

# The See- Way

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## *Rotarian Meeting Update*

*The June 3rd meeting is canceled.*

*We are hopeful Erie County will move to the Green and we will determine meetings on a week by week basis.*

*Thank you to members who have reached out to President Stephanie with suggestions. She has been in close contact with the Sheraton to work to make adjustments to meet our needs.*



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# Supply Drive *for* Community Children

As per feedback from members, we will be holding a drive for the following hygiene supplies for our local community children and families in the City of Erie.

***The following items have been identified as needed:***

- SOAP
- DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO
- CONDITIONER
- LOTION
- TOOTHPASTE
- SOCKS: MUST BE NEW AND NEVER WORN

It takes no time to purchase when you include it with personal errands and the cost to purchase all items is approximately \$20...and it feels GREAT knowing children in OUR community are the benefactors.

Please consider participating!

Donations can be dropped off at President Stephanie's home at 3228 Pine Tree Terrace, Erie 16056. Place items on the front porch or back patio.

If you would rather make a donation, please send checks to Gary Flick at our Rotary address: PO Box 1424, Erie, PA. 16512. Identify Community Hygiene Drive.  
Make the check out to *Rotary of Erie*.





# Welcome NEW MEMBER!

**Christine Eddy**  
*New Member*

**Stephanie Williams & TBA**  
*Sponsor & Red Ribbon Mentor*



Christine Eddy is the Development Director at the Erie Art Museum and has worked there for the past 6 years. In her first year at EAM she increased the annual fund by 30% and has continued the trend upward. She also started ARTrageous, the museum's largest fundraiser in 2015. Raising funds for a worthy cause is her passion.

Prior to EAM, Christine served at the director of Communications and Annual Fund at Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria Academy. She took the school newsletters from being pamphlets to two bi-annual 40-page publications and raised over 1.3 million for both schools annually. You may recognize Christine's name from HerTimes where she wrote about her passion for fashion for five years. Christine also worked at Flagship 1330, a news-talk radio station, right out of college as a news anchor.

Christine is a graduate of Gannon University where she majored in communications.

While Christine is proud of her many professional accomplishments, she is most proud of raising her son Nicholas who recently graduated from Cathedral Prep and will be attending Penn State University in the fall.

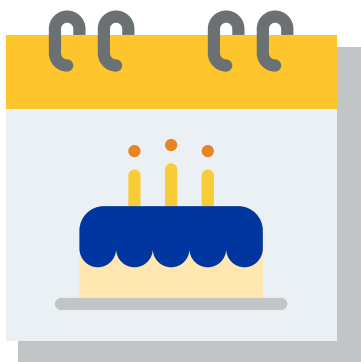
Her hobbies include watching her son play basketball, helping others, networking, baking, spinning, lifting weights, being a Poshmark ambassador and making people laugh.

## *Let's help the Mercer Club*

The Rotary Club of Mercer produced a 2 minute video about the implementation of Rotary's Annual theme, showing how their members worked to "Connect the World" and entered it in the Zone 33 Club Video Contest. To view their video, along with 12 others, please go to

**<https://www.rizoness33-34.org/zone-33-public-image/>**

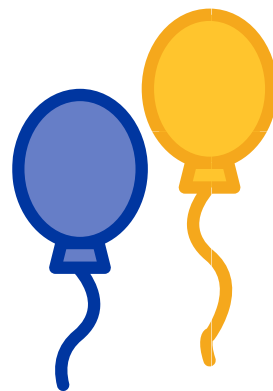
After you have viewed the videos, you are asked to vote on what you feel is the number 1, number 2, and number 3 video. I know our fellow Rotarians from Mercer would appreciate your giving them a favorable rating.



*best  
Birthday Wishes  
to*

**Robert Nelson, June 2**

**Tony Snow, June 6**



# *Rotary Fun Facts:*

**Current Membership: 148**

**New Members since July 2019: 11**

**Resignations** (*all but one due to retirement or relocation*): **12**

**Average attendance at weekly meetings: 52.7**

*(We decreased the minimum meal requirement with the Sheraton from 65 to 55 this year. While we save a few hundred dollars a month, it is important for members to register guests.)*

## **DONATIONS SINCE JULY 2019:**

**Aug 8: \$3000 International Projects**

**Aug 8: \$100 Vo Tech Scholarships**

**Aug 26: \$1555 to Burton Funeral Home for Fire Victim Fund (member donations)**

**Aug 19: \$750 total (\$125 per month) stipend for Lilas Peron French exchange student**

**Sep 6: \$500 Little Free Library Sponsor**

**Sep 24: Mar 24 Books for McKinley Elementary School (two years book supply)**

**Oct 2: Erie Phil - \$750 support to McKinley School for concert**

**Oct 11 - Jan 22: \$5465 Rotary Foundation Campaign (member donations)**

**Oct 22: \$300 World Affairs Council in Pittsburgh (2 students and chaperone)**

**Oct 28: \$675 Samaritan's Purse - VMA Rotaract project (member donations)**

**Oct 28: \$85 VMA Rotaract Operation Christmas Child (member donations)**

**Oct 31: \$1000 Shelter Box USA**

**Feb 4: \$2000 McKinley Elementary School SuperBowl Fundraiser Coats for Kids (member donations)**

**Feb 4: \$286 Rotary Foundation from 50/50 (member donations)**

**Feb 4: ROVA \$500 for vocational activity rescheduled for fall- from Club**

**Mar 3: \$1000 10th Ethics Symposium -Co-sponsored with Mercyhurst University**

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**Mar 6: \$5000 Scholarship Foundation**

**May 12: \$2,000 to the Erie Community Foundation for COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS:**

**ServErie, McKinley Red Carpet Welcome, Salvation Army Bell Ringer, Ethics Symposium, McKinley**

**Volunteerism throughout the school year, Hygiene Supply Drive, Little Free Library, helping fellow Rotarians in need, and the additional service projects of financial donations.**

**Grant Recipient: \$1500 District Grant for Ethics Symposium**

**Scholarships Awarded: \$15,000 to five high school students scholarships through Scholarship Foundation**

**Strategic Plan, Bylaws, and Constitution updated.**

*As a club, we worked very hard this year to meet District Governor Ken's goal challenges, and we met all the goals possible and I feel confident the Rotary of Erie will be awarded the Platinum Level (highest level) District Award at the next District Meeting.*



# - JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES -

## Rotary Club of Erie

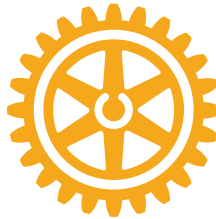
### Birthday & Anniversary Report

Sorted By Date



#### Member Birthdays

Name	Date
Nelson, Robert	Jun 02
Snow, M.D., Tony	Jun 06
Walczak, Chuck	Jun 10
Lillis, William L	Jun 16



#### Date Joined Rotary

Name	Years	Date
McBrier, James P.	28 years 0 months	Jun 01 1992
Mechley-Porter, Penny	5 years 0 months	Jun 03 2015
McEldowney, James	10 years 0 months	Jun 09 2010
Oliver, John	16 years 0 months	Jun 09 2004
Peters, Bob	5 years 0 months	Jun 10 2015
Bennett, Brenda	6 years 0 months	Jun 11 2014
Merwin, Susanna	4 years 0 months	Jun 15 2016
Philabaum, Tamara	4 years 0 months	Jun 15 2016
Poor, David R	24 years 0 months	Jun 19 1996
Zymm, Norm	16 years 0 months	Jun 23 2004