



Kiwanis Klarion



Elmira Kiwanis Club - Thursdays, 12:00
Downtown Holiday Inn
www.elmirakiwanis.org

President: Sharon Sitrin-Moore
Secretary: Nancy Nicastro

President Elect: Mike Wayne Vice President
Treasurer: Joe Klaiber Imm. Past President: Ron Allison

April 19, 2018

Next meeting: April 26 -12:00 - Renata Stehil - WENY News

This Week: Apr. 19

Welcome Table/Invocation: John Keenan/Nancy Nicastro

Next Week: Curren Sekella/ ?

Today's Program

Ms. Hillary Austin -Elmira City School District Superintendent

Hillary is always a welcomed guest when she visits the club. This year she spoke about the many partnerships that work behind the scenes in helping the total child. Glove House is available 24/7, after school programs for grades 2-12 help kids who may go home to an empty house, there is a grief program in the works. The graduation rate is steadily rising, FREE breakfast and lunch is served to all students in the district and teachers have seen positive results from better nutrition of the students. The Elmira Police Dept., Chemung County Sheriff's Dept., and NYState Police have all been involved in improving security in and around city school properties. Improvement for quicker locking classroom doors is happening. The addition of 4 more School Resource Officers has been budgeted for the 2018-19 school year. New contracts for teachers, clerical and support and the maintenance staff are in the process of being completed. The Community Clinic that was started and is housed at Beecher School has shown positive results. A full time nurse practitioner will be hired to staff it for longer hours. The state of the school district, according to Hillary is excellent. With the purchase of new buses this year, the fleet will be back to full new or newer buses. (96% reimbursed by NYS.) A tax increase of 1.5% is being proposed for the May vote. On the subject of soil contamination around Elmira High School, Hillary assured us that she is involved with monthly meetings with the Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Dept. of Health, testing groups, Sterling Environmental, and others in working to be sure that the area is safe for our students. The recent meeting by an outside group never met with her or the above mentioned departments to know the real story of what had been accomplished by the Elmira City School District. Thank you, Hillary!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

April 26 - **FOOD BANK** -volunteers needed

May 3 - Kiwanis Gov. Candace Corsaro Visit Dinner \$30 Elmira College Cowles Hall -6:00PM RSVP Alison by 4/24

May 5 - Member Chelsie Mitchell's Baby Shower at Tag's, 4-6PM (All club members are invited)

May 10 - **Night meeting:** Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Awards Dinner

May 12 - **DOWNTOWN CLEANUP** (8:30AM)

May 26 - **COMMUNITY KITCHEN - Leader and volunteers needed**



Our club's 100th Anniversary is approaching. Save this date: **May 4, 2019** A big celebration is in the works and you won't want to miss it along with other activities. See Mike Wayne or TJ Malone for assistance in making it one we will remember! **NEEDED:** Volunteers to work at distributing lunches to kids in parks around the city as part of the **Chemung County Child Hunger Task Force** Monday through Fridays this summer. (pick a day) Ask President Sharon for details if interested. **May 1 deadline.**

Ray's Pay Day & 50/50

Ray's Pay Day - Warren Bush
50/50 won by Bobby K \$8 - \$80 in the card fund - no winner today!
Did not pick the winner!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AKTION CLUB-dietician visit-
website:choosemyplate.gov

CIRCLE K - on break

EHS KEY CLUB -election of officers

KIWANIS FOUNDATION- 13 EHS, 4 ND applications submitted.

HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS PROGRAM - Banners should be arriving in the next two weeks.



HAPPY DOLLARS

\$ Sharon Moore -for Hillary's presentation, husband on school board, enjoys working with Hillary.

\$ Ron Allison - for Hillary's presentation, good information.

\$TJ Malone - had physical, doctor said he will live forever but won't remember anything!

\$Bob Kramarik -on Eldridge Park Restoration-\$300 for annual sponsorship for a golf hole, Ask him for more information.

\$Kathy Peris - attempt to do Terrific Kids at Divan School but overslept-sorry! -Son's hockey team did well, Juvenile Diabetes fundraiser a success, granddaughter designed t-shirt at school that design will be used for a fundraiser, selling Hospice flowers, see Kathy for more information.

\$Mike Wayne - for Hillary's presentation and her dedication to the Elmira City School District.