

HAPPENINGS

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Leader of the Radical Loving Care and Sacred Work Culture Adoption in Health Care, Erie Chapman visits Parrish Medical Center Names Parrish's President/CEO George Mikitarian Healing Hospital CEO of the Year 2025



Erie Chapman speaks to leadership at Parrish Healthcare about adopting and implementing the “Radical Loving Care” and “Sacred Work” principals.

Best-selling author and leader of the “Radical Loving Care” and “Sacred Work” culture adoption in health care Erie Chapman, M.T.S., J.D., visited Parrish Medical Center last week for a two-day engagement as part of the health system’s leadership development initiative. Mr. Chapman consults with and speaks to healthcare leaders around the world about the spirit-enriching themes within his best-selling book series: *Radical Loving Care*, *Building the Healing Hospital in America*; *Sacred Work*, *Planting Cultures of Radical Loving Care in America*; and *The Caregiver Meditations*, *Reflections on Loving presence*. His books were written from his experiences as past President and CEO of three different hospital systems that thrived under his leadership because he led the implementation of the principles prescribed within his books.

“Care of patients is everything. Healthcare, he believes,

isn’t a money machine or a playground to try out the latest fad in management techniques. It should be a place where patients come to be helped and the only response by the provider should be radical loving care,” as written by *Modern Healthcare* magazine writer Chuck Lauer, who wrote many articles about Mr. Chapman.

Parrish Healthcare President/CEO George Mikitarian, remarked during the opening session attended by more than 80 of the system’s physician, clinical, business and administrative leaders, that, “Erie Chapman, renowned author, consultant, executive, lawyer, minister, producer, writer and my friend and mentor, was instrumental in establishing the early inspiration for our mission, vision and values—the foundations for our “Culture of Choice”—as well as the inspiration for our emphasis and focus around quality and providing the best care possible – preferably in a loving (healing) way...listen and learn from a fellow healthcare executive and true Renaissance man.”

In Chapman’s presentation to Parrish leaders, he cited, “Healthcare executives have lost their way, and that the whole notion of charitable care is out of balance. Technology and business have become monstrous gods crushing first-line workers and converting them, in the eyes of many leaders, into automations or units of expense.”

He also cited an American College of Healthcare Executives survey that showed Hospital CEOs overwhelmingly (67%) stated that “financial challenges” were their no. 1 worry, while “quality” ranked fifth (23%) and “patient safety” sixth (20%). The mission of ‘loving care’ for patients did not make the list at all. It was simply not on the radar screen of healthcare leaders, even though widespread review shows that loving care is part of most mission statements. No wonder we fear the treatment we and our loved ones might receive should we have to don a patient gown.”

“Parrish has dedicated itself to being different; to being and serving as a healing hospital since 2002. This two-day leadership development event featuring Mr. Chapman is among the ways we’re working to sustain a culture of lov-



From left to right: Erie Chapman (best-selling author and leader of the “Radical Loving Care” and “Sacred Work” culture adoption in health care), George Mikitarian (President and CEO of Parrish Healthcare) and Robert Jordan (Chairman of the Parrish Medical Board of Directors).

ing care by offering opportunities to be inspired and to super charge our individual and collective passion and focus around our mission,” said Mikitarian.

During Mr. Chapman’s visit, on behalf of the Erie Chapman foundation, based in Nashville, TN, he presented Mikitarian with the “Healing Hospital CEO of the Year” award in recognition of his exceptional leadership and longstanding dedication to the principles of radical loving care to establish a workplace culture that supports a continuous chain of compassion and quality inside healthcare environments.

During the award presentation, PMC Board Chairman Robert Jordan said, “Every member of the Board is incredibly proud of PMC’s CEO George Mikitarian. And, I personally, am grateful for his unwavering commitment. Through George’s leadership, North Brevard’s community health system has earned an international reputation as one of America’s finest healing health systems and this recognition is a testament to the enduring culture of care that has been cultivated at Parrish; a culture deeply rooted in the system’s mission to provide healing experiences for everyone, all the time,” added Jordan.

“I am sincerely humbled and honored by this recognition; a recognition that I share with each and every Care Partner, physician, employee, volunteer and board member who dedicate themselves to this sacred work,” said Mikitarian.

Parrish Healthcare and OurLegacy Celebrate Lives Saved in 2024

Parrish Healthcare and OurLegacy, a leading Central Florida-based organ and tissue donation organization, are proud to announce the profound impact of organ donation efforts at Parrish Medical Center in 2024. Together, the two organizations helped transform lives through the selfless gifts of donors and their families, highlighting the vital role of organ donation in saving and improving lives.

