

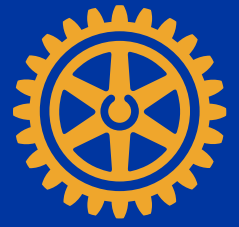
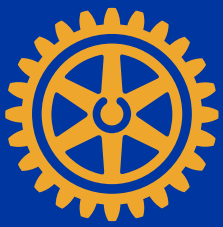
A Note to Membership:

**The upcoming meeting on
April 5th
will be a lunch meeting
at the
Conference Center
at the Manufacturer
& Business Association
2171 W 38th Street · Erie, PA 16508**

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**Buffet will be available at 11:30 a.m.
Meeting starts at 12:00 p.m.**

Thank You!



Rotary Foundation Awards Scholarships for Post-Secondary Education

Since 1956, the Scholarship Foundation of the Rotary Club of Erie has been supporting the post-secondary dreams of seniors in Erie City Public High Schools. The Foundation is a separate nonprofit corporation and is managed by a Board of Trustees. Again, this year's scholarship awards included Cathedral Prep, Mercyhurst Prep, and Villa Maria Academy students.

Through the Foundation, worthy seniors from Erie high schools, who live in the City of Erie, receive a \$2000 scholarship that is a onetime grant that may be used for any school related expenses in achieving higher education, either for college or technical school.

It is amazing to meet these high achieving students; they are an inspiration excited to get out into the world. These students enjoy performing many hours of community service, and have economic circumstances which might otherwise make post-secondary education unattainable. Often these students have part time jobs in order to help support their families. Several take an active role in being a role model and many times help in parenting their siblings.

Each student is asked to write an essay about how they put others needs above their own, exemplifying the "Service Above Self" Rotary Motto. Join us Wednesday and meet the students and those that have encouraged them in attaining the 2017 Rotary scholarship. These young people are our community's greatest asset and worth the investment of your time and financial support.

Linda Breakiron, Scholarship Foundation President, will introduce the committee. Each committee member will share a bit about why they chose the student from their selected school.

Supporting Cast:

President: *Laurie Root*

Greeter: *Michael Malthaner*

Invocation: *David Bertges*

Pianist: *Bruce Gingrich*

Song Leader: *Michael Malthaner*

Sgt at Arms: *Brenda Bennett*

Speaker Intro: *Linda Breakiron*

Program Schedule

12:00 pm

The Conference Center at the
Manufacturer & Business Association

APRIL 12:

**Four Way Test & Service
Above Self Awards**

*Lunch Meeting
at Manufacturer &
Business Association*

APRIL 19:

George Deutsch, ED
Erie County Historical Society

APRIL 26:

**Wei-Shin Lai, MD
& Jason Wolfe**

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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-March-2017.pdf>



Punxsutawney Rotary

Service Above Self

Rotary District 7280 Conference

Punxsutawney is calling! This year's Rotary District 7280 Conference is scheduled for May 19-21 and will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Punxsutawney. The Planning Committee has worked hard to make this year's event unique, educational and fun. It's open to all Rotarians! Attending is a great way to learn more about the District, International and to also meet fellow Rotarians from other clubs.

The costs are a la carte and there are many lodging options, including an extremely inexpensive opportunity at Indiana University (just \$40 per night).

For more information, go to <http://punxsyrotary.com/>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you!

We want to send birthday wishes to
Joe Walsh III (April 2), Albert Messina (April 3),
Norm Zymm (April 3), David Doupe (April 5)
-and- Harry Sinden (April 6)

We hope you enjoy your day!





Featured Rotarian

Board Member of the Week

Stephanie Williams

Stephanie Williams has been married to James Lindenberger for 33 years and they are the parents of three daughters: Elyssa (31, Chiropractor), Ashley (29, Early Intervention Specialist), and Marah (27, Middle Level Math and Social Studies teacher); and grandparents to Stella (2) and Scarlett(6 mo).

Stephanie worked as an educator in the Millcreek Township School District for 36 years as a teacher and high school principal. During this time Stephanie earned her PhD in Organizational Learning and Leadership, was named Pennsylvania Principal of the Year, and has several published articles. She strived to be a positive role model for the many students she served throughout her career.

