



The See-Way

2023-2024



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

Club 5136, Organized in 1913

District 7280

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February 21st - County Executive, Brenton Davis



Please join us on Wednesday, February 21st, to greet County Executive, Brenton Davis with a warm Rotarian Welcome!

With over 100 years of service to the City of Erie, the Rotary Club of Erie will welcome Brenton Davis, Erie County Executive, at our meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at noon at the Sheraton.

Davis and his team have taken on many social issues such as the stability of the County's Emergency Response System, DEI Funds, ARPA Funding, Veterans Affairs, Education K-12 and post-secondary opportunities, and more. They are committed to improving Erie County.

Davis is an Iraqi Freedom Combat Veteran with 23-year years of active and reserve military service in both the United States Navy (enlisted) and United States Army. He is an Infantry Officer currently holding the rank of Major in the United States Army Reserve.

He holds a B.A in Psychology from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Professional Studies degree in Community and Economic Development - Applied Economics at Pennsylvania State University. The media is invited. For additional information, contact Gus Pine, Program Chair, at gpine@erieevents.com or 814-602-9706.



Meet in person at 11:30 for lunch with meeting at 12 pm
Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel - 2nd Floor Meeting Rooms

RSVP: <https://www.IsMyRotaryClub.org/RSVP/Index.cfm?EventID=77717864>



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S SUPER BOWL POOL FUNDRAISER. YOU RAISED \$2,500 TO DONATE TO MCKINLEY STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUPS. WE ALSO HAD SOME LUCKY WINNERS LISTED ON THE RIGHT.

March 5th - Annual Ethics Symposium

Please join us for a day packed full of fun! Our 14th annual Ethics Symposium will take place on Wed. March 5th at Mercyhurst University. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Staab, President Elect.



Rotary International: Our Mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Vision Statement

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.



First Quarter

Julia Cella - \$100

Halftime

Bruce Kern Sr. - \$200

Third Quarter

Bruce Kern Sr. - \$100

Final

Ron Errett - \$2,000

Final Reverse

Penny Mechley-Porter - \$100



Mayor Joseph Schember – February 7th

The Rotary Club of Erie was pleased to host the Mayor of Erie, Joe Schember at this week's meeting. Mr Mayor, we at Rotary thank you for your public service and wish you the best in your pursuits to bring out the best in this city.



Our Club & Local Events

- **Ethics Symposium** - March 5th - See attached page!
- **SAVE THE DATE - Rotary Club Bingo Fundraiser Event Sunday April 21, 2024**, JPTF W. 38th St.
- **Sisters of St. Joseph GALA May 11th** - See attached page. dchido@gmail.com

My Rotary: Please consider using the “My Rotary” feature to make your annual donation. A minimum of \$75/per member would guarantee our club meets requirements to apply for grants!

Does your organization have an upcoming event? Need help promoting or volunteers? Please submit your request to be published here! mrizzo@brevillier.org

Rotary International:

Travel With Rotary! Here are opportunities for international travel with RCF friendship teams of Rotarians.

Please, extend invitation to Erie Rotarians to travel overseas as RCF Friendship Exchange.

1. May 15-25, 2024 MALAYSIA-INDONESIA-SINGAPORE (Stay at 2024 Rotary Convention)



Whose flag is recognized in more Countries than any other flag in the world

Rotary

Most Financially Sound
Largest
Most Powerful
Networking Service
Organization

Every minute of every day Rotary:

- * Feeds someone
- * Houses someone
- * Vaccinates someone
- * Performs surgery on someone
- * Comforts someone
- * Provides clean water to someone

THIS IS ROTARY!



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HAPPY Birthday

Member Birthdays	Birthday
David Bertges	23 February
Tatiana Bogatova	18 February
Paul Carpenedo	28 February
Brian W. Gorman	06 February
Gus Pine	12 February
Brian R. Sivillo	25 February
Amy Swartzfager	16 February



HAPPY Anniversary

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Paul Carpenedo	02/01/93	31
Bruce Sr. Kern	02/01/72	52
Dennis Lagan	02/04/05	19
Julio C. Reyes	02/26/20	4
Nicholas C. Scott	02/01/74	50
Karen A. Staab	02/05/20	4

Thank you for your membership, service and commitment to the Rotary Club!

