

Ron DiNicola

Erie at Higher Education Crossroads



Ronald DiNicola is an Erie lawyer with a national law practice. He was born and raised in Erie, the son of an Italian immigrant bricklayer. He served in the U.S. Marines, graduated first in his platoon from boot camp at Parris Island and a year later won the All-Marine Corps Boxing Championship. He attended Harvard University on the G.I. Bill and earned a degree in government. After graduating from Georgetown Law School, he served as a law clerk to Chief U.S. District Judge Gerald Weber in Pittsburgh and Erie.

DiNicola is known for his representation of leading figures from the worlds of business, entertainment, sports, and politics. Over the years, he has taken up numerous causes in the public interest. He structured and served as legal counsel to the [Warren] Christopher Commission in the aftermath of the Rodney King beating in Los Angeles. He successfully represented thousands of laid-off Erie G.E. workers who were twice denied federal benefits by the U.S. Department of Labor. He recovered over a million dollars for Amnesty International in a civil case in Long Beach, California. From 2010 to 2013, he served as Erie County Solicitor. As Solicitor he drafted term limit legislation that became law and he took legal action to prevent the designation of Erie County as a rural county for state funding purposes. DiNicola co-chaired the Pre-K for PA campaign in Northwest Pennsylvania. He co-chairs Knockout Homelessness. He led the effort to bring back the Erie Police Athletic League. He co-founded Empower Erie, and led the effort to gain local passage of the Erie County Community College Plan.

DiNicola is the recipient of the 2012 NAACP Spirit of the Community Award and the 2015 "Voice for Children Vision Award" of the Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children. He has been named "Man of the Year" by the Giuseppe Mazzini Civic Association.

Supporting Cast:

President: *Lisa Graff*

Greeter: *Robin Scheppner*

Invocation: *Linda Stevenson*

Pianist: *Bruce Gingrich*

Song Leader: *Dave Lastowski*

Sgt at Arms: *Zac Wild*

Speaker Intro: *Norm Stark*

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

**Lunch Meeting at the
BAYFRONT SHERATON**

11:30 am - Buffet Opens

12:00 pm - Meeting

MAY 15:

Dr. Matthew Sipple

Psychiatry

Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

MAY 22:

**Watson-Curtze Mansion
TOUR**

Lunch Meeting at Mansion

MAY 29:

Shannon Rozner

Chief of Staff at the
Chatuaqua Institute

Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton





Rotary
District 7280



DON'T FORGET!

about the

2019 District Conference May 16 -19

-SAVE THE DATE-

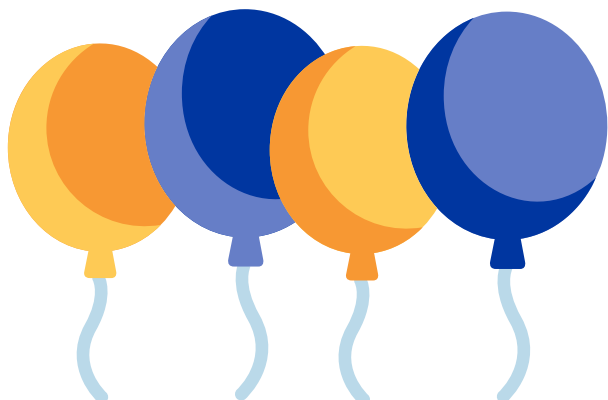
THE ROTARIAN ANNUAL PICNIC
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019

AT SHADES BEACH PAVILION IN HARBORCREEK

Picnic volunteers are always welcome; anyone who would like to join the committee **PLEASE CONTACT:**

Susannah Weis Frigon - SFrigon@eriecommunityfoundation.org

For future meetings, we'll have a sign-up available.



We want to send lots of birthday wishes to...

Caroline Staab, May 2,

Michael McCormick, May 7

and **Dave Lastowski, May 8**

Enjoy your day!





BE THE INSPIRATION

Rotary
District 7280



2019 District Conference

May 16-19

District 7280 and the Rotary Club of Port Allegany invite you to join fellow 7280 Rotarian and guests in Erie, Pennsylvania Thursday, May 16, through Sunday May 19, 2019 as we celebrate the Rotary year. We hope you will be inspired to see how Rotary has changed people's lives and most of all have fun at a beautiful Lake Erie property.

We have a discounted rate at the Sheraton Erie Bayfront until April 17th: Hotel Reservations can be made here:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1807060966&key=2E3A51C0&app=resvlink>

Thursday – May 16, 2019:

- In the evening, we will host a benefit concert for End Polio Now and Elhers Danlos Society performed by our special guest, Aaron Bloome, Violinist, Rotarian, and Ambassador Scholar from Belgium. The event will be open to the public. Further details to follow

District Conference Electronic Registration:

<https://fs29.formsite.com/P5pMwV/40jhzzh4rn/index.html>

Friday – May 17:

- Golf – If interested please contact DG @ Scott.bayline@verizon.net
- 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM Registration open – Sheraton Erie Bayfront
- 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Conference: Casual
- o Opening
- o Rotary International President's Representative
- o Speakers
- o Breakout Sessions
- o Rotary Moment
- o Individual Awards
- 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Island themed dinner. Mingle with Rotarians and guests while enjoying our Island themed food stations fit for omnivores and vegetarians. We will also provide island themed cocktails.
- o Keynote Speaker
- o Catch up with Old Friends and Meet New Ones
- 8:00 PM until ??? Hospitality Suite
- o Head across the hall to our Hospitality suite for snacks and drinks as long as the lights are on
- o Feel free to bring along a favorite beverage for yourself or to share. Please check with the Hospitality Committee before bringing in your item.
- o Mingle with our fellow Rotarians and guests with a view of the bay and your favorite cocktail.