Upon retirement in 2014, Stephanie joined Rotary and has enjoyed serving as an active member. She is currently an Adjunct Faculty member at Gannon University teaching in the Principal Certification and Masters in Curriculum and Supervision programs. Stephanie is passionate about learning, research, and serving others; however, being a "Gia" is a role she loves!

Guess Who?!

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



LAST WEEK'S PHOTO:

Ever helping at our service projects, Brenda Warner volunteered to sell Care Bears at our 1999 Mercyhurst Rotaract Club 5k Polio Plus fundraiser at Mercyhurst College.



- APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES -

Member Birthdays

Name	Date
Walsh, III, Joe	Apr 02
Messina, Albert P	Apr 03
Zymm, Norm	Apr 03
Doupe, David	Apr 05
Sinden, Harry O	Apr 06
Scully, Thomas A	Apr 08
McCain, J Scott	Apr 11
Burton-Horstman, Karen	Apr 13
Desrochers, Dan	Apr 14
Robertson, Michelle	Apr 14
Norman, Ronald R	Apr 17
Sterrett, Sheila	Apr 20
Coughlin, Christopher	Apr 24
Hynes, Jim	Apr 29
Allshouse, Robert H.	Apr 30

Rotary



Date Joined Rotary

Name	Years	Date
DeLuca, Dick	32 years	Apr 03 1985
Stevenson, Linda	1 Year	Apr 06 2016
Koble, Nathan	2 years	Apr 08 2015
Stout, Bob	22 years	Apr 12 1995
Hedderman, Kevin	13 years	Apr 14 2004
Sammartino, Raymond J	2 years	Apr 15 2015
Freeman, Thomas	14 years	Apr 16 2003
Loop, Greg	4 years	Apr 17 2013

Date Joined Rotary

Name	Years	Date
Wallen, Scott	2 years	Apr 15 2015
Cronmiller, Robert	14 years	Apr 16 2003
Briggs Jr., Lewis T.	4 years	Apr 17 2013
Strausbaugh, Roy	69 years	Apr 21 1948
Zavasky, Michael S	2 years	Apr 22 2015
Sterrett, Sheila	30 years	Apr 22 1987
Manino, Leah	4 years	Apr 24 2013
Miller, Joyce	7 years	Apr 28 2010



A Letter to the Editor

The following appeared in the Erie Times-News as a letter to the editor on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. This was done in conjunction with our Marketing Plan and sent by Geri Cicchetti, Chair of the Communications committee.

SEVENTH YEAR FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF ERIE ETHICS SYMPOSIUM FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

Imagine a world where people's actions are based on the following simple test: "Is it the truth?" "Is it fair to all concerned?" "Will it build goodwill and better friendships?" and finally, "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

These four questions comprise Rotary's 4 Way Test. Written by fellow Rotarian Herb Taylor in 1932, it served as a simple ethical guideline for his staff at Club Aluminum, a failing cookware manufacturer he was asked to rescue.

In the midst of the Depression, the company owed \$400,000 more than its total assets. In part, by changing the culture at the company by using the 4 Way Test, in five years its debt was paid off and in the next 15 years they distributed more than one million dollars in dividends to its stockholders and had a net worth of \$2 million. Herb Taylor transferred the copyright of the 4 Way Test to Rotary International while serving as Rotary International President during our golden anniversary in 1954.

But how do we bring this life altering message to people today?

In conjunction with Mercyhurst University and Mercyhurst's Evelyn Lincoln Institute for Ethics and Society, the Rotary Club of Erie invited 20 city and county high school juniors to participate in a day-long Ethics Symposium.

The full day symposium provided juniors with the opportunity to learn about ethical principles and to apply what they learned to ethical dilemmas. Students are empowered and encouraged to use the 4 Way Test principles throughout their lives.

Ethics Symposium VII was held on March 7, 2017. 150 students and 28 educators participated in the event.

The day began with an overview of the Rotary 4 Way Test and the now iconic opening play written by Rev. Shawn Clerkin from Gannon University. Fr. Clerkin directs Gannon students to act in this play which demonstrated ethical decisions high school students face on a daily basis. The students voted on how each dilemma ended. Between the short vignettes, Dr. Rich McCarty, Mercyhurst University Religious Studies Professor, led the students with thought provoking questions and challenged them with "What would you do" scenarios. Following the play, students were directed to classrooms for breakout sessions which were co-moderated by a college professor and a Rotarian.