Last year, six individuals were freed from the confines of dialysis treatment, receiving life-saving kidney transplants. Additionally, two people were given a second chance at life after overcoming liver failure, thanks to successful liver transplants.

“We are incredibly grateful to the organ donors and their families for their compassion and generosity,” said George Mikitarian, President and CEO of Parrish Healthcare. “These stories of life-saving transplants remind us of the importance of organ donation and the lasting impact it has on our community.”

OurLegacy, in partnership with Parrish Healthcare, continue to raise awareness about the urgent need for organ donors. Across the nation, thousands of individuals are waiting for the chance to lead healthy, full lives. These eight success stories from 2024 exemplify the life-changing results that are possible because of those who elect to become organ donors.

“Our caring and compassionate clinical partners strengthen our lifesaving mission,” said Ginny McBride, Executive Director of OurLegacy. “We congratulate and celebrate Parrish Healthcare for their part in caring for families and saving lives through the miracle of donation and transplantation. Today, more than 100,000 Americans await a lifesaving transplant, and with strong partnerships like this, we see hope in giving a second chance to all who wait.”

Parrish Healthcare encourages everyone to consider registering as an organ donor. A single donor has the potential to save up to eight lives and enhance the lives of more than 75 people through tissue and corneal (eye) donation.

To learn more about OurLegacy, organ donation or how organ donors match with organ recipients, please visit ourlegacyfl.com. To learn more about Parrish Healthcare, visit parrishhealthcare.com.

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Get Involved with Your Community in Our Citizens Academy Class

Join us for Citizens Academy in 2025. Did you know that less than 40% of Americans feel confident in understanding how local government works? Civic engagement is the foundation of a democratic society, and at the heart of decision-making lies the delicate balance between two vital, yet sometimes competing priorities: individual liberty and the public good. Balancing these often means finding solutions that respect personal freedoms while addressing collective needs like public safety, education and infrastructure. One impactful way for Brevard County residents to actively shape their community is by joining the Citizens' Academy—an extraordinary civics class designed to demystify local government. This program offers a behind-the-scenes look at how the county develops budgets, paves roads, trains employees and more. Past participants of Citizens' Academy have gone on to serve on local boards, lead community initiatives, and deepen their understanding of county processes.

This free course aims to give residents a better understanding of how the county develops its budget, paves roads, trains employees and so much more. It will also promote open communication lines between county departments and residents. Together, we can build stronger, more equitable, sustainable and healthy communities.

Citizen's Academy occurs every Thursday for 7 weeks, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., starting Thursday, February 6, and ending Thursday, March 20, 2025. The class is free to attend and lunch is not provided. If you're interested, please register on Eventbrite.

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George the Antique Nomad Is Coming To Titusville

Curious how much that family heirloom is worth? Or do you just want to meet George Higby, Certified Appraiser and YouTube personality George the Antique Nomad?

The Dusty Rose Antique Mall, located at 1101 S. Washington Ave., Titusville, will be hosting an appraisal fair featuring George on Saturday, February 22. Bring the item to be appraised and visit The Dusty Rose Antique Mall on the 22nd from 1-5 p.m. (first come first served). There is a limit of one item per person with a nominal \$5 fee.

You can also spend some time browsing through the many independent stores, artists and vendors on display. For more information, call Dusty Rose Antique Mall at 321-567-4580.

Youth Dog Obedience and Agility Class Now Available

Join Brevard County 4-H and Paws for Pals for this 4-part series class designed to teach your dog basic obedience skills and agility. This class is open to youth ages 8 - 18 years old as of September 1, 2024. This class is open to youth, whether they have a dog or not. If bringing your own dog, it must be at least one year old.

Classes will be held each Sunday in February (2, 9, 16, & 23) from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Manatee Cove Park Horse Arena located at 4905 N. Tropical Trail in Merritt Island. Advanced registration is required, please visit our Eventbrite to sign up. The cost is \$10.00 and registration will close on January 30 at 5 p.m. so don't wait!

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Save the Date!
Clams Across the Lagoon
BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION!
SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON 100th PROJECT CELEBRATION

- Food Trucks
- Vendors
- Clam Release @ 10:30

Saturday, February 1st, 2025 from 10am-2:30pm
Sand Point Park, Titusville FL



Come join us on Saturday, February 1st and be a part of this exciting milestone as we celebrate our progress by releasing clams from the Titusville Causeway at Sand Point Park, 101 N Washington Ave. in Titusville, from 10 a.m. -2:30 p.m. Clam release will start at 11:00.

