



**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF EDINBORO

August 2025

## Edinboro **KIWANIAN**

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Al Leonzi (2024-2026)  
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Judi Pacileo (2024-2026)  
Raymond Dengel (2024-2025)  
Pat Baker (2023-2025)  
Mark Hutchison (2023-2025)

### MONTHLY MEETING

4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

### SOCIAL

2nd Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. at  
Perkins Restaurant  
3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at  
Crossroads Diner

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .

## OR, IN THIS CASE, MY CAR!

Whew — what a crazy couple of months! Between Kids Day, the Duck Race, and our Open House, it's been a *full* season for our club. And yet, as I look back at all we pulled off together, I feel nothing but pride and gratitude. None of it happened by accident. Every detail — every sign made, duck tagged, table set up, donation gathered, conversation had — took the time, energy, and heart of our members. It has been a true “all hands on deck” few months, and, because of that teamwork, our impact was stronger, our community was reached, and our mission as Kiwanis was fully lived out.

These events are more than fundraisers or outreach—they're real-life reflections of our core purpose: serving the children of our community and building lasting relationships that support them. When we host a Kids Day, it's not just a fun day in the park — it's a reminder that childhood should be celebrated. When we run the Duck Race, we're not just floating rubber ducks — we're raising the funds that make it possible to give back. And when we open our doors to new faces, we're expanding the reach of love, service, and purpose that defines Kiwanis.

To all our **new members** — **WELCOME!** You've stepped into something meaningful. This club is special not just because of what we do, but because of who we are doing it with. We're glad you're here. Your voice matters, your time matters, and your heart for service will only make this team stronger.

Let's keep showing up, lifting each other up, and reaching out to make our corner of the world a little better — together.

*President Missy*

*Kiwanis is a global organization  
of volunteers dedicated to  
improving the world one child  
and one community at a time.*

## MEET THE NEW MEMBERS



**PATTY REGAN** is a resident of Washington Township. She has been married to Pat Regan for almost 37 years. They have five children — three girls and two boys — and two beautiful grandchildren with another due in October.

A graduate of Villa Maria Academy and Gannon University, Patty grew up in the city of Erie. She retired in 2021 after working 36 years for Erie County, finishing her career in the office of District Magistrate Denise Stuck-Lewis.

As a volunteer, Patty has served as MOPS coordinator, McKean PTA president, and Shadbrush president, as well as various other positions. She volunteers at Pleasant Ridge Manor, keeps the free lending libraries around the area full of books and spends time sharing natural, non-toxic body care products with her small business, Jordan Essentials. She loves to read, cross-stitch and travel.

*WELCOME TO KIWANIS, PATTY!*



**GAIL SWANK** is a retired principal in the Corry Area School District. Prior to joining that school district, she earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and a master's from Edinboro University. She also taught at Mercyhurst College and Meadville High School.

Gail has been married to her husband Stan for 43 years. They have two sons: Stan II who is married to Becky; they have two sons, Tripp and Jeff. And Ben who is married to Aimee; they have a son, Connor, and a daughter, Rylee.

In her spare time, Gail enjoys watching sports and playing golf, and she is currently learning to line dance.

Fun facts about Gail — she has eaten ice cream out of a Maytag washing machine, and she once owned a bridal shop.

Favorite quotes — “There’s no crying in baseball!” and “It’s supposed to be hard. If it wasn’t hard everyone would do it. The hard is what makes it great,” both from *A League of Their Own*.

*WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE ABOUT THAT ICE CREAM, GAIL!*



**JAY McELHINNEY** is the owner of Crossroads Dinor and the “dog dad” of four large Newfoundlands! After being inducted into the club, Jay won the cookie contest with his Snickers-flavored cookies. He received praise from all members present and a plush Cookie Monster from President Missy.

New members inducted on June 24: *Steve Karns, Gail Swank, Matt Lane, Allison Marendt, Scott Rastetter, and Patty Regan*

Inducted July 22: *Jay McElhinney*

Approved by the Board, pending Induction: *Scott McFadden*.

*Read future issues of this newsletter to get to know the newest members of the Edinboro Kiwanis family!*

# KIWANIS DUCK RACE 2025



## JUST THE FACTS ...

- Total of 1,990 tickets sold (675 online and 1,225 in person)
- "Share the profits" with GM Band (169 tickets) and Ft. LeBoeuf Band (109 tickets). Each group will receive \$2.50 per ticket sold.
- Tickets were also sold by Brink Ink (16), Chances (32), and Erin's Hair Garage (32). 14 were sold at Kids Day, 206 at fireworks, 245 at Lakeside the morning of the race, and 77 at Mallory Run.
- This year's individual top seller was co-chair Mark Baker.
- Almost every year, a few live ducks join in the race!
- The finish line was engineered and hand-built by our own Jon Foulkrod.

