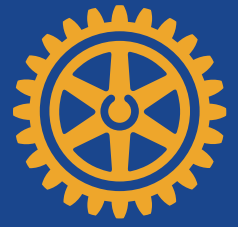


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Captain James Basinger *Pennsylvania State Police*



Captain Basinger has a Bachelor's Degree in the Administration of Justice from Penn State University. He has been a member of the PA State Police for twenty-three years. Jim joined the Troop E Vice Unit in 2000. He was promoted to Corporal in 2004, and assumed a supervisory position on the Department's Clandestine Laboratory Response Team. In 2008, Jim was promoted to Sergeant and was assigned as the coordinator for the Clandestine Laboratory Response Team. In 2012, Jim was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned as the Criminal Investigation Section Commander for Troop E. In 2012, Jim was promoted to Captain and assigned as the Commanding Officer of Troop E which provides police services to Erie, Crawford, Venango, and Warren Counties. Jim is a graduate of the DEA Drug Unit Commanders' Academy and a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Supporting Cast:

President: *Dennis Lagan*

Greeter: *Lisa Watkins*

Invocation: *Walter Harf*

Pianist: *Bruce Gingrich*

Song Leader: *Claudine Thiem*

Sgt at Arms: *James Hynes*

Speaker Intro: *Dennis Lagan*

October 4, 2017

Breakfast 7:30 am
Meeting 8:00 am

OCTOBER 11:

Pat Toomey

Senator

Noon Lunch Meeting @ The Sheraton

OCTOBER 18:

Joe Schember

Erie Mayoral Candidate

Noon Lunch Meeting @ The Sheraton

OCTOBER 25:

John Persinger

Erie Mayoral Candidate

Noon Lunch Meeting @ The Sheraton



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Today it came to our attention that ShelterBox is stretched beyond its limits. We have deployed all of our Response Teams to disasters close by and around the world. We are observing what is going on in Puerto Rico but do not have the resources to send teams there at this point. We are determined to continue to respond to disasters with aid and ethics. We have learned that the Red Cross has 14,000 paid employees and ShelterBox has 26 in the field. Most all of us are volunteers. Alf Evans, Head of Operations, says we are "A small dog with a big bark!"



That said, it is important to know that any money that you donate to Shelterbox will go directly to the people who need it. Every day we get an update on exactly what ShelterBox is doing. We had never known a more dedicated organization or one that works harder to help families recover from disasters. We are proud that we are a Partner Project of Rotary International.

If you wish to donate to the ShelterBox USA, you can do it online at shelterboxUSA.org, or

Send checks make to ShelterBox USA
8374 Market St. #203
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

HAPPY BIRTHDAY *to you!*

We want to send birthday wishes to
Ashley Ross (Oct 2), Mary Bula and Greg Loop (Oct 3)
Tom Giblin and Robin Scheppner (Oct 4)

We hope you enjoy your day!





Welcome NEW MEMBERS!



Nick Cianci

New Member

Laurie Root

Sponsor

Zac Wild

Mentor

Nick Cianci recently joined United Way of Erie County as development officer. He has a background in educational leadership, most recently serving as the director of development at Mercyhurst University.

Nick is a native of Greenville, PA, and holds dual bachelor's of arts degrees from Mercyhurst University, as well as a master's of education from Edinboro University.

Nick came to Erie by happenstance.

After his acceptance to the United States Coast Guard Academy was unexpectedly revoked due to a medical disqualifier, Nick found himself scrambling to find a college during the month after high school graduation. Crunched for time, he enrolled at Mercyhurst without ever seeing the campus.

As a Laker, Nick became a member of the nationally-ranked baseball team, and co-founded an award winning Catholic youth leadership program. Additionally, he developed a deep appreciation of Erie while working with community agencies such as the Bayfront Maritime Center.

In the years since, Nick has served as a speaker at the inaugural TEDxErie event, and a co-author of the script for the popular "Our Erie" video. He has used these platforms to urge others to appreciate the great attributes of our city and county, but to also seek ways to improve our home.

Professionally and personally, Nick finds inspiration in the favorite saying of his 100 year old grandfather, an Italian immigrant who arrived in America during the Great Depression— "They told us the streets of America would be paved with gold. We found out the streets weren't paved at all... and, it was our job to pave them."

Nick looks forward to working with Rotary member to "pave roads"— striving to improve communities and create opportunities both near and far from home.

