

Rotary Club of Buffalo



Club Meeting

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

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This Weeks Meeting - Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023

Help us build our membership by bringing a co-worker or guest to the September 21 lunch meeting to learn all about our club, our committees and our members.

Don't allow them to miss the chance to be a part of something special that gives back to our community.

I hope you have had a very enjoyable summer.

As I mentioned in my Inaugural Rotary meeting as your President, this month we are having a meeting specifically designed for you to introduce the Rotary Club of Buffalo to your own personal guest of honor.

Consider this Rotary's Open House or better yet... your own meet the teacher night, because over the past 2000 collective years this club has been built with all of our efforts and everything we have accomplished is because of you.

It is now time to think about your legacy and how you want the beginning of the 2000 collective years to look.

At this meeting, we will have committee chairs briefly summarize what their committees do both inside and outside of Rotary, and hear a couple of impactful stories from Rotarians and what Rotary means to them.

This meeting will also be a great kick off to a great month of Rotary Programs, that will include a social the following week and a jammed pack lunch schedule for the month of Oct., including Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, the President of the Buffalo Zoo, Lisa Smith and Chrisy Casilo the Republican Candidate for Erie County Executive.

Please rsvp for you and your guest using the link below or email
admin@buffalorotary.org
<https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77702419>

Volunteerism at it's Best

The Rotary Club of Buffalo did what we do best this past week
Service Above Self!!

Volunteers worked at FeedMore WNY packing 20 lb. boxes of food for those in need. We had volunteers helping out on Wednesday and Saturday.

Our Wednesday crew boxed 2,000 lbs. of food, which equates to approximately

1,750 meals.

Then our Saturday crew sorted 3 of those large boxes (approximately 1500 canned goods) and then packed 1,000 lbs. of food, which equates to approximately 875 meals.

Thank you FeedMore for all you do for our community - it was a pleasure lending a hand.

Here are pictures from the Wednesday Crew..



Here is a group picture from our Saturday Crew



Upcoming Meetings/Events

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

Nov 2, 2023 - Charlie Specht - Political Reporter for Buffalo News

Nov 9, 2023 - Service Above Self Community Service Day

Nov 16, 2023 - Business Ethics Awards Luncheon @Salvatores

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

[Christopher Manning](#)



September 24th