

Rotary

Club of Buffalo



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This Weeks Speaker 8-31-2023

There is No Meeting this Thursday, August 31, 2023.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

August 31, 2023 - Happy Summer - NO MEETING

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

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

Sept 21, 2023 - Bring a Friend or Co-Worker to Rotary

Sept 28, 2023 - Social - Buffalo Naval Park 5:30-8:00pm

Oct 5, 2023 - Lisa Smith - President for The Buffalo Zoo

Oct 12, 2023 - Chrissy Casilo - Republican Candidate for County Executive

Oct 19, 2023 - Scott Marcin - Rotary's District Governor

Oct 26, 2023 - Mark Poloncarz - Democratic Candidate for County Executive

Community Outreach - 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 Day:

Saturday Sept 16th from 9am-12pm - Warehouse Pack-out project at 91 Holt St Buffalo NY 14206 (still need 5 more 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.**

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



[Nancy Sanders](#)
September 1st



[Michael John Grimaldi](#)
September 2nd



[Howard D. Curlett](#)
September 3rd

Years of Service



[Lucy C. Ederer](#)
35 Years



[Michael J. Sendor](#)
11 Years