



The See-Way

2024-2025



Erie Club 5136, Organized in 1913

District 7280

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12/11 - Collegiate Academy Vocal Jazz Christmas Performance

Please join us in welcoming the students from Collegiate Prep at our regular Rotary Meeting on Wednesday, December 11th. Lunch begins at 11:30 and program will begin right after our normal meeting time of 12 pm noon.



12/17 - Rescheduled Holiday Party

Refer to email sent from Karen Staab, Club President attached in this newsletter!

01/08 - Dr. Jon Anderson - President of PennWest



Lunch at 11:30 am and meeting begins at 12 pm.
Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel
55 West Bay Dr. | Erie, PA 16507 2nd Floor Mtg Rms

Online: Join Zoom Meeting:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86522530793?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86522530793?pwd=Q0NLNVkvcEIBY1hnVnZDQWtHemFTZz09)
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Meeting ID: 865 2253 0793 | Passcode: 1424

Dr. Anderson began his term as PennWest's second president on July 1, 2024. Before his appointment by the PASSHE Board of Governors, Dr. Anderson was provost and vice president for academic affairs at Southern Utah University (SUU), a regional institution with more than 15,000 students and nearly 950 employees. His previous roles include provost and vice president for academic affairs at Middle Georgia State University, which has five physical campuses and an online division; and administrative positions at the University of West Georgia, where he was deputy provost and associate vice president, and the University of Kentucky. Dr. Anderson and his wife, Kristy, along with their son Bryce, have made the president's home in Clarion their primary residence; they live intermittently on the California and Edinboro campuses. The Andersons also have six adult children and seven granddaughters.

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.

Membership Drive

In coordinated efforts to build our club, the membership committee has created a sign up sheet of prospective business partners and respective contacts. If you personally know someone on this list, please sign up to reach out. Our club will only get better with active member participation!



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Save the Date

Ethics Symposium 2025

Tues. Mar. 4th



Recent Events

Festival of Trees: Be sure to check out our Rotary Peace Christmas Tree. While the group had a great time decorating, unfortunately due to extreme winter weather, the event was cancelled



11/06 - Julie Slomski, Erie Port Authority

For our November 6th meeting, we had the privilege of hearing from Julie Slomski, the Executive Director of the Port Authority. We got to hear about the future for our Lake Erie Port and other lakefront properties owned by the authority.



Interact Club: Plans for a Peace Pole In Erie

Students and staff from Erie County Technical School are gearing up for an action packed year of activities, including the creation and installation of our Rotary Club Peace Pole. This has been something our Club has wanted to do for years and is finally becoming closer to a reality.

The Rotary Peace Pole is an internationally recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, bearing the message May Peace Prevail on Earth in eight different languages on each of its four sides. We are excited for this new partnership and will maintain previous relationships with representation from Prep Villa students, as well support their activities. Information will be forthcoming as details become available.





Erie Rotary Club – Committees & Chairs



Are you looking for way to become involved with the Club? Look no further!!

These committees have been a part of the club for quite some time however are always inviting participation from someone like yourself. We all have different gifts and talents to share.

Programming Committee:

Brevin Flowers, Program Chair

This committee provides engaging and innovative programming, offers field trips, involves Rotaract and Interact, explores partnerships with other service organizations, and initiates extra meetings and events such as breakfasts and happy hours.

Membership Development &

Care Committee: Penny

Mechley-Porter

This committee recruits new members, develops levels of membership, develops materials for new members, and ensures benefits for existing members including leadership opportunities, mentorship programs, recognition, and committee engagement.

Finance & Treasurer: Geri

Cicchetti

This committee ensures a balanced budget is prepared annually, evaluates membership structure, and ensures transparency and accountability. Needs a chair to assist treasurer.

International/Student Exchange:

Tatiana Bogatova

This committee encourages student exchanges and assists with interviews, paperwork, and placement.

