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Joshua Helmer

Erie Art Museum



The new Executive Director of the Erie Art Museum, Joshua R. Helmer, comes to the EAM after having spent the last four years leading institutional change at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where he served as the Assistant Director for Interpretation. While at the PMA, Josh was tasked with leading the museum in a complete rethinking of how it engaged its nearly 800,000 visitors a year. He also brings a background in art history, earning his undergraduate degree from Hartwick College and a master's degree from Syracuse University.

During his interview with the EAM board last month, Josh shared his enthusiasm for leading our organization and leveraging his past experiences at one of the largest art museums in America to guide the EAM into the future. With Josh, we're getting a nationally recognized thought leader, whose passion and vision promises to take our museum to all kinds of new and exciting places.

The EAM organization is energized by the potential Josh brings and they are very confident that he will enhance the reputation of the Erie Art Museum as the cultural anchor for our region, as well as driving forward our efforts to be an inspiring institution at the core of efforts to revitalize downtown Erie.

The EAM Board of Directors is committed to providing the strong leadership at our level that is needed to support Josh's plans for the expanded success of the museum. A number of significant multiyear gifts have brought a measure of stability to the EAM operational budget that is encouraging, and we are steadfast in their focus on long-term financial solvency, including growth of an endowment to further support the strategic plans of the Board and their new director.

EAM is confident that they now have exactly the type of dynamic, enthusiastic leader the Erie Art Museum—and this region—needs.

Written by Stephen Porter, EAM Board of Directors President

Supporting Cast:

President: Lisa Graff

Greeter: Nancy Dolan

Invocation: Korin Giles

Pianist: Bruce Gingrich

Song Leader: Allison Keenan

Sgt at Arms: Zac Wild

Speaker Intro: Christine Eddy

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Lunch Meeting at the SHERATON BAYFRONT HOTEL

11:30 am - Buffet Opens

12:00 pm - Meeting

FEB 27:

Dr. Afzal Upal

Dr. Christopher Monsour

Cyber Security Experts

Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

MARCH 6:

Becky Weiser

Erie Historical Society

Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

MARCH 13:

Matt Harris

All About Character, LLC

Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton



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DISTRICT SITE: ROTARYDISTRICT7280.ORG



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PLYMOUTH

- SAVE THE DATE -

HAPPY HOUR



Wed., February 27th · 5:30 pm

PLYMOUTH TAVERN

1109 State Street, Erie PA



Superbowl Fundraiser



CONGRATS TO THE SUPER BOWL WINNERS FROM THE GAME:



1st Quarter Score - NE: 0 | LA: 0 ... (Mark Louis \$100)

2nd Quarter Score - NE: 3 | LA: 0 ... (Sue Kalizewski & Ron Norman \$100)

3rd Quarter Score - NE: 3 | LA: 3 ... (Clark Kuebler \$100)

Final Score - NE: 13 | LA: 3 ... (Clark Kuebler \$200)

Although Clarke had purchased four boxes, he won on the same box even though the score changed from the third quarter to the end of the game. Congratulations to the winners including the Scholarship Foundation.

A check for \$2,000 will be available to the Scholarship Foundation as soon as all the money is collected from billing via Gary Flick.

Left to right : Mark Louis, Ron Norman & Clarke Keubler

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RYLA

Searching for High School Juniors to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) June 9-14, 2019 at Westminster College

If you know a student with leadership ability, here is a great opportunity for them. This can be your child, a friend, a neighbor, an athlete. Program and meals paid for by Erie Rotary, only cost to student is getting to and from Westminster. Would like names by March 1 so that interviews can be scheduled.

**Contact Karen Burton Horstman with questions or referrals:
kbh@Burtonfuneralhome.com**



UPDATE from Joyce Miller as of February 3, 2019

Everyone:

I promised to send out another update once I had my day at the Cleveland Clinic, which was on Jan. 31st, and was able to learn more about my prognosis and treatment plans to tackle this nasty beast--Grade IV Glioblastoma.

I couldn't have been more pleased with the outcome of my discussions with the oncologists and radiation specialists at the Taussig Cancer Center in Cleveland. Definitely a class act and I know I will be in good hands as I begin my long journey and adventure into the unknown.

While I do probably have the worst of brain tumors, my Miracle Worker in the Sky made sure I had my seizure at the end of October which triggered this whole process of early detection and treatment.

The one piece of great news for me is that with further DNA testing of my tumor cells, I am one of the lucky ones that has an enzyme that is "turned off" - which makes me more receptive of the treatment regimen of radiation and chemo that I will begin starting Feb 25th--the week after I return from my 2.5 week trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. This was a trip long in the planning, with my family, who will be there for 9 days. I will also get to see lots of close friends down there whom I have come to know so well over the past 15+ years of traveling there during the cold winter months up north.

My treatment will consist of 6 weeks of radiation, plus chemo--the standard treatment protocol for my situation. But, I was a prime candidate for one of their clinical trials and have become their last subject in this Phase I study. The study consists of adding an additional chemo drug that will hopefully further prohibit the rapid growth of any tumors and add years to my life. Following that, I will have another month of additional chemo, but it is oral and I can do it here in Erie. This will be accompanied with regular blood work, MRIs, etc. to make sure that treatment is having the desired effect.

During the first 6 weeks of treatment, I will be staying at the Clinic's Hope House 5 days during the weeks and come home on weekends. My next planning phase is to create a calendar to have friends/family sign on for the days during the week that they can be with me at the Hope House, as you have to have a companion during the stay at the lodge. So, if any of you can help me out with this - please let me know. The time frame will be Feb. 25-April 5th. And, with less than a half hour on each treatment day, I will have plenty of time to have some fun in and around Cleveland.

I'm ready to let this journey begin and I will savor every experience. I do believe this health crisis has opened up a door of opportunity for me to have a lazar focus on who I am and what kind of legacy I want to leave to my children, grandchildren, and community. And, in the end, Frank Sinatra will be singing--And, she did it "her way."

In light of that - my daughters have spearheaded an effort to form the JAM TEAM (Joyce's Amazing Miracle Team) that will consist of my family, friends, Icolleagues, and all the health care professionals who will support me in making sure I make my dreams a reality.

It may be a while before I do any more updates, but once we get the JAM Team formalized, you're all invited to become part of that team. More on that down the road.

I do want to send a special thanks to all of you who have sent me cards, well wishes and private notes. The outpouring of positive energy is just what the doctor ordered. Thanks, so much.

Till the next time.

Take care,
Joyce



- Rotary *in Review* -

February 6, 2019

Adam Bratton - Non Profit Partnership 2019



Katelyn Salva and Kristine Serafine from Villa Maria



Adam Bratton , Speaker



Past President Bill Bloomstein, Karen Burton-Horstman, a Villa Maria Interact Club liaison with Kristine Serafine and Kate Salva, Villa Maria Interact Club

Both girls came to thank us for donations for the homeless and talk about their Box Village project to promote awareness of homelessness.



Jonathan Rilling, intro for speaker and Adam Bratton.

photo credit: Ron Norman

ROTARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

February Issue attached and now available!

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:

www.RotaryDistrict7280.org