



Kiwanis
CLUB OF EDINBORO

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Edinboro **KIWANIAN**

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT

Conrad Schlesinger, Governor
Kiwanis Club of Lock Haven

REGION ONE

Cathy Szymanski (Erie)
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EDINBORO KIWANIS

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Missy Abbott (2022-2024)

Al Leonzi (2022-2024)

Patty Niswonger (2022-2024)

Pat Baker (2023-2025)

Cheryl Harney (2023-2025)

Mark Hutchison (2023-2025)

MONTHLY MEETING

4th Tuesday, 7:00 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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*Kiwanis is a global organization
of volunteers dedicated to
improving the world one child
and one community at a time.*



MEET YOUR NEW SECRETARY

Erica Bickel joined the Edinboro Kiwanis Club on October 25, 2023. She hit the ground running and so far has helped with the Christmas gift project, created BUG certificates, and is organizing an evening social event ... and she entered our Edinboro Kiwanis Foundation in the "Lovin' Givin' Local" contest on WJET-TV for a possible award of \$250. She is gearing up to play an instrumental role in this year's Duck Race.

Erica spent all of her formative years in Edinboro and was a member of General McLane class of 2000. After attending Nossi College of Art in Nashville, she did wedding and event photography for a few years and was a photographer for the Eerie Horror Film Festival where she met quite a few b-list celebrities!

The mother of one daughter and three animals (a lizard?!), Erica is married to Alan, a drummer. They spent their pre-parenting years going to concerts as often as possible. And now they enjoy hiking not only in Pennsylvania, but also in North Carolina and the Outer Banks.

Erica says, "I don't have any documentation to back this up, but I'm pretty sure my grandpa was the real Santa Claus!"

As secretary, Erica will be working hard to promote our club and to keep all members informed and up to date. Let's show her the cooperation and respect she deserves.

Welcome aboard, Erica!



Erica and Mabel

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KEY CLUB!

The General McLane High School Key Club was recognized at the annual Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA Bread Box Awards ceremony. This is the second year that GMHS has participated in collecting monetary and food donations to benefit the organization.

GMHS Key Club collected \$376 and 400 pounds of food this year! Way to go, guys!



RECYCLING PLASTICS

From Cathy, our Bag Lady -

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped sort the 87 pounds of plastic the Edinboro Community has brought to the Boro Building during the last 2 weeks! Erica Bickel, Carole Edwards Martin, Debbie Zahler, Janet Stachowiak, and Patty Regan, spent a little over an hour combing through the plastic and consolidating it. It's been weighed, recorded with NexTrek and will be dropped off at the Interchange Giant Eagle in Erie tomorrow. Thanks to Shadbrush Club of Edinboro for sponsoring our next bench. Only 832 more pounds of plastic before we reach it!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Bernie ConnellyApril 3
- Mark Hutchison.....April 27

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

- Missy Abbott 2019
- Cheryl Harney..... 2008

Congratulations to Mark Hutchison for selling \$7.5 million in closed homes last year. He won the Diamond Society award for his hard work and great service to his clients serving both Crawford and Erie counties.

WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM!

According to Wikipedia: *Instagram is a photo and video sharing social networking service owned by Meta Platforms. It allows users to upload media that can be edited with filters, be organized by hashtags, and be associated with a location via geographical tagging. Posts can be shared publicly or with preapproved followers.*

Thanks to Erica, you can now follow Edinboro Kiwanis on Instagram!
Just log in to: <https://www.instagram.com/edinborokiwanis/>

A KIWANIS EDUCATION MOMENT

MOTTO: Serving the children of the world

MEMBERSHIP: 438,087 adult and youth members
183,470 adult members
254,617 youth members

CLUBS: 7,860 adult clubs
7,989 youth clubs

SERVICE:

- * Each year, the Kiwanis family of clubs devote more than 7.3 million hours to service.
- * Kiwanis clubs sponsor adult and youth leadership programs, and conduct more than 241,000 projects
- * Kiwanis clubs raise almost US\$340 million.
- * The average Kiwanian impacts the lives of 106 children.

It looks like everyone had a great time at our first evening social gathering! It was nice to be able to accommodate those whose schedules don't allow them to attend morning events.

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Crossroads Dinor. Thanks to Erica for setting this up and to the Dinor for being so nice!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER — Mary Ropp! You can see her in this photo, waving from the back corner on the right.



