

Rotary

Club of Buffalo



Club Meeting

This Thursday's meeting will be at:
The Saturn Club
977 Delaware Ave
Buffalo, NY 14209-1805
Time: 12:15 PM-1:30PM

Club Leaders

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Club Director

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This Week's Speaker - August 10, 2023



Senator Tim Kennedy will be speaking about his current work as Senator of the 63rd Senate District and Chairman of the Transportation Committee in the NYS Senate.

Since being sworn into office in January 2011, Senator Tim Kennedy has fought to ensure Western New York sees its fair share of funding and state resources. In March 2019, three months after being named Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, Tim **delivered an unprecedented \$100 million to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA)** to

fund a five-year capital plan for maintenance and improvement of the Metro Rail.

Throughout his time in office, Tim has kept a strong focus on protecting the most vulnerable in our community. He spearheaded the passage of **Jay-J's law, legislation that stiffens penalties for repeat child abusers**. The legislation was inspired by Jay-J Bolvin, a young boy who was brutally abused by his father. Sadly, Jay-J's father received a light sentence due to antiquated sentencing laws, but through Tim's advocacy, these penalties were strengthened. Tim also penned **Jackie's Law, which protects victims of domestic violence from GPS stalking**, and was signed into law in 2014.

Tim is a lifelong Western New York resident. He grew up in a blue-collar family in Buffalo, where his parents, Marty and Mary Kennedy, raised Tim and his four siblings to work hard, focus on their education, help their neighbors, and get involved in their community. Tim attended St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute before going on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees in occupational therapy at D'Youville College. For 11 years, Tim worked with the geriatric and pediatric populations to help them recover from injuries and fully participate in all life situations. **As a licensed occupational therapist, Tim has spent his entire career working to help people.**

Tim and his wife, Katie, live in the City of Buffalo where they are raising their three children, Connor, Eireann, and Padraic.

Community Service - Helping Hands Needed

Calling all HELPING HANDS!!!!



It's time to volunteer in our community this time at FeedMore WNY

FeedMore WNY's food bank (FB) and Meals on Wheels (MOW) programs have been feeding the Western New York community for a combined history of more than 90 years. In 2020, our Meals on Wheels program provided approximately 1.4 million meals to our homebound neighbors and through congregate dining sites. Our food bank program distributed more than 17 million pounds of nutritious fresh and shelf-stable foods to nearly 300 pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters and other hunger-relief agencies throughout Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties.

Volunteer Days:

Day #1: Wednesday Sept 13th from 9am-11am - Warehouse Pack-out project at 91 Holt St Buffalo NY 14206 (maximum 10 people)

Day #2: Saturday Sept 16th from 9am-12pm - Warehouse Pack-out project at 91 Holt St Buffalo NY 14206 (maximum 10 people)

NOTE: You are not required to work the full timeframe of either day. Volunteer as much time as you can.

**To Register, email Laurie at admin@buffalorotary.org
Please include the date and time frame you can volunteer.**

Upcoming Meetings/Events

August 10, 2023 - Senator Tim Kennedy - Speaker

August 17, 2023 - Peter Lane - Rotarian/Pilot - Speaker

August 24, 2023 - Happy Summer - NO MEETING

August 31, 2023 - Happy Summer - NO MEETING

Sept 7, 2023 - Anne McCaffery - CEO/President for People Inc - Speaker

Sept 14, 2023 - Patrick Kaler - CEO/President for Visit Buffalo - Speaker

Sept 21, 2023 - Social - TBD

Sept 29, 2023 - TBD

Committee Information



JOIN ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES

Community Grants - responsible for vetting every request that comes to the club for a grant (large or small dollar amounts, local or international organizations).

Committee members are given a grant proposal and then meet with the grant contact person at their location to validate the legitimacy of the grant request. There is a very well developed guideline for making grant decisions. Chairs: Bridget Willadsen and Bill Witzleben

Membership - responsible for creating a Rotary "member profile" that assists our members in recommending new members; mentors new members and assists them in becoming accustomed and involved in the club. The committee also works on member retention and reaches out to those members who seem to be missing lunch meetings. Chair: Keith Schottman

Programs - responsible for reaching out to the community to book the weekly speaker. Chairs: Joe Alber and Mike Ryan

Public Relations/Social Media - responsible for press releases, inviting the media to attend specific events. Updates social media: posts to the club's Facebook page and Twitter account. Creates club marketing materials. Chair: Nancy Sanders

Service Fund Drive - sets up a fund drive asking our members to support the club by monetarily contributing to the Buffalo Rotary Foundation. This money helps fund the club's grants as well as other worthy community causes. Chair: Tom VanNortwick

Vocational Services - responsible for member-to-member interaction, such as "Service Above Self" Day (hands-on community service project), round table lunch meeting (where members get to know each other), social networking events and offsite meetings (visiting local companies and learning more about them). Chairs: Nick Alberalla and Mike Grimaldi

Youth Services - responsible for Youth Exchange (includes WNY high school students who attend school in a foreign country and students from abroad who attend high school locally for one year). Handles the Lorraine mentoring program (Buffalo elementary students who are mentored by Rotary members who act as a big sister or brother). Other programs include working with Interact (high school students who do community projects), Slapshot and RYLA (two different annual events where high school and college-age students learn about leadership skills in a retreat setting). Chair: John Bradley for Youth Exchange, Chair: Deann Sheppard for Lorraine Mentoring, Chair: Paul Marzello for Slapshot & RYLA

If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please email Laurie Albertsson at admin@buffalorotary.org, and she will connect you with the committee chairperson(s) for that committee.

Join leaders. Exchange ideas. Take action.

Birthdays



[Matthew J. Plizga](#)
August 11th



[Marc Bernstein](#)
August 13th

Years of Service



[Ravinder K. Bansal](#)
11 Years