RI Foundation Committee:

Jim Hynes & Diane Chido

This committee leads the effort to raise funds for Rotary International as each club is asked to do.

Fundraising: Mike Zavasky and Geri Cicchetti

This committee develops a fundraising plan for our Rotary Scholarship Foundation (to fund the Ethics Symposium and scholarships to high school seniors) and a separate fundraising plan for local and international service projects.

Public Relations Committee:

David Rinderle

This committee sends out press releases for all meetings, develops the monthly newsletters, communicates to the membership via email, updates the website, and adds information to Linked-in and Facebook.

Ethics Symposium: Erinn Lake

This committee leads the effort to plan and execute our annual Ethics Symposium for high school juniors.



Do you have an idea you'd like to share?

We love to hear from you. Please tell us your ideas & suggestions. Please contact Karen Tyler via email: ktyler@eriedayschool.com

The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



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

Penny Mechley-Porter

Penny@thrivetherapyspace.com

**GREAT LEADERS DON'T
SET OUT TO BE A
LEADER...THEY SET OUT
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
ITS NEVER ABOUT THE
ROLE-ALWAYS ABOUT
THE GOAL.**



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HAPPY Birthday

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Jeff Evans	04 December
Stephanie Williams	05 December
Michael S. Zavasky	14 December
Zac Wild	23 December
John R. Baldwin	26 December



HAPPY Anniversary

Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
John R. Baldwin	12/01/90	34
James Berlin	12/15/04	20
David T. Briggs	12/01/89	35
Susan Merwin	12/19/18	6
Maureen Rizzo	12/05/18	6

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

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



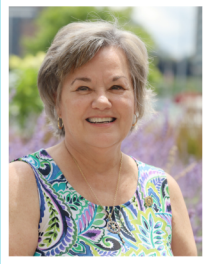
The Rotary Club of Erie proudly partners with United Way Community School, McKinley Elementary. We provide financial resources, book donations, and volunteer services as requested. "Today a reader, tomorrow a leader!"





Meet the 2024-2025 Board

Listed below are the prospective candidates for the 2024-2025 Rotary Year. We are excited to have this group of individuals oblige at their opportunity to serve as a person of action within our Club. We appreciate the work contributed by each of these members and look forward to the new ideas coming forth. *As People of Action, we all have the ability to make a positive difference within our own Club and Community.*

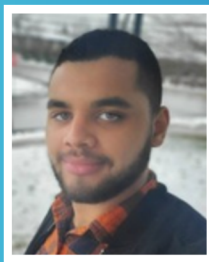


Dr. Karen Staab

Karen has been a member of the Rotary Club of Erie since February of 2020. She is a PA licensed psychologist and a PA certified school psychologist with over 25 years of experience working in public and private school settings, as well as providing behavioral health assessment and support through Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services. Karen is an advocate for promoting membership, club grants, has successfully coordinated the Ethics Symposium and Club Picnic, and has played an essential role in other Rotary events. We are lucky to have Karen serve in this leadership role and excited to see what she has in store for our club.



Gus Pine
President Elect



Brevin Flowers
Program Chair



Geri Cichetti
Treasurer/Past President



Karen Tyler
Secretary



Nathan Kobel
Board Member



Clark Kuebler
Board Member



Joseph Kuvshinikov
Board Member



Erinn Lake
Board Member



Penny Mechley-Porter
Board Member



David Rinderle
Board Member



Richard Seymour
Board Member



Mike Zavasky
Board Member



Upcoming Events!

If you have an event you would like to share, please forward your flyer or details to Karen Staab or Maureen Rizzo, so we can include it in our monthly SeeWay Newsletter. We are an organization that supports community and local events, and are happy to help advertise.

ROTARY CLUB OF ERIE
BINGO Fundraiser



Saturday February 1st

\$20 per ticket | Polish Falcons Nest 610

[HTTPS://WWW.ERIEROTARY.CLUB/](https://www.erierotary.club/)

Join us for an afternoon of fun and games at our Bingo Event!
Proceeds will benefit Rotary Club of Erie Projects.

