

UPCOMING EVENTS



"Sips, Suds & Sweets"
Sponsored by Senior Wishes
Thursday, April 19th, 2018
6:00pm – 9:00pm
Fox Run, Orchard Park

AARP – Drive Safety Course
Saturday, May 5th, 2018
Fox Run, Orchard Park

Orchard Park Chorale Spring Concert
Sunday, May 20th, 2018; 4:00pm

Closed for Memorial Day
Monday, May 28th, 2018

Annual Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing
Monday, June 4th, 2018, Orchard Park Country Club



enterprise car sales
Haggle-free buying. Worry-free ownership.

Our happy member, Charles Elliott with his new 2017 Dodge Ram Truck from Enterprise

Borrow from Great Erie, Buy from Enterprise

April 1 – 30, 2018
Limited-time offer. Long-time satisfaction. Enterprise will appraise your vehicle using Kelley Blue Book Trade-In value and ADD \$500 upon a used vehicle purchase from Enterprise Car Sales. (Terms & Conditions Apply)

GEFCU Supports the Students

OPFAE Annual Awards
(Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence) annual awards celebration. The event is both a fundraiser for the organization and a chance to honor exceptional parents and students in the district.

Orchard Park Pride Awards
The program recognizes outstanding high school seniors for their academic and vocational achievements, character, and leadership.

East Aurora Chamber of Commerce Student Sponsorship Awards
The Business Education Alliance of the Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce along with various school districts recognize 40 high school seniors for their outstanding achievements.

East Aurora Branch

We provide in-branch and ATM services at our East Aurora Branch that allow you to access and manage your money quickly. Our friendly, knowledgeable staff are here to help with the products, services and resources you need to reach your financial goals. You can bank 24/7 at our ATM's and through Online Banking or Mobile Banking.



East Aurora Branch
591 Main Street
East Aurora Branch Hours:
Monday–Thursday: 9am–5pm
Friday: 9am–6pm



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Annual Meeting 2018



Our 66th Annual Meeting/Luncheon at the Columns Banquets on Sunday, March 11th was well attended and a great success.

Our new Associate Directors to the Board were introduced at the meeting. They are Kevin Walsh and Peter Balisteri. Also, Courtney Fasolino completed her one year Associate Director

program within the board and as a result was on the ballot at the meeting for a full, three-year term on the board.

A well-attended event with Members, Directors and Staff enjoyed a wonderful luncheon, listened to updates from the Board and our CEO and took part in our annual gift giveaway raffle.

Thank you for choosing Great Erie to be your trusted financial partner. Together, as a cooperative, we can make a difference in the lives of our families and the health of our communities.

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"We still measure our success by helping one member at a time to live healthier financial lives."
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– Robyn Young/CEO



Top: VP of Operations Michael Pierino with employees Patricia Wood & Elizabeth Sherry. **Bottom:** Board Treasurer Randy Macpherson & CEO Robyn Young



Credit Unions Celebrate Youth in the Month of April

Great Erie will Celebrate Youth in the month of April. Member education and concern for community are part of the foundational principles of our business structure. Passing along good savings skills to our youth is an investment and prepares them for their future.

Teaching kids to save consistently is so important. Here are some examples to help teach kids of different ages about the savings game:

- **Have young children sort different types of money into piles by color and size.**
- **Let kids of all ages help you shop.** Teach them how to comparison shop—for example, show them how to find the same kind of cereal at a lower cost.
- **As kids get older, let them know what things cost.** Share sales receipts and bills that you receive for items or services you've purchased for them.

Stop by with the kids and get in the action during the month of April at the credit union as we "Celebrate Youth". Have the kids entered into our prize drawings and participate in our celebration.



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It Pays to Refresh Your Driving Skills!

Saturday, May 5th, 2018
8:30am – 3:30pm

Fox Run Community Building,
1 Fox Run Lane, Orchard Park
Registration Required – stop
by our Orchard Park office.

The AARP Smart Driver™ course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's first and largest refresher course designed specifically for drivers age 50 and older. For more than 35 years, the course has taught over 16 million drivers proven safety strategies so they can continue driving safely for as long as possible.

When you take the AARP Smart Driver course, you are eligible for a discount on your auto insurance. Plus safer driving can save you more than just money. The course teaches proven driving techniques to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road.

Skip-A-Pay

Take advantage of our Skip-A-Pay program throughout the year! This program is available 12 months out of the year with a three business day turn-around time. Skip-A-Pay offers the option to skip a loan payment. Certain loans qualify. More info at GreatErieFCU.com.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT Great Erie Acknowledges Our Employees

Our employees are what truly make Great Erie FCU a unique place to work. We have some pretty amazing people with many backgrounds and different personalities who have a real passion for what they do. We'd like to share our own employee stories.

