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Erie Gay News



Zone Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend raises \$3,892

from Zone Dance Club

The 12th Annual Breast Cancer Weekend was held October 13-15 at the Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. The event was organized by Michelle Michaels. The beneficiary was again the StringsforaCURE® charity. The event directly raised total over weekend \$2,112.00, grant money \$1,500 and check donations of \$280.00 for a grand total of \$3,892.00. There was a record number of 32 baskets donated for a Chinese auction. Basket donors included Chris Temple, Grace Watson, Sandy Hodas, Brenda Dugan, Elaine Crandall, Denise Kubiak, Brenda Crolli, Denise Kubiak, Dale Allgeier, Robert Eckendorf, Anelle Dugan, Jessica DeVita, Nancy Krumpe, *Erie Gay News*, Matthew Blake Steger, Glenn David Meyer, Sean Weary, NW PA Pride Alliance, Smiths family, Rose Palombi, and Schafer family. Financial donors included Pat & Tom Matson, Little Dance Studio, and Chris and Stacy G. (Also thanks for James Sayers for getting the grant from Sam's Club.) Thanks also to Zone owners Bob & Lou.

The weekend included a bake sale and food. Thanks for the treats goes to Sherry Edkin, Grace Watson, Jessica Lucas, Susan Conner, Cindy Ezzo and Bob Regan.

Thanks also to volunteers for the weekend and Zone owners and staff.

The weekend concluded with a drag show, with performers donating all tips. Drag performers were Misty Michaels Kall, Jill Jameson, Trista Towers, Lovin' Heart, Alysia Wonderland, Buffy Lynn Hayes, Syren Hellfire, and Michelle Michaels.

Michelle Michaels' mother, Gracie, herself a breast cancer survivor, was the inspiration for holding the Breast Cancer Awareness weekends each October. StringsforaCURE has had a total of \$15,392 raised over the past five years that it has been the designated charity. For more information, visit www.stringsforcure.org

Photo gallery at www.eriegaynews.com



LGBT WALKING UNIT AT EUP HOMECOMING PARADE
Members of Identity, Edinboro University's LGBTQIA+ student group prepare for take-off in Edinboro University's annual Homecoming Parade on October 14. The theme was Superheroes. They were joined by NW PA Pride Alliance board members. Photos at nwpapride.org

Photo by Michael Mahler

Meadville Halloween Parade Unit

Info from Randy Herbert-Weed, Crawford Area LGBT+

Crawford Area LGBT+ will be participating in Meadville's Halloween parade on Oct. 28th as a "walking" float. The parade's theme this year is Safari. The group is partnering with Allegheny College's GSA group. Anyone interested in participating with us and walking the parade would be much appreciated – strength in numbers as we take this bold step in the rural community that proved so "controversial" when the non-discrimination ordinance was proposed.

The parade starts at 6:30 pm and all floats must be lined up in the 'line-up' area before then. I will have our line-up 'float' number and more specific times once they provide that Info: Randy Herbert-Weed, at crawfordarealgbt@gmail.com FB at Crawford Area LGBT+

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We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments, and opinions of interest to local GLBTs for publication in these pages. Please include your contact information with any piece you submit.



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From Your Friends at Erie Gay News

To Lake Erie Counseling Associates for hosting! Alex, Andrea, Kim, Rex Apps, Richard Guy, Trish Catalano, and Wanda Watkins for folding; Alex, Jerry McCumber, Johauna, Kim, Rex Apps, and Trish Catalano for distribution; Mike Lipiec for ad layout & etc. If you're interested in helping out, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com.

Community News

Erie Gay News distributor updates

by Mike Mahler, *Erie Gay News*

We are updating our list of distributors.

If you are currently a distributor, we ask that you email us at info@eriegaynews.com or call us at (814) 456-9833 to let us know that we are getting you the correct number of copies before Friday, November 10.

If you are not currently a distributor, but would like to be, please email or call us by November 10.

The distributors of our monthly print edition are listed at www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/placesto-get.php. We are happy to list those who carry EGN!