Based on the play Choices, specially written case studies were used to draw out the students' opinions based on the Rotary 4 Way Test. Approximately 20 students were in a session and no more than two from any one high school are included. The Symposium was an excellent intra-school event which facilitated students and teachers to converse during breaks and lunch.

Follow-up evaluations continually list the Open Mic portion of the symposium as a student favorite. Held after lunch, this is the final session of the day.

Each year the students amaze the Rotarians with their knowledge of current events and how they can frame their discussion around the Rotary 4 Way Test at the Open Mic.

Local businesses and individuals, primarily Rotarians, donate to the symposium making it possible for the students to attend at no charge. This year, a total of \$17,245 was donated for the event. In addition to funding the symposium, these donations also fund the Erie Rotary Club's scholarships to seniors in Erie schools for post-secondary education.

The 2016 Ethics Symposium awarded an additional \$2500 Scholarship based on an essay contest. Anna DeStefano, a Fairview senior, is the recipient of a \$2500 scholarship which will be awarded at a rotary meeting in April.

The Rotary Club of Erie Ethics Symposium for High School Students teaches our 4 Way Test to students as a guideline for life and takes them through a journey of self-discovery about the choices they make every day in what can be the challenging environment of high school. Plans are underway for Ethics Symposium VIII to be held on March 6, 2018.

Laurie Root
President
Erie Rotary Club





the **FOUR-WAY RECOGNITION AWARD**

Nomination for the Four-Way Test Recognition Award Eligibility Criteria:

1. Be an Active Member of our club over 10 years prior to April 15, 2017
2. Be a "straight talker"
3. Talks about principles, opinions marked by fairness
4. Brings people together in a spirit of goodwill
5. Talks about things of higher value

Nominations are requested from the membership identifying a member they deem a worthy recipient of the 2017 Four - Way Test Recognition Award. Nominations are to be given to Norm Stark.

Members eligible include:

Members Name	Years	Members Name	Years	Members Name	Years
Robert Allshouse	22	Scott McCain	26	Scott Wallen	13
John Baldwin	27	Michael McCormick	34	Brenda Warner	18
Michael Barrett	17	Phyllis McCracken	16	Michael Zavasky	29
Michael Batchelor	26	Albert Messina	25	Roger Zurn	22
James Berlin	13	Ann Moffat-Link	19	Norm Zymm	12
Samual Black III	20	David Murphy	37		
John Blakeslee	17	Gordon Naughton	43		
Chris Bloomstine	27	Robert Nelson	28		
Betty Bort	13	Larry New	23		
David Briggs	28	Gery Nietupski	25		
John Brinling Jr.	32	Ronald Norman	49		
Karen Burton-Horstman	20	John Oliver	12		
Paul Carpenedo	24	David Poor	12		
David Doupe	42	Thomas Pysz	15		
Gary Flick	11	Terry Pytlarz	13		
Thomas Freeman	13	Michelle Robertson	19		
Timothy Fuhman	19	Jake Rouch	22		
William Garvey	36	Norbert Rydzewski	45		
Bruce Gingrich	10	Raymond Sammartino	22		
Joseph Herbert	10	Robert Saunders	38		
Charles Herron	18	Nicholas Scott	43		
Bruce Kern Sr.	45	Thomas Scully	37		
Dennis Lagan	12	Robert Smith	12		
David Lastowski	21	Anthony Snow	23		
William Lillis	41	John Stockard	13		
Thomas Lyons	17	Melanie Titzel	16		
James McBrier	24	David Tofel	15		
		Thomas Tupitza	13		

Past Living Recipients of Award

2000	Harry Sinden
2001	Brady Louis
2002	Bill Bloomstine
2006	Norm Stark
2007	Dick DeLuca
2008	L.T. Bud Briggs
2009	Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
2010	Walter Harf
2013	Linda Wilkinson
2014	Mark Louis
2015	Mel Witherspoon
2016	Lisa Watkins

Use your power!

Nominate a member whom you think is deserving

I Nominate _____

Rotarian _____