Rotary Club of Erie – Board of Directors

Gerri Cicchetti, President	Karen A. Staab President Elect	Amy Swartzfager Treasurer	Dr. Karen Tyler Secretary
Tatiana Bogatova Club Director	Norman H. Stark Club Director	Penny Mechley-Porter Club Director	Erinn Lake Club Director
Mike Zavasky Club Director	Gus Pine Program Chair	Maureen Rizzo Club Director	Nathan Koble Club Director

Remember, Rotary requires FIVE avenues of service. They include:

- **Vocational** - Serve your vocation because all work is honorable and benefits the community. This supports Rotary's traditional classification system in which the club seeks diversity in occupations (one funeral director, one banker, one architect, etc.).
- **Club** - Every member is expected to contribute to the improvement of the club by serving on a committee or as an officer.
- **Community** - Rotarians believe in "Service Above Self" which translates into service in the community of which we are a part-Make it better by volunteering.
- **International** - World Peace is Rotary's aim. It is achieved through knowing a person in another land and culture, which leads to friendship which matures into love of one another. Consider participating in a Group Study Exchange, housing a foreign exchange student, or attending an international convention.
- **Next Generation** - Pass on the Rotary torch by supporting a Rotaract Club, an Interact Club, or a Community School.



The Rotary Club of Erie proudly partners with United Way Community School, McKinley Elementary. We provide financial resources, book donations, and volunteer services as requested. "Today a reader, tomorrow a leader!"





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13th Annual Ethics Symposium – March 6th

The Ethics Symposium is our signature event for the year and the 2024 symposium is just around the corner! The Thirteenth Annual Ethics Symposium will occur on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

We need you to volunteer for the event! Please consider setting aside some time from in your schedules to be present and interact with the participating students. We especially need individuals who are interested in facilitating student groups that occur during the morning half of the day. I will spend time at one of the February, 2024 Rotary meetings reviewing the content of the sessions, explaining expectations for facilitators and answering any questions you might have. Please reach out to Karen Staab, staabpsychserv@gmail.com or 814-881-8782 if you are help us at the symposium.

All volunteers will require two separate clearances, one from the Pennsylvania State Police and one from the Department of Human Services. Both of these clearances are free for volunteers.




Rotary

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH?**
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIP?**
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

THE FOUR WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, DO



Rotary  Erie Club #5136
District #7280

Save The Date **04/21**

BINGO EVENT

Doors open at 12, Bingo begins at 1 pm

\$30 per ticket | JPTF 3819 West 38th Street, Erie, PA

Save the Date

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Our Rotary Club is hosting a Bingo fundraiser on April 21st. Please share this info with your family & friends!

Proceeds benefit Rotary Club of Erie projects.

SAVE THE DATE!!

The 17th Annual Name That Tune Gala fundraiser sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network will be held on May 11, 2024, at the Bayfront Convention Center. Mayor Joe Schember and his wife Rhonda are honorary hosts. Members of the Rotary Club of Erie have had a table at this event in the past and Past President Diane Chido is asking who would like to attend this year. This is a very fun evening and will sell out quickly. Each Rotarian and guest attending pays for their own tickets. Please email Diane at dchido@gmail.com for more info!




17TH ANNUAL
Guess That Tune
GALA

With hosts
MAYOR JOE & RHONDA SCHEMBER

Save the date:
MAY 11, 2024

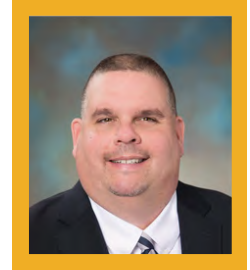
Bayfront Convention Center

TO BENEFIT THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

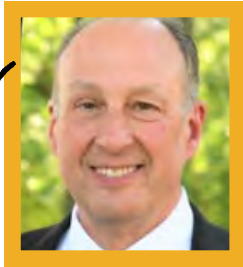


Meet Our New Club Members

Ron Jones spent 25 years in healthcare and hospital administration. In 2016, he began his career at the Barber National Institute where he is the Vice President of Business Development. He has served Erie County on multiple county authorities including the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority and the Erie County Industrial Development Authority. He is active in his church, active in Knights of Columbus, and he has held numerous leadership positions. Ron is a Penn State graduate, and he bleeds blue and white.



David Rinderle's professional career has taken him out of state for the last 10 years. He returned to Erie in December of 2022 and accepted his current position as Chief Operating Officer and General Manager of Erie Cemetery Association. He accepted this position partly to engage with the Erie community and partly to give back to those families now and in the future with loved ones at the three Erie cemeteries. David is an Erie native and attended Cathedral Prep. He received his bachelor's degree from PennWest University. He looks forward to being a Rotary member and helping to create lasting improvements and change in the Erie community.



