

Rotary Club of Erie



Meeting Minutes

The Erie Rotary Club met on May 1, 2025 at 7:00P.M at Erie Community Center. .

Members: Kevin, Gerri, Kari Newman, Jolene, Andy, Alex, Marty, Ramzi, Bryan and Maria
4-way Test: led by Gerri

“Woo-Who”

Maria- Her twin grandsons turning 3 on May 5

Kari - The beautiful rainbow in the sky tonight and a fun BBQ last night

Gerri - Is busy planning the fundraiser for June 1st for her foundation

Andy - He's happy he actually made it to the meeting, Ethan youngest graduating college!

New Business

Paul Harris Awardees: Gerri PH +3, Jolene PH +1

Anniversaries: Andy, Kevin, Susan and Sandy all completed 4 years! Our club also has an anniversary in May as well!

Meeting Room Needs

We are still trying to confirm Orchard Church for a place to meet for the remaining dates for this fiscal year and for future. We are expecting Orchard Church to be the location for the following meetings:

- May 15th and June 18th

The ECC will still be the location for all other scheduled meetings in June.

New volunteer request - Velosolutions UCI Pump Track World Championships Qualifier Course Marshals Needed – Saturday, May 3rd! We've got a last-minute but exciting opportunity to support a local event this Saturday, May 3rd — and we need 4–8 volunteers to help make it a success! <https://erieco.gov/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/252134>

- What's Needed: Course Marshals — You'll help keep spectators out of the fenced area, assist in clearing the course if needed, and be a friendly face engaging with the crowd. Shift Options: • Morning Shift: 7:00 AM – 12:30 PM • Afternoon Shift: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM (We'll break it up so you don't need to commit to the full day.)
- What You'll Get: Event shirt and meals and snacks provided • Front-row access to the action! We know it's short notice, so no pressure — but if you're available and willing to lend a hand, we'd love to have you. Let us know ASAP, and we're happy to walk through the details if you'd prefer a quick call! Let's show up the way Erie Rotary does best — ready, willing, and making a difference.

Calvary Food Drive: Andy reported that Calvary Church has an upcoming food drive for Uplink. Erie Uplink has food needs to supplement children nutritional needs during summer months - shopping lists distributed to attendees. Needs include: Peanut Butter, small jars or snack cups, Slim Jims/Beef Jerky, Fruit cups, Soup, Spaghetti-O's, Trail Mix, Juice boxes, Instant Breakfast Packets. Please be sure expiration is on or after December 2025

Recap of Past Events & General Updates

Cultural Caravan - didn't sell much alcohol

Taste of Sanchez - Bryan reported it was a great event. Well attended by the community with lots of good food from many different countries.

Excess funds earmarked for the food, but not spent will be given to the school as a donation as was voted on in a previous meeting.

Scholarship Update: Received 20 applicants, narrowed down to 4. Will pick finalists next week. Anticipated that we will distribute all \$5000.

RYLA/Young RYLA - RYLA has no applicants and 2 for Young RYLA

Town Fair - We have slots still available both morning and afternoon. Will include Jam sales. Please go to Zeffy and register.

Nature with Neighbors - Alex reported logistics are being finalized and plants getting sourced. Email blast went out to all last year's videos. Discussed the need for a video for social media. Alex to work on that. The pavilion at the lake has been reserved and we will get the flags for the ground, water dispensers and the pop-up shelter. Suggestion was given to purchase a bag of gardening gloves ahead of time to have but also encourage volunteers to bring their own gloves and refillable water bottles.

Graduation Cart Drivers - Erie High School graduation, all positions filled! Donation buckets will be placed.

Bolder Boulder Water Distributions - Kari reported we need 9 more volunteers. Water station will be on the course and have access to bathrooms. Date: May 26th, 2025

<https://bb10k.configio.com/pd/8817?code=vMOeEQalmS>

If we do not have enough volunteers, we will need to relinquish our spot and we will miss out on the funds. Last year we earned \$600. Time: 5:45am - 11:45am ■ Website - <https://www.bolderboulder.com>

“Lew-Wow” May Gathering (Kari and Kevin) ○ Location: Coal Miner Park, 470 Cheeseman Street, from 5-7pm May 29th, 2025 Invites: Delivered to Club (4/17) Potluck: Sign-up is coming. Alcohol permit is pending. This will be our social event for May since there are 5 Thursdays in the month. Kevin will determine the amount we have in our social budget to see if food can be provided so we do not need to do a potluck.

Education Elevated Fundraiser (Gerri) Event: The Muse Entertainment Center - 200 E South Boulder ○ Date: June 1st, Cody Qualls & the Brand New Ancients is the musical guest. Funds raised will pay for the expenses for the School for the school in Nepal. Tickets available at EducationElevated.org

District Learning Assembly (Kevin) ○ Goals: General Learning and Leadership, Breakfast Provided Date: June 7th, 2025 at 8:00 to Noon – Location: 190 E. Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO 80121 ○ <https://rotary5450.org/event/district-learning-assembly/>

Visioning Event Update (Kevin) Date still pending but looking at July. This will be a 3-4 hour event with a possible social hour afterward. June 8th was the “best-attended” date so far in the poll but Gerri is unable to attend, so we will likely need to consider alternate dates as the president’s attendance is expected. The district will send 3 participants as well.

Year-End Celebration/Pass the Torch Potluck! (Kevin) Date: June 27th, 2025 at 5:30pm, Location: Gerri’s House - 225 Beacon Hill Dr, Lafayette

Other Discussion: A concern was expressed regarding attendance when we have outside speakers and the suggestion to not have speakers during summer months. Please make a concerted effort to attend these meetings and consider inviting neighbors and friends. We need to promote our next speaker, Mayor Andrew Moore, so posting on your social media is highly encouraged.

Active Adults: next event is in August, so the topic was tabled.

Housekeeping (Not for Discussion)

- Rotary International Conference Calgary, Canada 21-25 JUNE 2025

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM. Reminder, our next meeting is May 15 at 7:00pm at **TBD.**

Respectively submitted,
Maria Arellano