



Dear ICA Members,

We hope this message finds you well. As a board, we have some exciting updates to share regarding our membership and upcoming events.

Effective July 27th, we will be implementing a slight increase in our membership fees to \$100.00. We understand that this may come as a surprise, as our fees have remained unchanged for the past 15 years. However, due to the impact of the rising economy and increasing costs, this adjustment is crucial to ensure the financial health and sustainability of ICA.

However, we have some great news! If you attend our upcoming Member Fest on August 24th, you can take advantage of a special discounted rate of \$90.00 for the annual membership fee. This exclusive offer is available only for in-person payments made at the event.

Furthermore, we are excited to announce that we will be returning to our prior location at The Regency Suites in Erie for our monthly meetings. This decision was made based on the valuable feedback from many of you, and we believe it will create a more comfortable and familiar environment for our gatherings.

We understand that change can be challenging, but rest assured, we believe this decision will provide substantial benefits to all our members. With the increased fee, you will be treated to a marvelous hot lunch during each of our monthly meetings which will include dessert, alcohol-free beverages, better parking options for your convenience, and a larger and more accommodating meeting space to foster productive discussions.

Additionally, we are dedicated to maintaining inclusivity, and therefore, our meetings will continue to be held in a hybrid format. This means you can still participate and engage in our discussions even if you are traveling or unable to attend in person.

We value each and every one of our members and their contributions to our group. As always, your feedback is essential to us. If you have any questions or concerns about the membership fee adjustment or any other aspect of our group, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to address any inquiries you may have.

Lastly, we can't wait to see all of you at our upcoming Member Fest on Thursday, August 24th! It will be a fantastic opportunity to connect, network, and celebrate our vibrant community. Please kindly RSVP to Amy Chevalier by Friday, August 18th via email at achevalier@eriecountypa.gov.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you at our future meetings.

Sincerely, ICA Board