Rep. Bizzarro takes stand against elder abuse

I have introduced two bills aimed at improving the safety of Pennsylvania’s seniors. In their senior citizen’s voice, House Bill 2006 aims to increase the thresholds of prescription medications and create a new category of illegal, over-the-counter medications, and make it a crime to drive impaired. The second measure, House Bill 2007, would require a local prosecutor, judge or other authority to agree to a motion of attorney to be more accurately used as evidence.

Lightening the night

As honorary chairman of the Sept. 18 “Light the Night” walk at Jerry Uht Park in Erie, I was thrilled to help raise more than $100,000 for leukemia and lymphoma research. Last year, the state House of Representatives unanimously approved my House Resolution 435 to spotlight support and recognize September as “Light the Night Walk Month” in Pennsylvania.

Rep. Bizzarro pledges governor’s budget proposal

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We’re here to help!

- Compliments and suggestions for additional school resources.
- Information on financial assistance for higher education.
- Assistance with transportation problems.
- Birth certificate applications.
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- Problems with the Department of Public Welfare (Food stamps, welfare).
- Disability claims and benefits.
- Turn of the State Capitol for individuals or groups.

We believe in the penalty and privilege of working with a diverse group of stakeholders to help ensure the best possible outcomes for our constituents. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me or my office.

Valentines for Vets

To celebrate Valentine’s Day, my office organized a Valentines for Vets event. School children in the district created handmade cards to send to our armed services members of the 3rd Legislative District, the Veterans Home, I urge approval of the H 462, which would establish the Veterans’ Home and I urge approval of the resolution on the House

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In December, fellow lawmakers and I worked to extend Legislature’sresolution honoring an Erie County woman who died young from epilepsy and calling to attention the challenges faced by those with the condition.

House Resolution 323 salutes National Epilepsy Awareness Month and calls for state-wide July 27, 2014, as ‘Pay it Forward Day.’

Rep. Bizzarro salutes veterans, offers specialized services

At right, Rep. Greg Luzik, Erie County Executive, and state Sen. Jake Corman. Rep. Luzik and the state Senate have established Veterans Success Day to honor our veterans pallet and provide opportunities for career planning and education. I strongly encourage you to help me make this day a great success.

My staff and I offer specialized assistance every month for military veterans at my constituent service office in the Pennsylvania Plaza. Helpful services for our veterans, but on the second Tuesday of every month.

We’re here to help!

Which services can I help you with? Fill out the form.

For more on Veterans’ Day, I offer a program called Veterans for Vets. School children in the district created homemade cards for our local retired military residents of the Presque Isle and Seniors’ home, the Veterans’ home. I feel the need to spend some time thanking the veterans and offering appreciation for their service.


Weing and discussing issues with constituents and fellow lawmakers at the Pennsylvania Capitol. State Rep. Greg Luzik of Erie County, Mayor JohnITA C., and others.

On the second Tuesday of every month to assist veterans living in the 3rd District, I have a local councilman; Kathy Dahlkemper, county executive; state Sen. Daylin Leach, state Rep. Mike Sturla, Pennsylvania American Legion’s State Commander.

Margaret Breneman, chair of the Erie County Veterans’ Board and chair of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Veterans Center, displays one of the personalized cards after the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Veterans’ Center.

More information about the veterans outreach and any state-related matter is available online at www.pahouse.com/Bizzarro or by calling my office at 814-835-2880.
Rep. Bizzarro’s measure honors teen epilepsy victim

In December, fellow lawmakers and I were honored to attend a resolution honoring an Erie area resident who died too young from epilepsy and calling to attention the importance of epilepsy awareness.

House Resolution 352 honors National epilepsy Awareness Month and recognizes July 27, 2014, as epilepsy Day in Erie County.

Rep. Bizzarro’s measure was named after Alyssa Josephich, 19th birthday. This young woman’s death from an epileptic seizure could not stand without marking the worldwide campaign launched on her behalf to combat epilepsy.

Alyssa’s bravery, kindness and beauty live on and continue to be a source of great inspiration to many. Alyssa’s story went global with a social media campaign by Erie area residents who joined forces with businesses and social media enthusiasts to raise awareness of epilepsy. It’s the efforts of the community that has brought about a new level of attention to Alyssa’s life and story in inspiring stories.

I am excited to be supporting bills that protect and respect women in the workplace. A woman earns 84 cents on average for every dollar a man earns. This means that a woman must work 16 more weeks to make up the difference.

In Pennsylvania, on average, women earn $4,499 a week while their male peers are earning $8,499, a pay gap that requires women to work more than an additional three months to make up the difference.