Rotary Member Mentor Opportunity

We are looking for experienced Rotary members to confidently mentor our new members. A mentor plays a crucial role in guiding and supporting newer members of the organization. The Rotary mentorship program aims to help new members integrate into the Rotary community, understand its values and goals, and navigate the various aspects of Rotary service.

Typical responsibilities of a Rotary mentor:

Orientation: Mentors often provide new members with an orientation to Rotary, helping them understand the organization's history, structure, and functions.

Personal Guidance: Mentors offer personal guidance to new members, answering questions, addressing concerns, and sharing their own experiences within Rotary.

Introducing to Rotary Activities: Mentors help new members get involved in Rotary activities, projects, and events. This involvement helps newcomers feel a sense of belonging and purpose.

Networking: Mentors assist in connecting new members with other Rotary club members, fostering a sense of community and facilitating professional and personal networking.

Sharing Experience: Mentors share their own Rotary experiences, including challenges they've overcome, successes they've achieved, and lessons they've learned.

Encouragement: Mentors provide encouragement and motivation to new members, helping them stay engaged and committed to Rotary's mission of service.

Assisting with Goal Setting: Mentors may assist new members in setting personal and professional goals within the Rotary framework, encouraging growth and development.

Support During Transitions: If new members take on leadership roles or responsibilities within the club, mentors can offer support during these transitions.

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS

Corporate memberships would be for two persons from one business or organization to be involved in Rotary. Both persons would be members, however, only one could attend a Rotary meeting at a time on the corporate membership. If both persons wanted to attend the same meeting, one would pay the \$22 fee for lunch. The corporate membership fee would be \$1000 for two persons to rotate attending the meetings. Because each person involved with a Rotary Club must be a member of Rotary International, the Erie Club will need to pay dues to national for both members. With this plan, if one person cannot make it to a Wednesday meeting, the other person from the organization may attend. Corporate memberships were offered by the Erie Club in the past and the board voted at their February meeting to re-instate them.

Any questions, contact Geri Cicchetti at gcicchetti@eriehistory.org.



2024 Ethics Symposium
Rotary Club of Erie and Mercyhurst University
March 5, 2024

8:00-8:30	Registration/Continental Breakfast in DeAngelo Center Lobby
8:30-8:40	Welcome, <i>Dr. Rich McCarty Interim Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Mercyhurst University</i>
8:40-8:55	“What Do You Think?”, Ethical Video Dilemmas, <i>Dr. Verna Erhet, Director of the Evelyn Lincoln Institute for Ethics and Society (ELIES), Mercyhurst University</i>
8:55-9:10	“What is Ethics?” <i>Dr. Verna Ehret, Mercyhurst University</i>
9:10-9:25	“Why Morality Matters & the 4-Way Test” <i>Jeffrey Evans, Rotary Club of Erie</i>
9:25-10:00	Videos/Responses
9:30-11:00	Teacher Symposium— <i>Lyell Cook, Erie County Coroner, introduced by Elizabeth Hirz, Erie County District Attorney</i> <i>School officials are facing more than education for students; they have become a hub for social service delivery. This in-service will provide data related to teen deaths and programming in Erie County to address student needs in Erie County.</i>
10:00-10:15	Break and Transition to Classrooms for Breakout Session
10:15-11:10	Student/Facilitator Workshops—room assignment is on your nametag
11:10-12:10	Lunch at Egan Dining Hall for students and teachers (following lunch return to DeAngelo Center)
12:10-12:20	Welcome back and review of morning activities, <i>Dr. Verna Ehret, Mercyhurst University</i>
12:20-1:00	Ethical Situations, Open Mic Session <i>Dr. Verna Ehret, Mercyhurst University</i>
1:00-1:15	Complete surveys
	Wrap-up <i>Dr. Verna Ehret, Mercyhurst University</i>
1:15-1:30	Closing Remarks, <i>Geri Cicchetti, President, Rotary Club of Erie</i> Drawing for Door Prizes
1:30-1:50	Dismissal by School

Large Group Sessions are in the DeAngelo Center. Small group sessions are in the Audrey Hirt building in classrooms listed on the students' individual nametags. Lunch is held in Egan Dining Hall.