## OUR DONORS

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EMPEREAN DAY SPA & SALON  
ERIE ZOO  
ERIN'S HAIR GARAGE  
FAT WILLIES WING HOUSE  
FLIP CAFE  
FOUR GUNSMITHING  
FOUND LOUNGE  
BLUNT FUNERAL HOME  
BUT INK TATTOO STUDIO  
GRACE JAY'S BOUTIQUE  
GREATER ERIE DENTAL ASSOCIATES  
GREEN EYED LADY  
HAMILTON INSURANCE  
HULINGS BLUEBERRY FARM  
HURRY HILL MAPLE FARM & MUSEUM  
JAY'S AUTO WRECKING  
JAZZCIRCLE EDINBORO  
JOAN & RAY DENIGL  
JOHN & GLORIA FORCHON  
JOHN'S WILLOWOOD PIZZERIA  
LAKESIDE BAGEL & DELI  
LAKESIDE BEACH BAR  
LAKESIDE EQUIPMENT  
LE JARDIN FLORALS & FURNISHINGS  
LINDA'S BOOK TRADER  
LISA BAKER  
LOST LAKES  
LUXURY DETAILS  
MARK BAKER CONSTRUCTION

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WICK'S PLACE  
NORMAN'S DELI & PIZZERIA  
NORTHWEST SAVINGS BANK  
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PARKER'S FRAMING GALLERY  
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RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE  
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SCOTLAND YARDS GREENHOUSE  
SCOTT'S CARPET SHOWCASE  
SEASONS INN  
SHARI GOULD  
SOUTH SHORE PARTY RENTAL  
ST. FRANCIS USHERS CLUB  
SUNSET GOLF  
SUNVIEW GOLF  
TACO BELL  
THRIFTY THREADS  
TIM HORTONS  
TRACTOR SUPPLY  
TRANS 50  
VAN MATRE FUNERAL HOME  
WELLMAN TRUCKING



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, August 12 ..... Social at Perkins, 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 19 ..... President Missy is requesting a planning meeting for all those who are interested in (or have signed up for) chairing a committee. Her goal is to make each of the committees a bit more autonomous within the club. Location: McLane Church. Time: TBA.

Wednesday, August 20 ..... Social at Crossroads Dinor, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 26 ..... Club meeting (Zoom and in-person), 6:30 p.m., McLane Church. Board meeting follows.

**Tuesday, September 9 ..... Club picnic, 5:00 p.m., Washington Twp. Park (off Angling Road), bring a dish to share (plus plates and silverware for yourself!) A wrapped gift for the auction is optional. Auction proceeds benefit the administrative fund.**

September ..... Cathy H would like to have a Christmas planning meeting. Watch for details.





**LEFT:** Lisa Baker enjoyed some impromptu dancing with Kiwanis International President Lee at the recent Convention. The four-day event brought in thousands of Kiwanis members from all over the world.

**RIGHT:** Members gather for “social” time at Perkins on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. You can almost always see Erica and Pat there!

On the third Wednesday, the gang meets at Crossroads at 6:30 p.m. for more socializing. Last month, new member Jay McElhinny treated the group! Either of these is a great time to invite friends to learn more about Kiwanis.



## THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

1. To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
2. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
3. To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
4. To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, and serviceable citizenship.
5. To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
6. To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

## CLUB GOALS FOR 2024-25

1. Recommit to improving our membership committee with a passionate chair and, together, creatively establish how to maintain and improve membership.
2. Each member will know their “why” and the club’s “why” to be able to share it with others.
3. Build stronger relationships with our service groups (Circle K, Key Club & Builders Club) to get more students involved in the activities of our community and within their schools.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Judi Pacileo ..... August 4  
 Mary Ropp ..... August 14  
 Jon Foulkrod ..... August 26

### MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

Fran Dietz ..... 2000

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joan and Ray Dengel ..... August 7  
 Erica and Alan Bickel ..... August 12  
 Jay and Chelsea McElhinney ..... August 14  
 Fran and John Dietz ..... August 20  
 Allison and Eric Marendt ..... August 20