Locations Sought for Free Condom Distribution

by Laura Beckes/ECDH/Erie County HIV Task Force

Many people engage in risky sexual behavior that can result in unhealthy outcomes. In Erie County; HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia rates continue to rise. To help reduce sexual risk behaviors the Erie County HIV Task Force is continuing an initiative to reduce the number of infections in our community and we need your help!

The task force is currently developing a condom distribution program to increase the accessibility and availability of condoms county-wide, which in turn will help normalize condom use and decrease HIV and STD transmission in our community. We have undertaken a variety of strategies which include:

- Multiple condom distribution sites where people can obtain condoms FREE of charge throughout Erie County
- A social marketing campaign, which includes information on STDs and HIV, and locations where to get condoms.
- A traditional marketing campaign which includes flyers, news releases and ads.

We are hoping you will join us in the fight against HIV and STDs by agreeing to be a condom distribution site. **The task force will provide you FREE condoms and confidential bags for distribution.** If you are interested in becoming a distribution site please contact Laura Beckes via email lbeckes@eriecountypa.gov or phone 814-451-6786.

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Calendar

Detailed calendar listings in our online calendar
www.eriegaynews.com

Oct 6 - 29 (Fri - Sun) - "Rocky Horror 2017: the Last Floor Show" (PACA, 1505 State St, Erie, PA) Performances Fridays at 8 PM and Saturdays at 8 PM and midnight, with an extra performance on Oct. 29 at 8 PM. . www.paca1505.com

Oct 13 - Nov 4 (Fri - Sat) - Play: "Straight" (Buffalo United Artists, One Curtain Up Alley, Buffalo, NY) 8 PM. (716) 886-9239. buffalobua@gmail.com. www.buffalobua.org.

Oct 26 - Nov 19 (Thu - Sun) - "Mamma Mia!" (Erie Playhouse, 13 West 10th Street, Erie, PA) PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES CHANGED from what was originally scheduled! " (814)454-2852. info@erieplayhouse.org. www.erieplayhouse.org.

Oct 27 (Fri) - "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" (Reg Lenna Center For The Arts, 116 East 3rd St., Jamestown, NY) "This is an audience participation

showing of the 1975 classic." reglenna.com

Oct 28 (Sat) - TransFamily of NWPA (Erie) Transgender Support Group meets (Crime Victim Center of Erie County, 125 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 2 - 5 PM. Contact: Caitlyn (814) 823-1969. Caitlynxpress@gmail.com. FB: Transfamily of NWPA

Oct 28 (Sat) - Zone Halloween Party - Grimm's Fairy Tales (Zone, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 8 PM - 2 AM. TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com. FB: TheZoneDanceClub.

Oct 28 (Sat) - TransFamily of Titusville Transgender Support Group meets (YWCA Activities Building, 212 N. Franklin St, Titusville, PA) 3 - 6 PM. Contact: Matthew Miller. (814) 758-8885. mjmill-er814758@gmail.com. FB: Transfamily of NWPA

Oct 28 (Sat) - Erie Sisters & Brothers Transgender Support Group meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Discussion followed by restaurant dinner and dancing at The Zone (440) 265-8191. eriesisters.ning.com

Oct 28 (Sat) - Unit in Meadville Halloween Parade (see article front page)

Oct 28 (Sat) - Our Annual Halloween Party and Drag Show. ((M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) FB: M&J's Lounge.

Oct 29 - Halloween Party at Sneakers Bar (100 Harrison, Jamestown NY) 5pm - Karaoke. FB: Sneakers Bar

Oct 29 (Sun) - Whispering Lake Grove Samhain Celebration (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) Doors open 5:00pm, pre-briefing and rite 5:30, potluck dinner follows ritual. Free, but all donations and auction benefit Orphan Angel Cat Sanctuary and Adoption Center. Contact: Rev. Christopher Temple. (814) 720-1560. grollwynn72@hotmail.com. www.wlg-adf.org

Oct 31 (Tue) - Identity/EUP HalloQueen Ball (Edinboro University, Franklin G Pogue Student Center, 405 Scotland Road, Edinboro, PA) 8:30 PM - 11 PM. Contact: Dan Burdick. (814) 732-2813.

