



- JANUARY 15, 2020 -

Mayor Joe Schember Annual State of the City Address



On January 2, 2018, Joseph V. Schember was sworn in as the 48th Mayor of Erie, Pennsylvania.

A lifelong Erie resident, Joe spent High School and the first 2 years of college at St. Mark's Seminary studying to become a Catholic priest. After deciding against becoming a priest, he completed his undergraduate degree in English at Gannon University. He went on to obtain a Master's degree in English from the University of Dayton.

After teaching at Elk County Christian High School in St. Mary's for two years, Joe returned to Erie and began a career in banking at Marine Bank, which became PNC. Starting as a teller, he attended classes at Gannon University to obtain a Master's Degree in Business Management.

A dedicated teacher, Joe spent 30 years teaching summer banking classes for the PA Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association at Bucknell, Georgetown, PENN and Penn State Universities. He also used those skills to write and deliver bank training classes.

From teller to regional manager, responsible for all 53 branches in the Northwest PA, his reputation for skilled management grew. His final years with the bank were spent as a Relationship Manager in the Wealth Management Group. What Joe loved about banking is that it is a "people business". That is why he spent 40 years in various banking roles.

In an effort to give back to the community, Joe served as a member of Erie City Council for 5 1/2 years. During this time, he chaired the Finance Committee and was active in guiding decisions that would help the city's finances.

Now, as Mayor, Joe is working hard to Build Opportunity, Restore Hope and Transform Erie for future generations. By listening and collaborating, he is tackling the tough and complex issues facing this city and region. Whether it is through neighborhood meetings, door-to-door visits or professional gatherings, he is meeting with community leaders, educators, life-long residents, transplants, immigrants, refugees and anyone who lives in the Erie Region. Joe is committed to being open, honest, transparent and accessible.

Joe fell in love with his wife, Rhonda Mahoney Schember, at age 19. Rhonda and Joe are very close with their three children: Jaime, Jodi and Joe.

Supporting Cast:

President: *Stephanie Williams*

Greeter: *Bob Cronmiller*

Invocation: *Korin Giles*

Pianist: *Bruce Gingrich*

Song Leader: *Tom Pysz*

Sgt at Arms: *Nick Cianci*

Speaker Intro: *Stephanie Williams*

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Lunch Meeting at the SHERATON BAYFRONT

11:30 am - Buffet Opens

12:00 pm - Meeting

JANUARY 22:

Daria Devlin

Erie Center for Arts & Technology
Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

JANUARY 29:

Bob Chitester

Well Being and Happiness
Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

FEBRUARY 5:

Mike Jaruszewicz

Erie's Community School Program
Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton



Rotary in Review

January 8, 2020
Kristin Lazzara



Clark Kuebler holding Annual meeting to elect new officers



Diane Chido, Foundation report



Miike Malthaner, Ethics Symposium



Zac Wild, Fundraising report



Brenda Bennett, Kettle Drive report



Jim McEldowney, introducing speaker



Kristin Lazzara - Guest speaker



Our 50/50 winner Sue Merwin and Zac Wild



Jim McEldowney, Stephanie Williams, Kristin Lazzara, Kirsten Hagerty, and Emmy Hackshaw



If a Rotarian has a few Otters tickets to donate to the Mintsiveras Family and our exchange student, please contact fellow Rotarian, Tania
at
tania.bogatova@gmail.com



Rotary District 7770 is sponsoring a cruise in October 2020 to support the CART Fund. \$100 of each ticket will be donated to CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) to fund research to find a cure for Alzheimer's. Since its inception, the CART Fund has given \$8.2 million in research grants focused on Alzheimer's disease. Rotarians and non-Rotarians, regardless of club or district affiliation, are invited to join in this opportunity to raise money for CART.

The cruise will depart from Charleston, SC the afternoon of Saturday, October 17, 2020 and return to Charleston the morning of Saturday, October 24, 2020. The ship will be the Carnival Sunshine, which is new to Charleston. The ports of call will be Bermuda and Princess Cays. On one of the nights at sea, we will have a party for those participating in the fundraiser.

Deposits are due February 10, 2020 and the final payment is due June 25, 2020. Pricing is dependent on your choice of cabin. The attachment to this message has pricing as well as the information sheet which needs to be included with your deposit.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to have a great time, enjoy the fellowship of old friends, meet new friends and support the CART Fund.



Cruise for CART

Aboard the beautiful Carnival *Sunshine* From Charleston, South Carolina

October 17-24, 2020

Price includes \$100 donation to CART

7-Day Bermuda Cruise from Charleston

	Arrive	Depart
Sat Charleston, SC	---	4:00 pm
Sun Fun Day at Sea	0:00am -	0:00pm
Mon Princess Cays, The Bahamas	8:00am -	4:00pm
Tue Fun Day at Sea	0:00am -	0:00pm
Wed Bermuda	10:00am -	0:00pm
Thu Bermuda	0:00am -	12:00pm
Fri Fun Day at Sea	0:00am -	0:00pm
Sat Charleston, SC	8:00am	---

CART started in 1995 with Rotarians voluntarily emptying their pockets and purses of change at weekly meetings. One hundred percent of funds received by CART go to Alzheimer's disease research. As of May 2019, the CART Fund has awarded \$8.2 million dollars in 50 grants to recognized US research institutions. The Fund is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of representatives from the Rotary districts that support the program. By participating in our

Cruise for CART not only will you have an amazing and memorable vacation experience, you are also helping cure Alzheimer's disease by donating to "cutting edge" research grants to outstanding and dedicated doctors and scientists.

One of the nights at sea, we will have a party for those participating in the fundraiser. Each cabin will receive a \$100 on-board credit. This cruise is open to all Rotarians, their family and their non-Rotarian friends. We look forward to having you join us. This fundraising event is arranged by Rotary District 7770. Participants' clubs/districts will be credited with donations raised.

Send payments to:

Travel Leaders, PO Box 70933, Charleston, SC 29415

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$250 per person is required to confirm your reservation. Include with your deposit the legal name, birth date and email address of all passengers as well as the address and phone number of each passenger. **Deposits are due by February 10, 2020.**

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due by June 25, 2020

CANCELLATION: Full refund of deposit if cancelled by August 4, 2020. 50% refund per person if cancelled between August 5 and August 24, 2020. 25% refund per person if cancelled between August 25 and September 19, 2020. No refund if cancelled after September 19, 2020.

TRAVEL INSURANCE is available and highly recommended. Insurance Cost: \$129.00 per person for Balcony, \$109.00 person for Ocean View, and \$95.00 per person for Inside.



Cruise Price: All prices listed are per person based on two people sharing a cabin

Category	Price
Balcony	\$1,528.64 to \$1,538.64
Ocean View	\$1,188.64 to \$1,193.64
Inside	\$1,048.64 to \$1,053.64

Prices include Port charges and government taxes and fees plus \$100 donation to CART per person.

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