



Meeting Minutes

The Erie Rotary Club met on 8/21/2025 at Erie United Methodist Church Community Room.

Members' Present: Gerri Kier, Angela Deabler, Maria Arellano, Jolene McKenna, Rene Vellinga, Lew Miller, Carol Campbell, Marty Noonan, Kate Jackson, Kari Newmann, Max Paul, Susan Taylor, Kevin Taylor, Adam Alexander, Andy Carter

Guests: Laurie Stewart, Maximus Miles, Barbara Miles, David Tecson

Speaker: Ivan Jackson

4-way Test led by - Gerri

Woo Hoos –

Lew – cooking 60 pounds of pork for Maria's party and had a wonderful event with the BBQ Cookoff.

Jolene – celebrating a great meeting with fellow Rotarian Carol and getting input.

Susan Taylor – kids completed hiking their first 14er and they had some wonderful family time.

Kari- Gave us a reminder to hug our family members because we never know when we will lose them. A close friend lost her child this week to suicide.

Maria – matched Lew's Woo Hoo in thanks for all his support for her party. Also hoping for no rain for Saturday.

Adam – contributed dollars for being tardy!

Business

Rene received his committee chair pin for accepting the role of Chair for the Community Service Committee

The Visioning Survey Update – We have received 15 responses to the Visioning Survey for our 3-year fundraising plan. We will leave it open for one more week before finalizing the results.

Upcoming Events

Sanchez Back to School Night- volunteers needed. Rotary is providing hot dogs and Lew is barbecuing. Reminder to wear sunscreen! Current volunteers include:

Group 1 (1 Task)			
● Serve Food	🕒 Sep 04, 2025 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM		2 of 5 booked
<input type="checkbox"/>	#	Name	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Andy Carter	✗
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Lewis Miller	✗
Unbook Selected			

Erie Air Fair – Rotary is sponsoring the Beer Garden. Beer is being donated, and we receive the profits. More volunteers are needed. Please check out Club Runner calendar here: [Erie Air Fair 2025 | Rotary Club of Erie](#)

Current volunteers signed up:

Name	Date	Start Time	End Time	Volunteer	Email	Phone
Set Up						
Set up Ticket Booth and Beer Tent	Sep 07, 2025	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Kier, Gerri	gerri@completena.com	(303) 815-3567
All 2 volunteers booked	Sep 07, 2025	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Vellinga, Rene	renevellinga@gmail.com	(303) 818-1689
Ticket Sales						
Sell Tickets & Verify ID's	Sep 07, 2025	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Campbell, Carol	carolynne1955@gmail.com	(720) 281-2677
2 of 5 booked	Sep 07, 2025	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	McKenna, Jolene	jobethapp@gmail.com	(303) 859-3311
Beer Tent						
Pour Beer - Keep Stock	Sep 07, 2025	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Arellano, Maria	marellano8@comcast.net	(303) 519-4656
2 of 5 booked	Sep 07, 2025	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Vellinga, Rene	renevellinga@gmail.com	(303) 818-1689

New Youth Protection Policy – Please review district policy on working events with youth or at-risk individuals. Those working closely with youth—such as Youth Exchange or RYLA counselors—must complete advanced training and a background check. If you're unsure what level of training applies to your role, speak with Gerri to ensure you're properly prepared. It takes only about 20 minutes to complete. More information and the form to request the link can be found here: [Youth Protection and At-Risk Policy | Rotary Club of Erie](#)

Upcoming District Events: (Open to anyone interested)

Rise Leadership Training – RISE: Fundamentals - *Developing the Servant Leader, the foundational skill necessary to lead volunteer members*

Cultivating servant leadership and the associated “people and problem-solving skills” is imperative to Rotary – an organization dependent on the passion and engagement of its volunteer members.

This training occurs over 6 sessions. Attendance at all sessions is expected. There is also about 60 minutes of preparatory work that needs to be completed prior to the facilitated Zoom sessions.

[RISE Leadership Training](#)

District Conference – The **2025 District Conference** will be held **Saturday, October 11** at the **EPIC Campus, 190 E. Littleton Blvd, Littleton 80121** from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The conference is designed to help attendees Unite for Good as they connect and form relationships with members across the district. This will be a high-energy event with two amazing keynote speakers, breakout sessions designed to expose you to new ideas, the **House of Friendship** featuring club projects as well as Rotarian-owned businesses, breakfast, lunch, and a mocktail reception.

\$50 for members. More Information - [2025-District-Conf-Register-now.pdf](#)