Nov 2 (Thu) - Free HIV & STD Young Adult Testing Day (Erie County Department of Health (ECDH), 606 W 2nd St, Erie, PA) 2 PM - 5:30 PM. (15-24 years old) Free Food While You Wait! All Participants Receive a \$10 Country Fair Gift Card! If you need a ride, we have EMTA bus tokens for participants." Contact: Laura Beckes. (814) 451-6786.



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lbeckes@eriecountypa.gov. FB: Erie County HIV Task Force

Nov 2 (Thu) - Trigon Annual Drag Show: "Dungeons and Drag Queens" (Penn State Behrend - McGarvey Commons of Redd Union Bldg, 5103 Station Rd, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Doors open at 6 PM, show starts at 7 PM. "This year's theme for the drag show is Fantasy. Performers are are Lola Lecroix, Sasha Nolan, Anna Steezia, Blade Matthews, and Danyel Vasquez" (814) 898-7162. orgsync.com/22531/chapter.

Nov 3 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) meets (Location TBA, Erie, PA) 6 - 8 PM.

Nov 5 (Sun) - "Shameless" season premiere Show-time 9pm www.sho.com/shameless

Nov 5 (Sun) - 25th Anniversary Miss Tri-State All-Star Celebration (Cabaret at Theater Square, 655 Penn Ave. Pittsburgh, PA) www.kierradarshell.com.

Nov 7 (Tue) - General Election 7 AM - 8 PM. Please remember to vote!

Nov 9 (Thu) - PFLAG Butler meets (Butler Area Public Library, 218 N McKean St, Butler, PA) 5 PM - 7 PM. www.pflagbutler.com

Nov 11 (Sat) TransFamily of Meadville Transgender Support Group (CHAPS Building, first floor, 944 Liberty St., Meadville, PA) 2-5 PM. Contact: Linda Thomas. imhzwoman4586@msn.com. (814) 232-1778 FB: Transfamily of NWPA.

Nov 12 (Sun) - Aging With Pride meets (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 4 - 6 PM. (814) 455-4009. daleallgeier@outlook.com.

Nov 12 (Sun) - Full Spectrum Transgender Support Group meets (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM - 8 PM.

Nov 13 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News December 2017 print edition

Nov 13 (Mon) - TransFamily of Warren Transgender Support Group meets (Jefferson DeFrees Family

Center - Hawke Room, 207 2nd Ave, Warren, PA) 6 - 8 PM. Contact: Monica (814) 730-0021. yankees.jeter@yahoo.com. FB: Transfamily of NWPA.

Nov 14 (Tue) - Crawford Area LGBT+ Thanksgiving Dinner (Unitarian Universalist Church of Meadville, 346 Chestnut, Meadville PA) "Be sure to invite friends to come as well. Takes the place of regular monthly meeti" Potluck. FB: Crawford Area LGBT+ Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov 14 (Tue) - Youngstown PFLAG meets (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) 6:30 PM. Contact: Marguerite youngstownareapflag@gmail.com. www.youngstownpflag.org.

Nov 15-19 (Wed-Sun) - Lake Erie Gala Clarion Hotel (2800 W. 8th Erie PA). Sponsored by Erie Sisters & Brothers. eriesisters.ning.com

Nov 15 (Wed) - Bears Do Dinner #53 (John's Wildwood Pizza at Erie Brewing, 6008 Knowledge Pkwy Erie\) 6:30 PM. Dinner on your own. Contact Gary: (814) 446-2327. info@drenchedfur.com. www.drenchedfur.com.

