

# Rotary

## Club of Buffalo



### Club Meeting

The Saturn Club  
977 Delaware Ave  
Buffalo, NY 14209-1805  
Time: 12:15 - 1:30 PM

### Club Leaders

**Nicholas J. Alberalla**

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Club Director

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Club Director

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Club Director

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Club Director

**Michael Woods**

Club Director

**Joyce S DeLong**

Service Projects Chair

**Keith Schottman**

iPast President

Membership Chair

## This Weeks Speaker - Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023



**Anne McCaffrey, CEO of People Inc.**

McCaffrey, began her tenure at People Inc. on March 20. She spent 19 years in various roles at Lake Shore Behavioral Health (now BestSelf Behavioral Health) before moving to a city government role in Lockport. She was Mayor of the City of Lockport from 2014 to 2018.

In August of 2018, McCaffrey was named President and Chief Executive Officer of Eastern Niagara Hospital, where she helped facilitate a successful restructuring and transaction with Catholic Health to keep hospital services in Niagara County. She is also a member of the New York State Legislative Ethics Commission.

"This role combines all of my previous positions and passions with a mission I am honored to support," said McCaffrey. "I am thrilled to be joining the People Inc. family -- and I already know that it truly is a family."

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## Upcoming Meetings/Events

**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 - Resurgence from 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**

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# Welcome a Youth Exchange Student & a Proposed Member

The Rotary Club of Buffalo would like to Welcome our Newest Youth Exchange Student



Welcome Cauline Bidon from France, who has arrived in Buffalo and was met by Rotarian John Bradley and her Host Family, the Wilson/Makeyenko family.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** September 16-17, 2023 the Youth Exchange committee is looking for 5 more people to help sponsor a YE student on Sept. 16th at their Saturday night dinner at Anchor Bar. If you can join them, they are arriving at the Anchor Bar at 6pm on Saturday, Sept 16th. And they are looking for people to house 1 or 2 students overnight from Sept. 16th - Sept. 17th. You would pick them up after dinner at Anchor Bar, enjoy breakfast with them the next morning before dropping them off at the Norton home on W Ferry by 10am. If you can help out with sponsoring, hosting or both, please reach out to Youth Services Chair, Anne Birmingham at [anne.d7090.org](mailto:anne.d7090.org)

## Proposed Member

The following individual is being proposed for membership. If you know this individual and would like to share information about them, please email Laurie Albertsson at [admin@buffalorotary.org](mailto:admin@buffalorotary.org) prior to September 18, 2023.

**Fred Cohen, Esq**  
Of Council  
Rupp Pfalzgraf LLC

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm - Warehouse Pack-out project at 91 Holt St Buffalo NY 14206 (only 4 spots left)

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

**To Register, email Laurie at [admin@buffalorotary.org](mailto:admin@buffalorotary.org)  
Please include the date and time frame you can volunteer.**

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## **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](mailto:admin@buffalorotary.org), and she will connect you with the committee chairperson(s) for that committee.

**Join leaders. Exchange ideas. Take action.**

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## Birthdays



[Keith Schottman](#)  
September 7th



[Thomas W. Schratz](#)  
September 7th

No Years Of Service Found