We look forward to continuing our work to ensure a healthier, more sustainable lagoon for generations to come.

For more information, contact Aleah Ataman at IRL-Project@BrevardFL.gov or call 321-451-0289.



NEW LIBRARY HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 12-8 p.m. and Sunday, 12-5 p.m.

Family Programs:

Paint Party with the Friends of the Port St. John Library. Saturday, February 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Join the Friends of the Port St. John Public Library for a paint party every first Saturday of the month. During this class you will create custom wooden door hangers. Adults and teens ages 16+, \$40/per person.

Payment is due at sign up.

Family Spice Club: Friday, February 21st at 3:30 p.m. This is a family event. Come to the meeting to pick up a spice kit and share food, recipes and cooking adventures. Family Fun for the entire family.

Game Day: Sundays, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Join us every Sunday to meet other game enthusiasts for an afternoon of board, tabletop and card games in the main library area. Use one of the library-provided sets, or bring your own! All ages are welcome to this family-friendly event.

Read to a Pet Valentine's Day Contest — February 1st-13th. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library! Children ages 17 and under can submit a photo of themselves reading to a pet to the Friends of the Library with their contact information to be entered in a drawing for a special prize! See youth services for details. The winner will be chosen on Valentine's Day at 11:15 a.m.

DIY Valentine Workshop --Thursday, February 13, from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. Kids ages three and up are welcome to attend this create-your-own Valentine's Day card workshop! Kids can create one-of-a-kind, handmade cards for their friends and family.

Haiku Origami Birds--February is National Haiku Writing Month. Come in and pick up a haiku writing/bird origami kit. Write a haiku on the back of the origami bird and bring one back into the library for display. Several will be chosen for a Port St. John Public Library haiku chapbook.

Adult Programs:

Community Advocate: Monday, February 3 and 17 from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. The community support advocate provides assistance with housing, SNAP, social security, healthcare and insurance, and senior resources.

Port Readers Book Club: Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. February's title is available at the reference desk. We will be reading "Magpie Murders" by Anthony Horowitz.

Bookworms Book Club: Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m. Book discussion. See the reference desk for this month's selection and the next meeting date. This month the club will be discussing "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate.

Memory Kits. Brevard County Libraries is now offering

Memory Kits available for check out at select locations. Memory Kits are specially designed activity kits that include resources and hands-on activities for persons living with dementia, Alzheimer's and other forms of cognitive impairment. Each kit includes curated materials such as interactive books, puzzles, arts and crafts, and guided discussion prompts for caregivers. Kits currently focus on three different themes: 1960s Nostalgia, Animals and the Great Outdoors.

Youth Services

STEAM Activity Time-- Every Tuesday afternoon from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the meeting room for children ages six through twelve. We have activities centered around science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. This event requires parent or adult supervision at all times.

2/4— Sphero Car Robot Maze

2/11— Kinetic Sand

2/18— Solar-Powered Robots

2/25— Lego Building Contest: Forts and Castles

Read Your Way to K: Babies: Fridays, 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room. We invite babies, young toddlers, and their caregivers to join us for stories, songs, and activities. This storytime is for babies ages three and younger and always requires parent or adult supervision.

Read Your Way to K: Toddlers: 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. every Friday in the meeting room. We invite babies, young toddlers, and their caregivers to join us for stories, songs, and activities. This storytime is for toddlers ages three to five and always requires parent or adult supervision.

Teen Art League: Saturday, February 8th and 15th 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Teens ages 13 and up can join other creative minded individuals for some time to chill and work on your personal art projects. Various art supplies will be provided by the library, but you are welcome to bring your own supplies. Staff will have optional creative projects to work on if you need some inspiration!

Sensory Sundays—Every Sunday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., children can join the library staff for sensory bin activities. This event is for ages six and up and always requires parent or adult supervision.

2/2—Play dough chocolate and sensory bins with cocoa powder, flower petals and red and pink beads.

2/9—Marbled heart craft and sensory bins with shaving cream, kinetic sand, and beans.

2/16—Valentine's love bug craft and sensory bins with toilet paper rolls, tissue paper and cotton balls.

2/23—Cranberry frozen heart activity and sensory bins with cranberries ice, and salt.

Teen Art League—On February 8th and 15th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., teens ages 13 and up can join other creative-minded individuals for some time to chill and work on their personal art projects. The library will provide various art supplies, but you can bring your own. Try new projects with staff:

2/8—Scrapbooking

2/15—God's Eye Yarn Weaving