

# The See-Way

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## NICOLE BAWOL

*Executive Director of the Humane Society*



**ERIE HUMANE SOCIETY**  
RESCUE • REHABILITATE • REHOME



Since childhood, Nicole has always wanted to help those who could not help themselves. She's always had a fondness for animals and at a very young age began rescuing animals in need, bringing them to our local humane society to receive care and find a loving home. As she got older it became more apparent to her that there are so many animals that need a voice.

Nicole was named the Executive Director of the Erie Humane Society in 2015 and has been living its mission every day since. "I am here to advocate for all of the needy animals and help bring purpose to their lives," she shares.

As Executive Director, Nicole efficiently manages all aspects of the shelter ensuring all pets receive care and compassion. She works closely with her staff to develop programs, fundraise and foster relationships with adopters and supporters, promoting our mission of rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming the homeless animals of our community. Working at the shelter impacts Nicole's life daily and is a constant reminder of the many pets that need us.

"I wake up knowing that we are saving lives each day and making love connections – matching hundreds of people with their best friends."

Nicole received two Bachelor's degrees, one in Political Science and one in English, as well as a minor in Women's Studies from the University of Dayton. She earned her Master's Degree in Nonprofit Management and Business from Walden University, and is currently working on her Doctoral Degree.

## BRIAN CARROLL

*Humane Officer*

Brian is passionate about helping animals that do not have a voice to stand up against abuse and mistreatment.

In May of 2016, Brian completed all training and was certified as a Humane Officer by the Federated Humane Society of Pennsylvania and has been serving as an Investigating Officer with the Erie Humane Society Animal Cruelty Division for the past 9 months. The cruelty division's main goal is to enforce PA Animal Cruelty Laws and protect the welfare of animals, whether it be through education, or in extreme cases, removal of the animal and taking legal action against the accused.



## Supporting Cast:

President: *Lisa Graff*

Greeter: *Brenda Bennett*

Invocation: *Robin Scheppner*

Pianist: *Bruce Gingrich*

Song Leader: *Susanna Merwin*

Sgt at Arms: *Zac Wild*

Speaker Intro: *Gery Nietupski*

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

**Lunch Meeting at the SHERATON BAYFRONT HOTEL**

**11:30 am - Buffet Opens**

**12:00 pm - Meeting**

### MARCH 27:

**Mayor Joe Schember**  
48th Mayor of the City  
Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

### APRIL 3:

**Chanel Cook**  
Erie County Library  
Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

### APRIL 10:

**Becky Weiser**  
Erie County Historical Society  
Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton



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LOCAL WEBSITE: [ERIEROTARY.ORG](http://ERIEROTARY.ORG)

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



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# -SAVE THE DATES-

• DISTRICT CONFERENCE •  
**May 17, 18, 19**  
 Bayfront Sheraton  
 Erie, PA

• ROTARY FAMILY PICNIC •  
**Wednesday, June 19**  
*(no meeting that day)*  
 Shade's Beach  
 7010 East Lake Road

## HAPPY HOUR

Wed., March 27th • 5:30 pm

**408 BAR N GRILLE**

408 State Street, Erie PA

## HAPPY HOUR

Wed., April 24th • 5:30 pm

**THE NEW OYSTER BAR**

\*\*\*details to be announced

## PRESIDENT ELECT + ASSISTANT GOVERNOR TRAINING

Last weekend, President-Elect Stephanie Williams and President Lisa Graff attended President Elect Training and Assistant Governor training at Penn State for District 7280 (our district) and District 7360.

These trainings enable us to learn and share ideas as well as the opportunity to meet and interact with other Club President Elects (PE's) and Assistant Governors (AE's).

With Changing of the Guard on Wednesday, June 26, President-Elect Stephanie becomes President. President Lisa transitions to Past President and begins a three term as an Assistant District Governor.



Incoming District Governor Ken Fleeson and his wife Cindy



Tom and Marie Grant, ShelterBox



President-Elect Stephanie Williams and spouse Jim



L to R: Christian Maher, AG, Meadville AM  
 PE Aaron Sines, Mercer, and his spouse Dana  
 President Lisa Graff, Erie





**ROTARY DISTRICT 7280 - DISTRICT ASSEMBLY  
RAMADA INN - 45 HOLIDAY INN DRIVE, CLARION, PA 16214  
SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019**

**Cost: \$19.00 per person which includes lunch**  
**(Please note: only coffee, tea and water will be served during registration)**

District Assembly provides Club President-Elects, their leadership team and club members training and information that can enhance their club's opportunity for success for the coming Rotary Year.

**Agenda**

9:00 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 12:00	District Grants and Memo of Understanding Training <b>(In order for clubs to be eligible for District Grants, they must have two people from their club participate in the training.)</b> Rotary Peace Builder Program Guatemala Water Project Rotary Citation and District Club Awards for 2019 - 2020
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45	Breakouts - Sessions will be offering trainings for Club Secretaries, Membership, Foundation and Public Image chairs. There will also be a session for those that would like to learn more about how to develop a strategic plan. Each of the breakouts will be twenty minutes in length and will presented twice, offering attendees the opportunity to sit in on two different sessions of interest.
1:45 – 2:00	Closing Comments
2:00 – 3:00	Post-PETS

Please complete the attached registration and submit to Mike Visconti by March 30, 2019

**Thank You**

# Hoops for Haiti

## 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

### Fundraiser



Students from Villa will be traveling to Haiti to help the children at the EBAC Orphanage. All proceeds from the basketball tournament will benefit the needs of the orphanage.

Register in the Prep and Villa main offices  
or by contacting Tehya Vargas at  
[Tehya.Vargas@prep-villa.com](mailto:Tehya.Vargas@prep-villa.com)

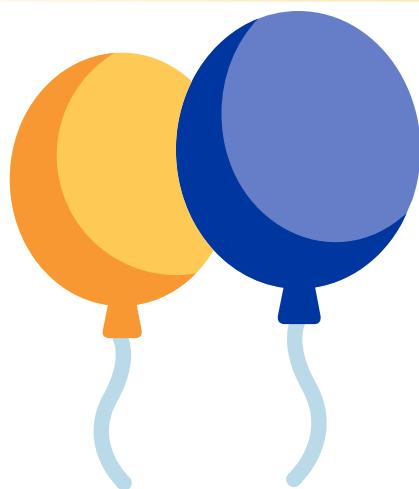
**Where:** Hagerty  
Family Events Center

**When:** Saturday,  
March 30, 2019

**Time:** Starts at 9am

**Cost:** \$8 per person  
(3 players per team)

Optional: 1 alternate per team  
Separate boys and girls  
brackets



We want to send lots of birthday wishes to

**Charles Herron, March 17**

**Judy Wheaton, March 17**

**Maddie Delgado, March 18**

**Linda Hackshaw, March 21**

*Enjoy your day!*



# - Rotary in Review -

March 13, 2019  
 Matthew Harris, All About Character LLC

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Pianist: Bruce Gingrich, Greeter: Brady Louis and Song Leader: Mike Malthaner



Guest Speaker: Mr. Matthew L Harris



Stephanie Williams, Speaker Mr. Harris and Lisa Watkins



Student Kristine Serafin from the VMA Interact Club and Stephanie Williams



left to right: Student Kristine Serafin, Guest Russell Robison, Speaker Mr. Harris and Lisa Watkins