Nov 16 (Thu) - National Theatre Live - Stephen

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Nov 16 (Thu) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E Jefferson St, Butler PA, PA) 1 PM. (412) 518-1515. FB: Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network

Nov 16 (Thu) - Broadway in Erie: "Kinky Boots" (Warner Theatre, Erie PA) 7:30 PM www.erieevents.com

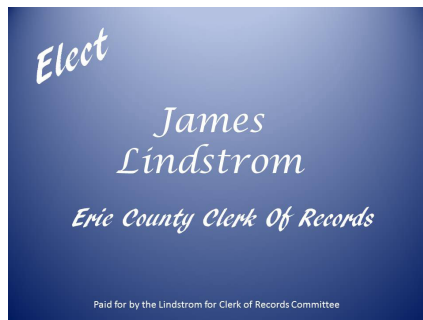
Nov 16 (Thu) - Randy Rainbow - Presented by Planned Parenthood of Western PA (JCC Katz Theatre - 5738 Darlington Rd, Pittsburgh, PA) 6-10pm. "There will be a VIP reception following the hour-long show that includes a meet & greet with Randy, as well as drinks and dessert."

Nov 19 (Sun) - Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil (Erie County Courthouse, 140 W 6th St, Erie, PA) 1 PM. Local observance of Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil. Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeier. (814) 823-1969. Caitlynxpress@gmail.com. FB: Transfamily of NWPA tdor.info

Nov 19 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE Drag Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. "all of your favorite drag queens, new drag queens and special guests. "TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com. FB: TheZoneDanceClub.

Nov 21 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party (Lake Erie Counseling, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Contact: Mike (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Nov 21 (Thu) - "Marvel Runaways" season premiere Hulu "Karolina Dean is the group's only gay



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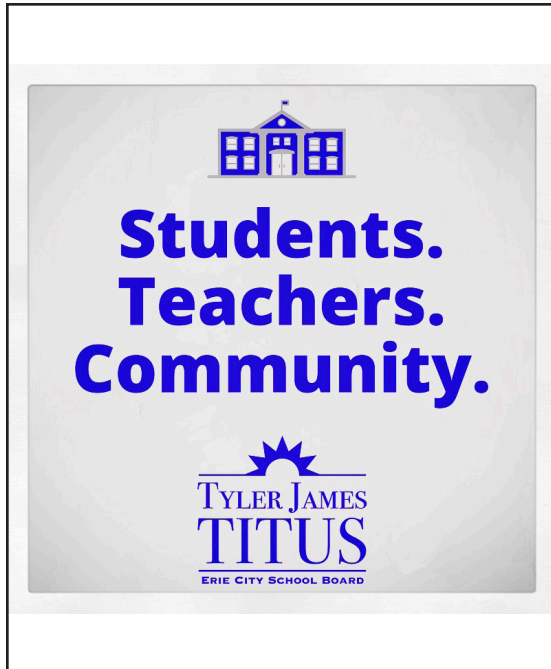
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Dec 15 (Fti) - 2nd Annual Full Spectrum Holiday Gala 2017 7-10pm Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center 7440 South Ave, Youngstown OH. Benefits Full Spectrum Community Outreach. Tickets 330-333-1658 (no refunds) www.fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org



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Candidates for Erie County Executive, Erie County Council, Erie City Mayor, and Erie City Council were asked about their positions on GLBT issues. Their responses appear below and also in the online version of this article. This was the question asked for all races:

What would you like our readers to know about you related to LGBT issues?

ERIE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Kathy Dahlkemper (D-Incumbent)

I am a firm believer that the rights afforded us as Americans must be protected and equal for all citizens. This has not been the case for much of our country's history and one group that has experienced this inequity is the LGBT community. I have been proud to support some of the significant changes that have occurred to end this discrimination. While a member of the U.S. Congress, I voted to repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" legislation. Although my jurisdiction over these issues is limited to the internal operations of county government, as County Executive I have made it a priority that my administration ensures equal benefits for employees, including those who are part of the LGBT community. I have supported efforts to legalize same sex marriage in Pennsylvania and advocated for nondiscrimination policies broadly. As the mother of a gay man, I know first hand the discrimination he has experienced and continue to advocate for protections for LGBT individuals to end discriminatory practices. As the leader of Erie County, I believe it is important to stand with the LGBT community and continue to fight back against stigma and discrimination.