Many factors contribute to the pay gap, but discrimination is a major cause. Employers can no longer avoid a job applicant’s past work history when they attempt to pay women less. Women in Pennsylvania, on average, are earning 84 cents a week while their male peers are earning $8,499, a pay gap that requires women to work more than an additional three months to make up the difference.

Women are raising $6,000 on average for every dollar a man earns. It is time to address family incomes by updating pay- equity efforts.

We’re here to help!

- Compensation, settlement, injury and death benefits
- Information on financial assistance for higher education and other travel problems
- Birth certificate applications
- Pennsylvania income tax problems
- Funeral services with the Department of Public Welfare (food stamps, welfare)
- Double claims and benefits
- Run of the State Capitol for individuals or groups

Senior fair proves successful!

Tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups

Valentines for Vets

To celebrate Valentine’s Day, my office organized a Valentine’s Day event. School children in the district created homemade cards for local veterans and residents of the Erie area who were not able to make it to the event. After the cards were handed out, the event continued with a veterans fair to help collect donations for great resources.

My staff and I offer specialized assistance every month for military veterans at my constituent service office in the Pennsylvania Plaza. Help is available for military veterans, but on the second Tuesday of every month we partner with the state American Legion to provide service specifically geared toward veterans. No appointments are necessary, and veterans do not have to be American Legion members to participate.

On Tuesday, February 11, 2014, Rep. Bizzarro, Susan Barsic, Andy Jacobs and our American Legion members to provide service specifically geared toward veterans.

Protesting against the cuts to the Food and Nutrition Service’s Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program in July, 2014, was a protest to show solidarity with food insecurity on our farm and in rural areas.

Help on any state-related matter still will be available to any veteran, but our second Tuesday of every month to assist veterans living in the 3rd Legislative District.

Specialized assistance will be available on a wide range of issues affecting veterans, including:

- Compensation and pension claims;
- Education benefits;
- VA health care enrollment;
- Burial and survivor benefits; and
- Obtaining personal military documents, including medical records.

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Helping hand: veteran’s benefits

It truly was an honor to participate in an event that celebrates the service and contribution of our veterans and their families.

Sign up for email updates

Protecting the workforce in the workplace

Missed a deadline or want to receive regular updates — and opt-in to continue to receive them around elections — by visiting my website at www.pahouse.gov. Rep. Bizzarro, “E-MAIL ALERTS” and “Sign up for email updates.”
Edinboro, Washington Township joining the 3rd Legislative District

Committee of the Day, the 3rd Legislative District that I now represent will have a new look.

Edinboro and Washington Township will join the district.

The change is because the state constitution requires that legislative districts be redrawn every 10 years to reflect changes in population. This is done to ensure an accurate distribution of state and federal representation.

Most of the current 3rd Legislative District will not be affected by the changes. Remaining in the district will be McKean Township and Mifflin Borrough, as well as Districts 2 through 24 in McKean County with the exception of District 21.

The changes do not affect your representation, township or school district affiliation. Age, sex, race, religion and all other factors are irrelevant.

No matter the changes, I remain committed to providing the best of federal and state representation to all citizens. My legislative websites, www.ryanbizzarro.com, feature resources and links to information on legislation and a variety of key state resources, and my office is available for anyone to contact me.

At left, I discuss the governor’s proposed $29.4 billion budget for the House floor while fighting back in Harrisburg.

As the attack on the middle class continues, Ryan Bizzarro is fighting back in Harrisburg.

Rep. Bizzarro’s 2014 legislative agenda is designed to address some of Pennsylvania’s most critical issues of job creation and public education.

I have introduced two bills aimed at preventing Pennsylvania’s compliments, in senior citizens.

My House Bill 3045 aims to increase thefts of prescription medications and to create mandatory minimum sentences for those convicted of stealing, possessing or dealing with these medications.

The second measure, House Bill 887, would create new categories of theft offenses – and keep the public informed on the issue.

I joined other area lawmakers to serve as host for a town hall meeting in February to discuss House Bills 1621 and 1622, which would prohibit prison access and choice in the health care in corrections.

The bills were introduced by state Rep. Jim Christiana and Dan Frankel, who participated in the town hall. It was hot with our hospitals and other providers that they were especially in local UPMC and Highmark service area.

The sponsors of the bill are determined to keep the public informed on the issues.

The Rep. Bizzarro pans governor’s budget proposal

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For more information on the governor’s proposed budget text and the Rep. Bizzarro’s budget proposal text, visit www.inhouse.com/Bizzarro.
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The legislative session was very productive with numerous initiatives to keep our communities healthy and safe. I was proud to conference with a variety of key state resources, and my office is available for any questions you might have.

All the best,

Ryan A. Bizzarro