

Rotary

Club of Buffalo



Club Meeting

Thursday, August 17, 2023
at
The Saturn Club
977 Delaware Ave
Buffalo, NY 14209
Time: 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm

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This Week's Speaker 8-17-2023



Buffalo Rotarian Peter Lane

I spent 41 years working in the oil spill control industry. Most notable was as the owner of Applied Fabric Technologies, Inc, in Orchard Park. I retired in 2017, but have recently been coaxed back into business by ExxonMobil Corp, who asked me to commercialize a special chemical called Oil Herder for use in remote oil spill response through the method of Insitu Burning. I worked on several projects developing this technology, which was most recently used significantly in the DeepWater Horizon well blowout and response in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010.

My presentation is a summary of that response activity which we were an integral part of and have continued to be in since then. I will also be discussing the use of herders and show the remote control aspects of this spill response technique funded by ExxonMobil.

Carole and I have lived in Orchard Park since 1979, and have 2 daughters and 3 grandsons.

WHAT YOU MISSED LAST WEEK.....

Speaker - Senator Tim Kennedy

Thank you Rotary for another interesting luncheon at the beautiful Saturn Club. NYS Senator Tim Kennedy filled us in on his impressive family history, his father being a stalwart Rotarian in Orchard Park.

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.



Welcome New Members

The Rotary Club of Buffalo would like to
Welcome our Newest Club Members:

Corporate Members:

Kim Suminski, CEO of Child Care Resource Network

Karen Kopacz, Director of Operations of Child Care Resource Network

Ray Walter, Treasurer of Child Care Resource Network

Individual Member:

Chris Fetter, Vice President of Fetter Insurance Agency

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 congregated 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 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 - Regular Meeting at Saturn Club - Details to follow

Sept 29, 2023 - Social - Details to follow

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



[Marc Bernstein](#)
August 13th



[Althea Luehrsen](#)
August 18th



[David E. Knauss](#)
August 19th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found