Not Responding: Art Oligeri (R)



COUNTY COUNCIL District 1

Kathy Fatica (D-Incumbent)

I am proud to live in a county that protects the rights of individuals regardless of sexual orientation. I also support anti-bullying legislation.

Robert Yates (R)

I am entirely opposed to discrimination of any kind in public policy against gender or sexuality, and favor as little government regulation and/ or intrusion into individual rights and private lives as possible.

I am not opposed to gay marriage; the Supreme Court ruled on the issue in 2015, although some may have religious objections. As a Christian, I personally believe in kindness and respect to all people, as well as compassion and acceptance. I prefer all individuals be able to live their lives as they wish and be happy, as long as they are law-abiding and do not incite conflict. If elected, I intend to defend the rights of privacy, as well as the tenets of equality and justice.

COUNTY COUNCIL District 2

Andre Horton (D-Incumbent)

I'd like your readers to know that I've supported the LGBT Community long before I became interested in running for office. I advocate for good legislation to insure that the LGBT community is treated with the same respect and dignity and are provided with the same rights and protections as every other demographic of persons that are provided under the Law.

COUNTY COUNCIL District 4

Paul Hirsch (R)

The LGBT community is made up of entrepreneurs, artists, business leaders and professionals with whom my message of economic growth, low taxes and responsible government will resonate. I believe that the climate of Erie County should foster economic progress and fiscal control that benefits all residents. All citizens should be treated as equals.

Not Responding: Carl Anderson (D)

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COUNTY COUNCIL District 6

Mary Jo Campbell (D)

The LGBT community deserves all the rights and responsibilities that have been granted to everyone under the Constitution of the United States. The Constitution is written for all United States citizens. The LGBT community is an integral part of our society. As president of the Northwest PA Chapter of the ACLU, I firmly support LGBT rights and responsibilities.

Scott Rastetter (R)

LGBT issues are Human rights issues. Discrimination and prejudice should have no support, defense or justification in our United States.

ERIE CITY MAYOR

John Persinger (R)

The Constitution guarantees equal protection under the law. As mayor, I will work to ensure that Erie residents are afforded equal protection as set forth in the Constitution. And I will work to prevent discrimination throughout Erie.

On a personal note, I will ensure that City Hall reflects the great diversity of Erie. Having lived and worked from Boston to Washington, D.C., to Australia, I understand the importance of incorporating diverse opinions, perspectives, and individuals into organizations. For too long, many of the decisions made in Erie have been by a good old boys network. If we are to thrive as a community going forward, that can no longer happen. I will work to incorporate more diversity into the decision-making processes in this town, whether that is within City Hall or on the Boards of governmental authorities or elsewhere.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joe Schember (D)

It's no secret in Erie that I am Christian. I have attended Sacred Heart Church since childhood. My faith teaches me not to judge others or discriminate.

What people in Erie may not know is that my son is gay. Several years ago my son, Joe, and daughter, Jaime, sat down with my wife, Rhonda, and me in our family room. Joe told us that he was gay.

My immediate response was: "Joe, you are our son and we love you." My son is a good man, works hard at his job, was an excellent student in school, played on a championship tennis team, helps take care of his disabled twin sister while volunteering at the Barber Center for 15+ years... and he is gay. I'm proud to call him my son.

My point is this: I support the hard-working taxpayers of Erie. Period. Sexual orientation doesn't impact that. I believe in the diverse people of Erie. My job as mayor will be to improve the quality of life for every Erie-ite. I'll work to reduce crime for everyone. Increase the number of good jobs for everyone. Better the education system for everyone's kids.

As mayor, I promise to support, interact with, and learn from Erie residents. If there are issues you want me to know about in the LGBTQ community, come have lunch with me at City Hall. Let's talk about what we can do. Because I believe that together, we will transform Erie and Build Opportunity for All.

More on next page →

For more information

These are the candidates with websites or Facebook pages that will give you more information about their positions on other issues.