MYSTERY MEMBER! Who is this?

I have three younger brothers, three sisters-in-law and six nieces and nephews. I won the DAR eighth grade history award. I joined Kiwanis because my employer thought I should join a service organization.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ERIE

It was a privilege for our club to help with a fundraising project for the Kiwanis Club of Erie. They have numerous projects throughout the year, but perhaps the largest and most successful is their diner’s cards. A portion of the money raised is donated to Community Shelter Services for the construction of “tiny homes” for those in need.

According to Bill Sapone, past president of the Erie Club: Five homes are occupied and one is nearing completion. Four more are planned for the Kiwanis Village on the east end of the property at 655 West 17th in Erie. The “Kiwanis Food Shack” will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner to children and adults who live near the shelter.



KIDS DAY: SUMMER IN THE ‘BORO

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
MCLANE CHURCH

GOAL: We want the children of Edinboro to know the community cares about them and there are so many great things for them and their families to do, especially during the summer.

OVERVIEW: We want to showcase all the great summer activities our community has to offer the kids and their families. We will invite community members such as Goodell Gardens, local churches, police and fire departments, American Legion (pool), library, Sunview, etc. We will ask the organizations to bring information on events or activities they provide and encourage them to bring coupons or informational pieces to provide to families.

We will ask each community organization to also bring an interactive activity for the kids (games, firetrucks, police dog, craft, coloring, etc.)

Edinboro Kiwanis will provide at least one hands-on activity, a book, multiple games, and fun treats to enjoy while attending the activity.



Planning meeting for committee and all members
Thursday, April 4, 5:00 p.m., zoom

THIS MONTH'S MYSTERY MEMBER IS
JOHN DIETZ

HERE ARE SOME SERVICE PROJECTS SHARED BY OUR LT. GOVERNOR, VAL ROSE. If you're interested in our club doing any of these, please speak to the highlighted projects are ones we already do.)

Partner with:

- Red Cross install smoke detectors
- Second Harvest local food pantry
- Food drive for local college food pantry
- WQLN Annual phone auction
- Local Fair volunteer and/or provide a prize

- Coordinate field trip for school kids to attend local fair & learn about agriculture
- Tim Tebow Night to Shine

- Reading to Children at a Library or School
- Scholarships to local seniors
- Trunk or Treat

- Zoo Boo
- Cemetery cleanup

- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Sponsor Blow ups/Bouncy House for local event
- Holiday decorating at local events
- Local festival & handout, stuffed animal, bike safety info, etc.
- School events volunteer or have a table
- Serve at Habitat for Humanity

team

Lower Effort

- Fleece tied blankets for Foster Care
- Little Free Libraries
- Road Cleanup
- Provide Dinner for local volunteer firemen or other service workers
- Clergy/Teacher Appreciation Day
- Birthday cakes for kids foster care, shelter, etc.
- Host a drive/shower for baby items to
- Host a prescription drug take back day
- Host a CPR/Stop the Bleed Training
- Host a community shredding event

Medium Effort

- Trauma dolls for firemen, police or hospital
- School Caring Closets drive or supplies for nurses
- Collect items for foster care placement bag
- Jared Boxes for local hospitals
- Mitten, hat, sock or coat collection for local shelter or school
- Christmas baskets for seniors
- Spruce up a local playground
- Summer reading challenge/reward
- Sleeping mats for the homeless
- Do an activity at a nursing home
- Adopt a school staff for a year

More Effort

- Family Movie Night
- Parade float
- Pumpkin painting or carving event
- Back to School Bash
- Community Garden
- Easter Egg hunt Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt
- Bike Rodeo & Safety Day

- Give back to local businesses, weed, wash windows, etc.
- Assist local volunteer firemen w/ fundraising volunteers
- Snowman Day for families
- Spring fling for families, booths, etc.
- Build beds for children in need
- Game Nights for kids
- Fishing derby
- Senior citizen holiday dinner
- Plant trees for Earth or Arbor Day
- Christmas/Halloween/Easter party for kids
- Wheelchair ramps for homes
- Blood Screening for community
- Beginning of Summer celebration for kids
- Superheroes or princess breakfast
- Host a Community Fitness/Wellness Day
- Plastic bag recycling to make benches w/Nextre