Date: Saturday, February 1st
Time: Doors Open at Noon, Bingo @ 1 pm
Location: Polish Falcons 431 East Third Street Erie PA



Scan Below To Purchase Tickets:



- BINGO
- AUCTIONS
- RAFFLES
- PRIZES

Erie Club #5136
District #7280

The Club will have beverages & food available for purchase.
Invite friends and family for a fun afternoon!

ROTARY OF ERIE CLUB

ETHICS SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025




Erie County High School Junior's are invited to join us for our 14th Annual Ethics Symposium. An educational experience dedicated to critical thinking and decision making through use of the Rotary Four Way Test.

- Teacher Session will feature Erie Rotarian/DA Elizabeth Hertz along with Detective Anne Styn. Presentation on social media and human trafficking, as well as the misuse by students of AI in the classroom (Act 48 CEU)

To sign up or for more information, please contact Erinn Lake at erinn68@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

03.04.25



Rotary Club of Erie



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Do you or someone in our club have good news to share? A special anniversary, work recognition, a new baby in the family? Please send your information here for a happy cheer from everyone in your Erie Rotary Club!

We Peace Leaders of our community, what a great place to start by sharing our accomplishments with one another!

Please contact Karen Staab or Maureen Rizzo so it can be included in our monthly newsletters



**Special Thanks to everyone
who signed up for
Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Thu, Dec 5, 2024
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**



Click Below for Volunteer Opportunities!

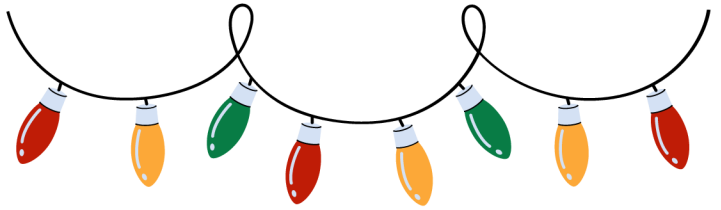


The Best Volunteer Opportunities in Erie

Want to volunteer in Erie? Find the best volunteer opportunities near you. Find the best virtual...


volunteermatch.org

Holiday Party Update:



Good news! We were able to reschedule the Holiday party for December 17, 2024 at 6PM at the UPMC Stadium Club, 831 French Street! Please pray/ask/beg/whatever Mother Nature to be good to us so we can celebrate the season together. The good news is that I have heard from some that they had conflicting parties and perhaps this new date will allow them to attend.

If you have already registered, you need to do nothing as your registration remains in place.

If you were not able to attend the original date, but now can attend the rescheduled date, please register here.  [Register NOW](#) for **Holiday Party at the Stadium Room-- Seawolves Complex **RESCHEDULE**

If you have to cancel due to the rescheduled date, please notify me at staabpsychserv@gmail.com and I will take your name(s) off the list. Any payment for a guest if you have had to cancel will be refunded to you.

Again, a reminder, if you have any special dietary restrictions, please send directly to me, staabpsychserv@gmail.com, and I will forward them to the catering staff.

Please remember we will have a gift exchange game, so bring a wrapped gift, value of approximately \$15.00 if you wish to participate. There is handicapped parking right in front of the entrance (to the left of the ticket sales windows) and also street parking nearby. There are some ramps on 8th and French and 10th and French, approximately one block away. I am hoping given the extra week, that the show in the parking lanes will be removed and parking will be cleared by then.

I have to share that the staff at the UPMC Stadium Club have been GREAT to work with and so flexible in the cancelation/rescheduling process.

I appreciate the kind (and approving) comments you sent regarding the original cancelation. I felt it was important to be respectful of the County restrictions regarding travel as well as the well-being of our members.

I am really looking forward to celebrating with all of you.

Karen

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