



# The See-Way

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### Speakers



## Changing of the Guard Ceremony



Tom Pysz - President - 2020-2021



Diane Chido - President - 2021-2022

All current members and living Past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Erie have been invited to a traditional Changing of the Guard meeting on July 7. As we gratefully acknowledge the accomplishments of our past officers through an immensely challenging year, we also look forward to hearing from our incoming officers about our plans for club service and for instituting a strong focus on supporting Youth and Education in our community and in the world as one of Rotary International's key aspects of building peace. Continued focus on the Ethics Symposium, the Scholarship Foundation, and WQLN Families will be discussed, as well as some new goals to take us forward into our upcoming year.

Please be sure to join us as we begin a new and pivotal year in our Club's journey with this traditional Changing of the Guard Ceremony.

Due to the expected larger crowd size, we greatly appreciate members sending an RSVP for this meeting by 4:00pm Monday, July 5.

[RSVP](#) - Annual Changing of the Guard Ceremony - 07-July-21



## Congratulations to Brian Gorman!

Congratulations to Rotarian Brian Gorman!



Brian was named one of Erie's 2021 young high achievers in the Erie Reader's "[40 Under 40](#)" (Click the link to read the article). He is Vice President of Operations for Erie landmark and summer tourist destination, Waldameer Park.

In addition to supporting his family business and putting Erie on the map for summer destinations, Brian lives the Rotary motto "Service Above Self". He is Chair of Visit Erie, facility operations committee member for the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions, and former president of the Pennsylvania Parks and Attractions Organization (PAPA), as well as Secretary of our own Rotary Club of Erie Scholarship Foundation. Brian loves Erie and proves his dedication to our Club and to our home town in so many ways. Thank you, Brian!

### Club Leaders

**Diane E. Chido**  
President

**Maureen Rizzo**  
President-Elect

**Blane K. Dessy**  
Secretary

**David Mahoney**  
Treasurer

Special thanks to our Board of Directors for their service above self.

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### Years of Service

Albert P. Messina 30 Years	Karen Burton- Horstman 25 Years	Michelle Robertson 22 Years
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Maureen Barber- Carey 10 Years	Chris N. Scott 10 Years	Andrew P. Roth 4 Years
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Michael A.  
McCormick  
1 Year

### Birthdays

Norman H. Stark July 11th	Timothy A. Furman July 14th	Bruce Kern Sr. July 15th
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Robert L. Saunders July 16th	Bob Peters July 16th	Erinn Dyan Lake July 17th
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James P. McBrier July 19th	David Tofel II July 25th
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## *Victorian Princess Cruise - Evening of July 14, 2021*



Please plan to join us as we gather for our first summer evening of the new Club year for Happy Hour and a beautiful cruise aboard the Victorian Princess as we explore our own Presque Isle Bay!

While Erie Rotarians' passage is covered by the Club, all guests and other members of the community interested in this exciting program are welcome to join us for \$30 per person.

Light snacks, water and soft drinks will be served, along with a cash bar.

Boarding begins at 5:30 pm and we set sail promptly at 6:00, returning at 7:30 pm.

Please register [HERE](#) by July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Contact Program Chair Allison Keenan with any questions at [afk@erieaudiology.com](mailto:afk@erieaudiology.com) or 814.881.9714.



## *Curtze Diamond (and Bell!) History*



In 1930 Edwin "Cap" Curtze served as Erie Rotary Club President. Following the end of his Presidency, Mr Curtze ceremoniously passed on the Presidency by presenting his successor, Otto Meyer, with what became known as the "Curtze Diamond." This jewel is presented to every new President upon assuming office.

On August 20, 1930, Mr Curtze further presented the Club with a handsome bell in memory of John P Smart, which is rung to signal the start and end of every weekly meeting and on or near January 27, the date of Rotary Founder Paul Harris' death in 1947, in honor of each Club member who has passed the previous year. Both are lasting pieces of Rotary history.

According to Club lore, on June 29, 1994, Ret. Admiral Curtze gave a talk on these Club prized symbols. On this occasion, the pin was presented by member "Gordie" Gephardt (1968-69) to outgoing President Pete Bogardus to bestow upon incoming President Richard Brzuz. The diamond had mysteriously disappeared at some point but by 1994, was back in circulation. Yet another reminder of our Club's storied past.

For years it was worn as a tie bar. These having gone out of fashion and with so many women taking leadership roles in our Club, our own Linda Breakiron has transformed the diamond into a pendant for our next three female Presidents to wear with pride.