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ERIE GIVES!

How Does $134 + 8/14 = \$60,000$?

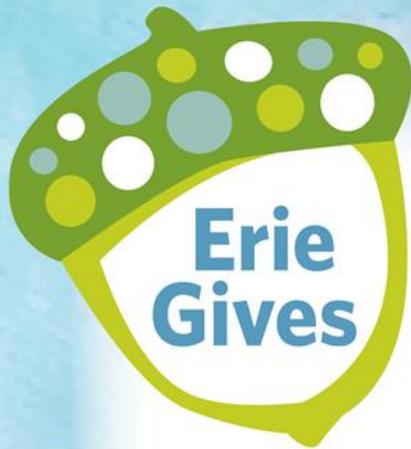
In January, the Membership Committee announced they were seeking to grow EWF to 150 members! Happily, as of this week, we now have 134 dynamic philanthropists in our illustrious group. While this felt like a major challenge last winter, thanks to the efforts of so many of you spreading the word and passing on the Who, What document, this goal is within reach. Please continue to talk us up, tout our accomplishments and grow our ranks.

And now a friendly but impassioned reminder about 8/14: Tuesday, August 14th is Erie Gives Day! This is the perfect time to pay your dues for 2019. As you log on or write the check to mail to ECF, we hope you'll take a moment to consider increasing your membership level and thereby further empowering EWF to increase our grant giving for next year. To clarify: out of every \$1000 contribution, 80% goes back to the community in the form of grants!! The balance is used to grow our endowment and defray administrative/educational/social expenses. The Power of the Purse is directly proportionate to the number of donors we have and how much they give each year. Our grants are the result of careful analysis, evaluation and measured results. Your dollars are making a difference for women and their families in our community.

As an added benefit, paying on the 14th makes EWF eligible for the prorated match from the Erie Gives sponsors. Last year, EWF was in the Top Ten and netted several thousands of "free money" simply because we all contributed on this special day.

134 Philanthropic Women on 8/14 can provide \$60,000 (or MORE) for Grants in 2019!! Let's bring more women into EWF and increase our giving; let's set a new record for the coming year!!

~Robin Scheppner, Chair



Tuesday, August 14, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
www.ErieGives.org

**On Erie Gives, you can renew your
Erie Women's Fund membership for 2019**

Platinum (\$2,500 annually)
Gold (\$1,000 annually)
Silver (\$500 annually)
Bronze (\$250 annually)
Group (\$1,000 annually for up to 10 Women)

Any gift of \$25 or more to the Erie Women's
Fund on Erie Gives will receive a portion of the
\$300,000 prorated match.



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On Erie Gives YOU can make a difference!

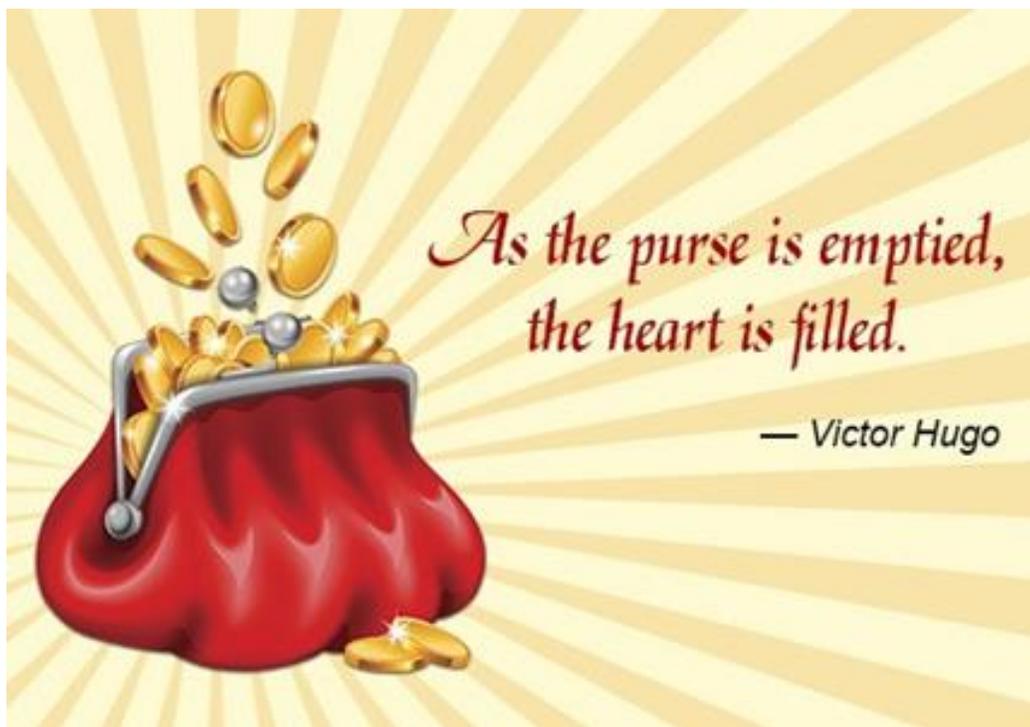
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Grants

