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## **Amanda Sissem** Erie Arts & Culture



Amanda Brown Sissem became the Executive Director of the Arts Council of Erie in 2012 charged with integrating the organization with the Erie Downtown Arts & Culture Coalition. The organization was successfully restructured and rebranded as Erie Arts & Culture in the spring of 2014. Sissem and her team work to accelerate the organization's mission to strengthen the vibrancy and

vitality of the region and enrich the lives of our people through the advancement of arts and culture. Today, Erie Arts & Culture provides promotions, fundraising, grantmaking, arts education, and advocacy support to arts and cultural organizations and audiences throughout Northwestern PA. The organization is a partner to the PA Council on the Arts and an Erie County Lead Asset; it administers the collective Erie Arts Endowment and is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the (united) Arts & Culture Campaign in 2017.

Amanda holds an undergraduate degree in Social Work and a master's degree in Nonprofit Management. She is native of Erie. This is Amanda's first Executive Director role. Past positions include Program Officer, Erie Community Foundation, Planner, Supervisor and Prevention Specialist, Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC), and Development Director, Girl Scouts, Penn Lakes Council. Amanda started her career in child protective services in Barrow County, Georgia.

Amanda serves on the Steering Committee of Emerge2040 and NCAT Erie and on the Boards of Citizens for the Arts Pennsylvania, VisitErie, Erie County Signing Trust, Erie Downtown Partnership and the Partnership for Erie's Public Schools (PEPS). She was recognized as one of the Erie Reader's 40 under 40 in 2013. She is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Erie.

## **Supporting Cast:**

President: Dennis Lagan Greeter: Dave Lastowski Invocation: Garrett Roth Pianist: Bruce Gingrich Song Leader: Michael Malthaner Sgt at Arms: James Hynes Speaker Intro: Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

## Program Schedule 12:00pm Lunch Meeting

at the Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel, 2nd Floor Parking is FREE in the parking garage!

> <u>JULY 26:</u> Amanda Sissem

Erie Arts & Culture Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

AUGUST 2: Tom New WQLN Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

AUGUST 9: Allison Keenan, Au.D. Erie Audiology MBA Breakfast Meeting @ 8AM

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## THURSDAY JULY 27TH at ERIE YACHT CLUB

Patio Party! Please dress casual! Music by the Sam Hyman Band \$1.00 off Labatts & Drink Specials

5:00-7:00pm Your name must be registered at the gate to get in.

Limited to 15 members

**RSVP TO JULIE CELLA: juliecella@live.com** -or- 814-460-4141



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you!

We want to send birthday wishes to **David Tofel on July 25th!** We hope you enjoy your day!



Rotarians on the Move... Andy Hedderman



Laurie Root was fortunate to attend Andy Hedderman's going away picnic this past Saturday.

He mentioned the paper he wrote during his application to be a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. Jeff Simmons, our District Rotary Youth Exchange Officer, said it's one of the best he has ever seen. He is leaving August 4 for his adventure!!!

He will be keeping a blog: letthefinnbegin.tumblr.com if anyone wants to follow him!

His paper is attached to this email. Good luck Andy!



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