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Please join us for dinner February 15th 2024, Rizotto's Eatery and Sweetery, 930 Maple Road Williamsville, 6:00 pm Cash Bar, Dinner 7:00 pm, when Jeanne Suski and Bekki Hunter present:

Flying for Mercy Flight, Thunder Run, Patient Transport and Organ Harvesting.

Jeanne Suski is a Buffalo native and has been a pilot since 1984. She is a Certified Flying Instructor in Primary, Ground and Instrument flying and owned and operated a flight school out of Niagara Falls Airport in the late 1980's for many years. Obtaining her Air Transport Pilot Certificate enabled her to hold various flying jobs throughout the years including test flights for geographic survey and station keeping equipment, night freight 'dog', regional airlines (Shuttle America), Corporate and Charter flights. She was hired by Mercy Flight in 2015 as a second in command in the BK117 and Bell 429 helicopters. Her jobs currently are to assist Mercy Flight with the aviation safety training of their medical crews and fly full time as pilot in command for Thunderun Aviation Corporation, which is a Buffalo based on-demand charter company. Thunderun operates a fleet of 5 Lear 31/31A's, specializing in critical patient transfer and organ harvest flights. Her presentation will concentrate on her work with Thunderun Aviation. Jeanne has accumulated 13,000 hours of flight time. Bekki Hunter is a Mercy Flight helicopter pilot based in Batavia and started flying for Mercy Flight in June 2022. Her flight career started in 2007 and since that time she has had many helicopter pilot positions including flight instructor, charter pilot and 'landing' her dream job in 2018 as a tour guide helicopter pilot in the Grand, Bryce and Zion Canyons and Monument Valley. She also flew helicopter tours on the island of Kauai. When furloughed due to the Covid Pandemic until 2020 she flew a Medivac helicopter in central Illinois. She and her partner started their own company FLX Helicopters in 2023 and it is based at the Finger Lakes Regional Airport. Their company will be obtaining a Robinson R 22 2-seater helicopter in the Spring and will be offering instruction at the above Airport. Bekki absolutely loves her job and always says when you are in a helicopter it's either the best day or worst day of your life!

Mary E. Mattocks, 90th President, Aero Club of Buffalo



N103JL Bombardier Learjet 31



N509TJ Bell 429

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Pork Chop Snapper Maccaracini Members \$35.00 Guest(s) \$35.00 TOTAL ____

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