemplary family and personal life, contributions to their community, and dedication to John Carroll University.

*The recipients are:*

Mary Ann (Bergerson) Ahern '76 (Evanston, Illinois)

**William C. Bloomstine '54 (Erie, Pennsylvania)**

Gerard P. Grim '69, '04G (South Russell, Ohio)

Robert A. Hager '84 (Sagamore Hills, Ohio)

John M. Marcus '72 (Bethesda, Maryland)

Award recipients will be honored at the Alumni Awards Dinner on Friday, May 19, 2017





# 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*

## Derek Sieber

Derek has been a Rotarian since 2012.

In addition to the Board of Directors, he is currently serving on the Marketing Committee as the Website Administrator and on the Events & Fundraising Committee.

He graduated from McDowell High School in 2006 where he was an All-State water polo player before attending Penn State Behrend to play water polo. While in college he spent three summers as an Ocean Lifeguard in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He graduated from Penn State Behrend 2010 with a degree Business Management and a minor in Marketing before joining the family business, McCarty Printing, where a few of his current duties include sales and estimating.

Derek and his wife Emily reside in Millcreek with their two month old son Arlo and dog Piper.





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



*Guess Who?! Recap*

*LAST WEEK:*

WHO: Chuck Good, father of Catherine (Katy) Good Kraus, our Erie Rotary Club ambassadorial scholar to Germany, with past president John Brinling, circa 2000

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** *to you!*

We want to send birthday wishes to  
**Charles Herron (March 17), Judy Wheaton (March 17),  
 Linda Hackshaw (March 21) -and- Jay Badams (March 22)**

*We hope you enjoy your day!*

