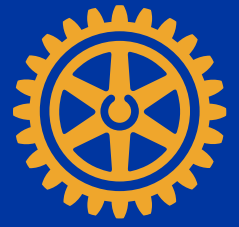


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George Deutsch, ED Erie County Historical Society



Historian and author George Deutsch has been involved in this region's history for over 35 years, especially relating to the Civil War and the War of 1812. He is the newly appointed Executive Director of the Erie County Historical Society, returning to Erie in June 2016. He has published several articles on the 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and Commodore Oliver H. Perry's Flagship Niagara.

Recently, he completed work on the map/supplement for the Civil War issue of National Geographic magazine. Deutsch is a leader in historical preservation and multiple public history projects, co-founding the Flagship Niagara League in 1980 and serving for many years on its Board of Trustees. He also spent several years on the Erie County Historical Society Board and co-founded both the Erie Civil War Roundtable and the Erie County Civil War Consortium, a non-profit educational organization. Deutsch helped to lead the efforts to restore and preserve Erie County's Civil War monument, the Erie related monuments on the Gettysburg battlefield and to conserve the Civil War battle flags now in the Heritage Room at the Blasco Library. He annually teaches history courses at the Chautauqua Institution in New York, is a regular lecturer for the Jefferson Educational Society in Erie and has led dozens of battlefield tours for roundtable and university groups. He has been honored twice by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and received the Local History Award in 2003 from the Erie County Historical Society. Deutsch has a degree in history from Mercyhurst University in Erie and was also educated at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Currently he is writing a new book on the famous 83rd Pennsylvania Infantry, focusing on the untold history of its last year in the Civil War.

The Erie County Historical Society opened its new, major exhibit titled "Sacrifice, Valor and Grit: Erie County in the Civil War". The exhibit will run through Labor Day, 2017. Deutsch curated hundreds of artifacts to produce the largest collection of Erie County related Civil War items in any one place since the veteran's posts closed nearly 100 years ago.

Supporting Cast:

President: Laurie Root

Greeter: Bradley Keiper

Invocation: Stephanie Williams

Pianist: Bruce Gingrich

Song Leader: Michael Malthaner

Sgt at Arms: Brenda Bennett

Speaker Intro: Brady Louis

Program Schedule

12:00 pm

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

APRIL 26:

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

MAY 3:

President H. Fred Walker
Edinboro University of PA

MAY 10:

TBA
Breakfast Meeting at MBA



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May 6 at the Presbyterian Church at 103 Greeves Street, Kane PA.

This training session is open to ALL Rotarians and is NOT conducted by our District. This is a great way if your club does not do an orientation meeting for new members.

THE ROAD LEADS TO DISTRICT 7280

The Main Line Division of the Rotary Leadership Institute is headed to District 7280! A special Course Day has just been announced. The Course Day will be held in Kane, Pennsylvania on Saturday, May 6.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. followed by breakfast and then the Course Day. The cost for this Course Day is \$75 and payable online through PayPal. Please register at www.rlimainline.org, the deadline for registering is Saturday, April 22.

Your registration fee includes breakfast, mid-morning snack, lunch and the course material.



Guess Who?!

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



LAST WEEK'S PHOTO:

Karen Burton-Horstman was truly in the spirit as she greeted fellow Erie Rotary Club members on Halloween 2007.





Featured Rotarian

President AND Board Member 2016-2017

Laurie Root

Laurie is the Senior Vice President at United Way of Erie County (a job she loves!). She is a "boomeranger" - an Erie native, she graduated from Mercyhurst Prep, went to college in Virginia and lived in the DC metro area for more than 30 years before returning to Erie in 2010 - and she is thrilled to be back home. Prior to returning to Erie, Laurie held executive positions in national trade and professional associations, most recently as the Vice President, Education & Program Development for Women in Cable Telecommunications.

Since returning to her hometown, Laurie became involved in several organizations, including the Rotary Club of Erie. In addition, Laurie serves on the Governing Body for Athena PowerLink, Northwest Institute of Research Board of Directors, and is a member of The Women's Roundtable. She received the ATHENA Leadership Award, Woman of the Year Award and Women Making History. Laurie is a graduate of the Betsy Magness Leadership Institute, Class XVIII.

Laurie is the proud mother of three: Kurt, a firefighter in Wilmington NC; Doug, Black Hawk helicopter pilot in San Diego; and Madeleine, manager trainee for a national chain in Erie. She and her husband Pat love taking advantage of the beauty of the area in all seasons, especially the peninsula.



**THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT
WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!**



BECOME A HOST FAMILY for a foreign exchange student for all or part of the 2017-2018 school year. The commitment can be 3, 6 or 9 months. Rotary Clubs find it better to have the student live with 2-3 families during the school year. The student goes through an interview process by rotarians in their own country, so they are a good role model for their country. The Rotary Club of Erie gets approval from the school district for the student's enrollment. The club also provides the student with a monthly allowance and many events during the year. This is a great opportunity to learn of another country first hand, and to teach a youth about America. You will establish a bond that will last for years to come. Some of our past host families have been Ray Sammartino, Donald Sieber, Michelle Robertson. Their stories are amazing.

REQUIREMENTS: A LOVING, REPUTABLE, ETHICAL FAMILY...ROTARIANS, NON ROTARIANS, AND COUPLES WITHOUT CHILDREN

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR KNOW SOMEONE THAT MAY BE INTERESTED CONTACT:

Jim McEldowney, at jmceldowney@ymcaerie.org -or- (814) 882-8425.



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE ERIE ROTARY CLUB AT PRESQUE ISLE'S 61ST SPRING CLEAN-UP

Join hundreds of volunteers, the S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie, P.I. Partnership, The Great Pennsylvania Clean-up, and DCNR staff for its 61st Annual Spring Clean-up. Meet at the Rotary Pavilion between the hours of 8am and 10am to sign in, receive bags, gloves, and location of clean-up. Lunch will be served for all participants from 10am until 12pm. Dress for the weather. Service hours available. Help keep Presque Isle healthy! **No fee.**

RSVP to:

Julie Cella at juliecella@live.com

Date:

Saturday, April 29 at 8:00am to 12:00pm

Place:

Presque Isle State Park

Come and demonstrate our service above self.

Happy Hour!

Wednesday, April 26th, 2017

Brews Brothers · 5:30 - 7:30pm

Located upstairs at Presque Isle Downs Casino

8199 Perry Hwy, Erie PA 16509



Rotarians can sign up at 7:30 for Live Band Karaoke with T. Wood and Friends, who are playing from 8PM to 10PM. Brews Brothers is a smoke free restaurant known for featuring specialty, local, regional craft beer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY *to you!*

We want to send birthday wishes to

Ron Norman (April 17)

-and- Sheila Sterrett (April 20)

We hope you enjoy your day!



Hoops for Haiti

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Fundraiser



Students from Villa will be traveling to Haiti to provide assistance to the children at the EBAC Orphanage. All proceeds from the basketball tournament, including 50/50 and basket raffles sales, will benefit the needs of the orphanage.

Register in the Prep and Villa main offices
or by contacting Petra Shearer at
Petra.Shearer@prep-villa.com

Where: Prep Villa
Events Center
When: Saturday,
April 29, 2017

Time: Starts at 9am

Cost: \$8 per person

(3 players per team with
1 alternate)

Separate boys and girls
brackets





SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PHOTOS

