



# Erie County Historical Commission



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**CHAIRMAN: RICHARD S. PYSZCZEK, JR.**

March 16, 2026

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Forest District Civic Association, the Northwest Buffalo Community Center Inc., Erie County Historical Commission and NYS 250<sup>th</sup> Commission will host the 8<sup>th</sup> annual American History Bee for 8<sup>th</sup> graders in WNY. They are seeking donation of prizes for participants and hope you can assist us.

The event will take place at the Jewish Museum of Buffalo on Sunday May 3, 2026 and is open to all eighth graders in the WNY area. The questions will be based on the current New York State curriculum. We are asking for a donation that facilitate family-friendly activities promoting togetherness or education and is geared towards 13 & 14-year-old students.

Should you prefer to make a cash donation so the organizers can purchase prizes, checks are made payable to the Northwest Buffalo Community Center Inc. which is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Encouraging our youth to activity engage in their studies is a worthwhile endeavor. We hope that you will help us make the event a success for all participants. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (716) 830-7706 or by email at [NYS250Commission@gmail.com](mailto:NYS250Commission@gmail.com).

Respectfully,

*Richard S. Pyszczek, Jr.*

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**Erie County Historical Commission Chairman**  
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