Introducing Rosana Reed

How did you hear about the credit union and what was your interest in applying for a position here? I heard about the Great Erie FCU in Sept. 2010 through a friend who was boasting about how she was lucky to have a lower monthly payment on her personal loan. This allowed her to "repair and rebuild" her financial situation. The same applied to my situation. I became a member first, followed by my husband. My husband, being a car guy shops for loan rates. We were thrilled to have our loans through Great Erie. Great Erie is in the business of helping people with their finances and that appealed to me.

How long have you been a Great Erie employee? I started working in the credit union at the end of October 2016. I've had a very fruitful first year and five months in the credit union.

What is your position here at Great Erie? I work as a Teller/ Member Service Representative in our East Aurora branch. I help members with their banking transactions like deposits, withdrawals and payments. I also assist our members with any questions they may have regarding their accounts.

What do you like most about your position here? I enjoy assisting our members even as simple as making a deposit or withdrawal. I love being able to find an answer to their questions and see them leave the credit union office happy and satisfied.

Tell us about YOU... I was born and grew up in the small town called Tondo in Manila, Philippines. I came to Western New York in April 2000.

Rosana's FAVS:

Movie? My all-time favs, *The Ten Commandments* and *The Sound of Music*.

Pastime? In my spare time, I'm either talking, messaging or video calling to my family in the Philippines. I also love doing scrapbooking.

Food? I love to eat any kind of seafood to put in my rice, of course.

Artist/Musician? I love listening to the music of Jose Mari Chan and Gary Valenciano, both Filipino artist. Their music will soothe and heal your soul.

I Can't Leave the House Without? My cell phone and lip balm. I have to be in constant communication with my family (and friends). I hate having dry lips especially in the WNY winters.



3 Easy Ways to Meet Your Savings Goals

There are a million reasons to save money. Retirement may be just around the corner, your car may be on its last legs, or you might be ready to get out of that apartment and into a house of your own. Whatever your reason for saving, it's probably a good one. Saving can be tough, and it's sometimes easier to do when it doesn't take much thought. If you have savings goals, here are three simple ways you can reach them.



Use easy opportunities: If retirement is your savings goal, the easiest way for you to save would be to participate in your company's 401(k) program. You can pick how much you want to contribute, and that amount is automatically taken out of your paycheck each pay period. Plus, some employers will actually match your contribution (that's free money)! Also, if you get a tax return, don't spend it. Put it away!

Don't even think about it: It's good to always be prepared. It's definitely great advice for your financial well-being. Unexpected bills can show up at any time.

An easy way to build up (or create) your emergency fund is to open up a savings account and redirect a small portion of your direct deposit into your new account. It's a quick and easy way to build up your emergency fund, and it doesn't take much each month to really add up. This is also a great way to save for a down payment on that house you've been daydreaming about.

Keep your eyes on a prize: Spring is upon us, which means it's going to be summer before you know it. And summer means one thing: summer vacation. If you really want to put some cash away for vacation this summer, keep your eye on your destination. Get a big jar and wrap it with a photo of the beach, mountain, or casino that you can't wait to visit. Every time you see that picture you're going to wish you were there and hopefully those thoughts will keep you stuffing that jar full of quarters, ones, and fives.

– CUInsight, February 2018



LUCKY SAVERS It Pays to Save!

Joshua Kavany was our \$100 "Lucky Savers" 1st Prize drawing winner for the month of January 2018. Congrats Joshua!

Lucky Savers is a special savings account – plus more! Account holders are eligible for prizes ranging from \$25-\$5000 for every \$25 deposited in their account. Open your Lucky Savers account today at Great Erie.



Casual Friday Jeans Donations

Every Friday the staff at GEFCU has the option to wear jeans with our Great Erie attire for a \$1.00 donation that goes directly back to the local communities. We make contributions to the community with the money raised during the "Casual Friday" day here at Great Erie.

2018 First Quarter donations supported the **Family Justice Center, Young Life Mission (Member Emma Tryon) and the MS-Multiple Sclerosis Society.**

The staff are thankful that they can make a small donation to helping the community and local organizations...it's the credit union philosophy... "people helping people".

GEFCU COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

Great Erie FCU is a proud sponsor of Senior Wishes annual fund-raising event, **Sips, Suds & Sweets.**



This event raises funds for the Senior Wishes program. This program grants wishes to the needy elderly of Western NY, so that they may have the opportunity to reconnect with a loved one, fulfill a lifelong dream or perhaps just receive a much needed item they do not have the means to secure.