As your Grants Committee gears up for the 2018 mini-grants, we are excited to let you know about some changes that have been worked out by the Steering Committee regarding the allocation of funds to use for these grants. In the past, we have used the interest earned on our Endowment Fund. Now, with the goal of growing the Endowment Fund, we are going to use funds from our Membership Contributions to fund the mini-grants. This way, we are able to set the amounts used for both the Major Grant and the Mini-Grants early in the calendar year. This year, the Grants Committee has \$15,000 to award through mini-grants.

So, now comes the exciting part! Please consider joining the committee! This condensed grant cycle is the perfect introduction to the process for the newer members, and a perfect way to stay involved and informed. The plan calls for an introductory meeting where we set some basic parameters, some on-line evaluations, then the final meeting where we discuss and confirm the outcome. The grant recipients will be announced at our Annual Meeting, and the grantees will be invited to celebrate with us at our Holiday Gathering.

As always, please email Janet with any questions at jmp16510@gmail.com.
~ Janet Peters, Grants Chair



Education Forum

Save this date!



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FOR THE ERIE WOMEN'S FUND'S NEXT EDUCATIONAL FORUM

OUR ERIE NEIGHBORHOODS REVITALIZED

September 13, 2018
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Erie Insurance Auditorium

Join the Erie Women's Fund and a panel of local speakers as they discuss building stronger families and neighborhoods in the Erie community.

Panelists include:

Heather May Caspar, Executive Director, Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network;
Anna Frantz, Executive Director, Our West Bayfront;
Sr. Michele Schroeck, Core Team member, Eastside Grassroots Coalition;
Jeremy Bloeser, Executive Director, Bayfront East Side Taskforce; and
Kathy Wyrosdick, Planning Director, City of Erie.

The discussion will be moderated by **Kim Thomas**, Regional Director,
PA Department of Community and Economic Development.

Spotlight on Members

Ms. Kathryn A. (Katie) Ruffa is an Erie native and Vice President of Commercial Lending for Northwest Bank. With more than 14 years of experience, she is responsible for managing the banking and lending relationships of business clients in Erie and the surrounding areas. Katie graduated cum laude from Grove City College with a B.S in Marketing Management and a minor in Communications, and earned an MBA from Penn State Behrend.

Katie is the chair of the Young Leaders Society of the United Way of Erie County, board member for United Way of Erie County, board member for the Penn State Alumni Council, board member for the Benetwood Apartments, a member of the Erie Women's Fund (a group member within the Tenacious Ten), an Erie Ambassador, a member of the Athena Circle of Trust, and a volunteer at St. Joseph Church. She enjoys golfing, traveling with her husband, Mike, and spoiling her nieces and nephews.

What does philanthropy mean to you? I have been blessed with more than I deserve and think it's critical to give back some of these gifts to others who haven't

been as fortunate. Philanthropy means more than just giving money to an organization; it's equally as important for me to give time.

Why do you participate in EWF? I believe that by financially supporting women and children, we will have stronger families and, therefore, a more vibrant community. I chose EWF as a way to give back because of the thoughtfulness behind how a grant recipient is chosen. I know my donation is truly making an impact.

What's your favorite part of Erie? Definitely, the waterfront! I love walking at Presque Isle, reading a book on the beach, and having some beverages at Rum Runners.

~ Courtney Steding, Membership Chair



**A T T E N T I O N G O L F E R S
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Women Driving Philanthropy

**Help us bring arts and culture to the classrooms
of children throughout Erie County!**

To register or sponsor, **[click here](#)**.

Join us in this year's Women Driving Philanthropy Golf Tournament (scramble format) on Monday, August 27th, at Lawrence Park Golf Club. **All proceeds** will benefit Arts in Education (AIE) to fund residency programs in schools throughout Erie County.

AIE Residencies enhance learning and develop the skills needed for success in school, work and life. Residencies are developed collaboratively between the artist and the host school to embellish the core curriculum.

**We invite you to support your community's children by
registering to play!**

When: August 27, 2018

Where: Lawrence Park Golf Club
3700 East Lake Road
Erie, PA 16511

Day Of Event

Registration: Starts at 11 am

Shotgun: Start at 12 pm

Dinner will be held after play

Please complete and return your form to Lisa Fischer at lisa@unitedwayerie.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out via email or phone at (814) 456-2937.

SAVE THE DATE



August 27, 2018

Lawrence Park Golf Club • Women Only • Scramble



For all EWF events, RSVP to Breanna Watts at bwatts@eriecommunityfoundation.org or call (814) 454-0843

Visit the EWF Website by [clicking here](#).