



# The See-Way

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## Chanel Cook Erie County Library



Ms. Chanel M. Cook currently serves as the Outreach Services Manager for the Erie County Public Library where she is responsible for public relations, communication and partnership development.

She previously served as the Administrative Officer for Erie County Executive Kathleen Dahlkemper and Director of Administration, Mr. Gary N. Lee, where she was responsible for coordinating internal and external communication and constituent relations.

She earned a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from Mercyhurst University in spring 2017. In addition, Chanel is a Cum Laude graduate and holds a Bachelor of Arts

degree in Political Science from Gannon University – where she served as a SCUSA delegate at USMA, West Point. Ms. Cook is also a graduate of the 2015 inaugural class of the Erie County Civic Leadership Academy facilitated by the Jefferson Educational Society.

Ms. Cook has served in the public sector for nearly two decades. Most notably, serving the residents of the Third Congressional District as a District Representative under the leadership of Congressman Phil English and Kathleen Dahlkemper respectively. She facilitated resolutions for thousands of constituents, coordinated service academy appointments – earning an honorary admissions counselor designation, and was responsible for special projects and various congressional outreach programs.

Ms. Cook also had the privilege of serving New Americans as the first Refugee Health Manager for the Erie County Department of Health where she spearheaded improved relations with the Office of Refugee Resettlement and the PA Department of Health.

Chanel is an accomplished, efficient and engaged problem-solver. She has an exceptional ability to manage projects and personalities to increase collaboration and cooperation. Ms. Cook has earned a reputation as an insightful communicator with solid judgement. She is passionate about issues of equity, education and community engagement.

She is the proud Vice Chair of the Erie Philharmonic Board of Governors, serves on the board of directors for the United Way of Erie County, the WQLN Community Advisory Board, and the Cultures, Arts, Festivals and Events (CAFÉ) of Erie. This year, she will serve as the Vice President for the Family District at Celebrate Erie. Ms. Cook was recently appointed by the County Executive to serve on the New Horizons Task Force for Erie Arts and Culture. She previously served as a Vice Chair for the Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC), the Martin Luther King Center, the Northwest PA Regional Planning Commission, and as an Ex Officio Representative on the Erie County Redevelopment Authority.

Recently nominated by Senator Toomey, Ms. Cook will represent northwest PA at the National Security Seminar at the US Army War College in Carlisle this summer.

Ms. Cook is the recipient of the J. Robert Baldwin Award for Service Above Self and a member of the 2016 Erie Reader 40 Under 40 Cohort. She is a leader with vision who consistently exceeds expectations. Chanel has a broad, diverse professional profile that is an asset to the Erie community.

The proud mom of a high school senior – soon to be, college freshman at RMU, Chanel has survived the college selection process and plans to enjoying the next several months making memories with her daughter.

Ms. Cook is optimistic about the future of her hometown and looks forward to influencing its resurgence.

## Supporting Cast:

President: *Lisa Graff*

Greeter: *Dennis Lagan*

Invocation: *Mark Louis*

Pianist: *Bruce Gingrich*

Song Leader: *Mark Louis*

Sgt at Arms: *Zac Wild*

Speaker Intro: *TBA*

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

**Lunch Meeting at the  
SHERATON BAYFRONT HOTEL**

**11:30 am - Buffet Opens**

**12:00 pm - Meeting**

### APRIL 10:

**Becky Weiser**

*Erie County Historical Society  
Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton*

### APRIL 17:

**Service Above Self  
& 4-Way Test Awards**  
*Lunch Meeting @ MBA*

### APRIL 24:

**Rotary Club of Erie  
Scholarship Luncheon**  
*Lunch Meeting*



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



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# Hoops for Haiti

## 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Fundraiser



### *Check Presentation for Hoops for Haiti*

*L to R: Elizabeth Kuhar, Kristine Serafin, Karen Burton-Horstman, Lisa Graff,  
Teacher - Jenn Tucker, Katelyn Salva, and Tehya Vargas*

Karen Burton-Horstman and Lisa Graff presented \$500 to the Villa Maria Interact Club for their Hoops for Haiti fundraiser. The event is Saturday, March 30 at the Hagerty Family Events Center and starts at 9am. Students will travel to Haiti to help children at the EBAC orphanage. all proceeds from the fundraiser benefit the orphanage.

check out the Prep-Villa Facebook page for more: <https://www.facebook.com/1476124199308800/posts/2310345619219983/?sfnsn=mo>



# HAPPY HOUR

Wed., April 24 · 5:30 pm

## THE NEW OYSTER BAR

*\*\*details to come*



# - Rotary *in Review* -

March 27, 2019  
Mayor Joe Schember

## CHECK IT OUT!

Thanks to Rick Leibel for the news coverage!  
*click link to see the article and news segment:*

<https://www.youerie.com/news/local-news/mayor-joe-schember-speaks-at-rotary-club-meeting/1881165478>



*Chris Groner, Introduction*



*Lisa Graff, President*



*Mayor Schember, Speaker*



*Jennifer Hoffman, Chris Groner, Mayor Schember, Lisa Graff*





# 2018-19 Eligible for Nomination for the Four-Way Test 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, 2019
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 2019 Four - Way Test Recognition Award.

**Nominations are to be given to Norm Stark by the April 10th Meeting. Members eligible include:**

MEMBER NAME	YEARS	MEMBER NAME	YEARS	MEMBER NAME	YEARS
Robert Allshouse	24	Jake Rouch	24	Richard Liebel	11
Michael McCormick	36	Gary Flick	13	Norm Zymm	14
John Baldwin	29	Raymond Sammartino	24	William Lillis	43
Phyllis McCracken	17	Thomas Freeman	15	James McBrier	26
Michael Barrett	19	Robert Saunders	40	Scott McCain	28
Albert Messina	27	Timothy Fuhrman	21		
Michael Batchelor	28	Nicholas Scott	45		
Joyce Miller	10	Bruce Gingrich	12		
James Berlin	15	Thomas Scull	39		
David Murphy	39	Kevin Hedderman	11		
Samuel Black III	22	Robert Smith	14		
Robert Nelson	30	Robert Heibel	10		
John Blakeslee	19	Anthony Snow	25		
Gery Nietupski	27	Joseph Herbert	12		
Betsy Bort	15	John Stockard	15		
Ronald Norman	51	Charles Herron	20		
David Briggs	30	Melanie Titzel	18		
John Oliver	14	William Jackson	10		
John Brinling Jr.	34	David Tofel	17		
David Poor	22	Bruce Kern Sr.	47		
Karen Burton-Horstman	22	Scott Wallen	15		
Thomas Pysz	17	Clarke Kuebler	12		
Paul Carpenedo	26	Brenda Warner	20		
Terry Pytlarz	15	Dennis Lagan	14		
Geri Cicchetti	12	Michael Zavasky	31		
Michelle Robertson	20	David Lastowski	23		
Christopher Coughlin	11	Roger Zurn	23		

**Past Living Recipients of Award**

- 2000 Harry Sinden
- 2001 Brady Louis
- 2002 Bill Bloomstine
- 2006 Norm Stark
- 2008 L.T. Bud Briggs
- 2010 Walter Harf
- 2013 Linda Wilkinson
- 2014 Mark Louis
- 2015 Mel Witherspoon
- 2016 Lisa Watkins
- 2017 Thomas Tupitza
- 2018 David Doupe

Use your power! Nominate a member whom you think is deserving:

I Nominate \_\_\_\_\_

Because \_\_\_\_\_