Kathy Dahlkemper kathydahlkemper.com

Art Oligeri FB: Vote Art Oligeri

Robert Yates FB: Yates For County Council

John Persinger www.persingerformayor.com

Joe Schember www.joeschember.com

Dan Nick www.danforerie.com

Kathleen Schaaf FB: Kathleen Schaaf for City Council

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ERIE CITY COUNCIL

Liz Allen (D)

I am proud that Erie County's anti-discrimination ordinance includes sexual orientation. I support marriage equality. I am alarmed when the human rights of LGBTQ people are trampled. I worry that education to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS is no longer in the news. My heart breaks when young LGBTQ people are tormented. I oppose "bathroom bills."

I asked a 30-something gay man, the son of my late high school friend, what issues concern him. He said he just wants to "know that people are on my side." I'm on his side. I'm with the grade-school friend who refuses to come home for reunions because he was bullied. I'm with my Villa classmates who are proudly out. I'm with my college friend, feminist theologian Mary Hunt, who co-founded the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual. I'm with Erie people who lost partners before marriage equality; they tell me my columns helped them with their grief. I'm with my conservative friend who said after his daughter married her partner: "Nobody wants their child to be alone."

I think about my dad's Prep classmate, who visited us every week with his divorced mother. A bigot from Texas, she didn't understand why her handsome son, with the fancy car and the lucrative job, never married. Dad befriended the guy because he had been bullied in high school. But our family's welcome wasn't enough. This man, an alcoholic, died of AIDS, alone.

We must never return to those days.



Casimir J Kaz Kwitowski (D-Incumbent)

As an elected representative of the City of Erie for over 20 years, it has been my duty to safeguard the rights of all citizens. I take the oath of my office very seriously. Today many states and municipalities are passing laws threatening the rights and freedoms of many of its citizens. One such group that is under fire is the LGBT community. The current political climate of this country is very unsettling. This country was built on diversity and tolerance, and not intolerance. I proudly served with many members of the LGBT community as a member of the armed services. Their sacrifice and service guaranteed our freedom. Yet their freedoms are being threatened. Even though, many of the issues are on a state and national level. I as an elected official give you my promise, that I will never vote to deny anyone their freedoms and will use my office to protest any such abuses. In this great country we need to celebrate our diversity, not stifle or prevent it. All citizens are guaranteed this under our constitution.

Dan Nick (R)

I believe all people should be guaranteed equal rights including the legal benefits and responsibilities of marriage. A marriage is between two people, regardless of sexual orientation, who share a bond of love and admiration for one another. Diversity is the foundation of our country. People have the right to exist and be safe without prejudice. I stand with and support the efforts of the LGBTQ community.

Kathleen Schaaf (D)

Hello My name is Kathleen Schaaf and I am running for Erie City Council. I have lived in Erie all my 56 years of life and have been in the education field for 35 years at different capacities at St James School. I was brought up that all people need to be treated fairly. I personally have friends/family who are gay/lesbian and transgender. I have raised my daughters the same way, we are all God's children on this planet walking our life's journey. We should not be divided by our religion, race, sexual orientation, political affiliations, ethnic origin, finances, or location where we maybe currently living. Immigrants and all people of Erie, no matter their circumstances need to feel safe when walking down a street or relaxing in their home. Crime

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and violence are present in so many areas of the city and needs to be curtailed. Drugs break up so many families regardless of where people live or who they maybe. These issues have no political boundaries, they effect us all and we can not win this war against them unless we put our differences aside and make a pledge to work together for the good of each and every one of us and the good or our fair city. I love Erie, I am a compassionate and empathetic person. I believe that I can make a difference to help the people of Erie have a good quality of life for many years to come. it is vital that we do not sit back but embrace the changes that may come to revitalize our Erie, our home! We are all people who will benefit if we have a safe, educationally sound, pollution free, drug free, peaceful community. It may sound like a hard road ahead of us but we can do it one baby step at a time, one person stepping out of their comfort zone at a time, each person being open minded at a time to share, tell and listen to each other share our stories. We all have talents to bring on our safe Erie journey, so that future generations will call Erie their SAFE HOME as well! Thank you for the consideration of voting me into office this November.

Not Responding: Jim Winarski (D)

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