Saturday – May 18:

- Breakfast is on your own but you can purchase food and beverage vouchers. Come casual and dressed comfortable for the day
- 8:30 AM – Noon Registration
- 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM Welcome
- 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM Business Meeting
- 10:00 AM – 11:45 AM Morning Session
- o Welcome
- o Polio Plus Update
- o Shelter Box Update
- o More Individual Awards
- o Club Awards
- o Speaker
- 11:45 AM – 1:30 PM Youth exchange Luncheon
- o Come enjoy a lunch buffet with our Youth Exchange Committee and students
- 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- o Service Project packing weekend BackPacks for students in the city of Erie School District at the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania: <https://nwpafoodbank.org/our-programs/programs/backpacks/> Sign up when you register if you'd like to participate the facility can only hold 50 volunteers
- o Enjoy free time in the Erie area
- 5:30 PM – 6:30PM Cocktail hour – Black tie or business attire for Dinner
- 6:30 PM Dinner:
- o The Grand March
- o Rotary Moment
- 7:30 PM President's Representative
- 8:15 Changing of the Guard
- o Rotary Club of Port Allegany and the "Be the Inspiration" Rotary year transitions to the Rotary Club of Rich-Mar and "Rotary Connects the World."
- o 2019-2020 District Governor Ken Fleeson
- 9:00 PM - : Hospitality Suite

Sunday - May 19:

- 8:00 – 9:15 AM: Foundation Breakfast:
- o Paul Harris Society Member Recognition
- o Thank You for Supporting The Rotary Foundation
- 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM Celebration of Life
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Advisory Board

Please share any Dietary restrictions, so we may accommodate your needs.



MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Please, no home-canned foods, glass containers, unsealed or opened packages, outdated baby food or formula, or bulging or severely dented cans.

PROTEINS

- Canned Meat
- Canned Fish
- Canned Nuts
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Dry Beans

BREADS & CEREALS

- Cake Mixes
- Bisquick
- Muffin Mix
- Cornbread Mix
- Dry Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Rice
- Rice Cakes
- Pasta

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Juices
- Canned Soup
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Dried Fruits

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS

- Coffee
- Baby Products
- Dish soap, laundry detergent & cleaning supplies
- Paper Products
- Toothpaste & brushes, shampoo & bar soap

Attached is the golf sign up form for Friday May 17th. Ralph Jockel of the Rich-Mar club will be collecting sign ups and coordinating the event. The course is Whispering Woods Golf Club and the first tee time is at 8:50.

A second attachment is an updated program ad sponsorship form. The program will be an 5.5 by 8.5 inch booklet. A half page ad would be approximately 5.5 by 4.25 and a quarter page would be approximately 2.75 by 4.25.

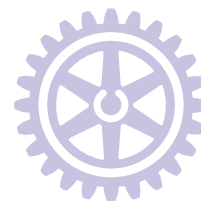
The final attachment is a list of most needed items at the Second Harvest Food Bank. During Conference we will collect these items you, your club, or your community would like to donate and provide them to Second Harvest.

A correction to DGN Beth's email for the celebration of life ceremony. Her correct email is: harriettclyde@gmail.com



- Rotary *in Review* -

May 1, 2019
James Grunke, Erie Regional Chamber



Joe Haas, new member being introduced by Ed Curtain



*Song leaders -
Linda Wilkinson, Mike Malthaner and Norm Stark*



Zac Wild, Sgt. at Arms



Penny Mechley-Porter with the Rotarian review



*Speaker - James Grunke, President/CEO
Erie Regional Chamber*



Tom Tupitza, Lisa Graff and James Grunke



Almahdy Eltonsy and Lisa Graff

ALMAHDY ELTONSY
Rotary Heliopolis El Korba
District 2451 Egypt

Almahdy visited on a business trip for GE Transportation. We hope that he will have the opportunity to return to Erie and visit us again.



- MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries -

Member Birthdays

Name	Date
Staab, Caroline	May 02
McCormick, Michael A.	May 07
Lastowski, Dave	May 08
Zonno, Matt	May 10
Bort, Betsy	May 11
Jackson, Bill	May 12
McCracken, Phyllis	May 18
Watkins, Lisa	May 21
Murphy, David J	May 23
Sieber, Derek	May 23
Weis Frigon, Susannah	May 23
Briggs Jr., Lewis T.	May 25
Bloomstine, William C.	May 28
Briggs, David T.	May 29
Daneri, Jack	May 29
Louis, F Brady	May 29
Victor, Michael	May 29
Strausbaugh, Roy	May 30
Scott, Nicholas C	May 31

Rotary



Date Joined Rotary

Name	Years	Date
Haas, Joseph	0 years 0 months	May 01 2019
Lillis, William L	44 years 0 months	May 01 1975
Flick, Gary	14 years 0 months	May 04 2005
Lamb, Rick	8 years 0 months	May 04 2011
Staab, Caroline	2 years 0 months	May 05 2017
Hattjar, Bernadette	5 years 0 months	May 07 2014
Zonno, Matt	7 years 0 months	May 09 2012
Kuvshnikov, Joseph	10 years 0 months	May 20 2009
Nietupski, Esq, Gery T	28 years 0 months	May 22 1991
Cicchetti, Geri	13 years 0 months	May 24 2006
Weis Frigon, Susannah	4 years 0 months	May 27 2015
Brinling Jr., John J.	35 years 0 months	May 30 1984
Harf, Walter O	24 years 0 months	May 31 1995