



Chris Groner

*Economic Development Specialist
for the City of Erie*



Chris Groner, Director, City of Erie Department of Economic & Community Development

Prior to becoming Director, Chris had been the City's Enterprise Zone Coordinator. He served as a customer service point of contact for business and industry within the City of Erie helping companies find solutions to a variety of issues. His duties have included managing the City's Enterprise Zone Loan Fund, Infrastructure Development Program Fund and the City of Erie Business Development Fund. These low interest loan programs have played a vital role in helping our businesses and industries retain and create jobs in our community. He also administered the City's LERTA and Keystone Opportunity Zone programs.

Additionally, Chris worked as the City's Budget Analyst and Accounting Supervisor where his primary duty was to prepare the City's annual operating budgets and to provide reporting to both our auditors and to City Council.

He also served for 10 years as a supply corps petty officer and later as a logistics officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Chris has over 25 years of experience in finance, real estate investing and sales and logistics in both the public and private sectors.

Supporting Cast:

President: *Lisa Graff*

Greeter: *Kwame Dankwa*

Invocation: *Norm Stark*

Pianist: *Bruce Gingrich*

Song Leader: *Joyce Miller*

Sgt at Arms: *Zac Wild*

Speaker Intro: *Raymond J. Sammartino*

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

**Lunch Meeting at the
BAYFRONT CONVENTION CENTER**
11:30 am - Buffet Opens
Noon - Meeting

OCT 31:

Gary Sullivan

Mercyhurst University
Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

NOV 7:

Dr. Joyce Ann Miler, Ph.D.

Early Learning Resource Ctr.
Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

NOV 14:

Rebecca Stein

Idea Fund Erie
Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton



-MEETING REMINDER-

for the 10-24-18 Rotary meeting



The lunch meeting for Wed., Oct. 24th will be held at the Bayfront Convention Center.

A golf cart will be available for those who need/would prefer a ride.



END POLIO NOW

WORLD POLIO DAY

- Happy Hour -



Wednesday · October 24

CALAMARI'S

1317 State Street

5:30 pm -7:30 pm

The directions are also attached to today's newsletter email!

Directions on How to Join Rotary's World Polio Day LIVE from a computer:

<https://media-vision.app.box.com/s/fnhb4ihnzv8otwfnxk9v70rorpz2l3s5>

Here is the link for detailed instructions on how to watch Rotary's World Polio Day live event from Philadelphia, 6:30 pm. Although you can download the KUDO app to your phone ahead of time, it will connect only during the broadcast. If you prefer to watch on your desktop, you must use Google Chrome.

Congratulations!



**TO KORIN GILES
ENGAGED TO
DALE EVANOFF!**

*(Owner of
Dale Evanoff
Videography!)*



Location: 4528 Zuck Road, Erie PA.
From When: 10:00am-2:00pm





INTERACT CLUB PROJECT:

Operation Christmas Child Postage Donation



Gary Flick and Lisa Graff presenting a completed postage donation board!

WE DID IT!

We donated shipping for 50 boxes to the Villa Maria Interact Club's Operation Christmas Child Postage Drive!

A BIG thank you goes to our sponsors:

*Gary Flick
Tom Freeman
Joe Herbert
Sue Kalizewski
Allison Keenan
Bruce Kern
Scott Kern
Clarke Kuebler
Dave & Kathy Lastowski
Brady Louis*

*Joyce Miller
Gery Nietupski
Ron Norman
Terry Pytlarz
Ray Sammartino
Derek Sieber
Carolyn Staab
Norm Stark
Brenda Warner
Lisa Watkins*

Also, a thank you to those who were willing to sponsor if there had been more boxes to ship.



- Rotary in Review - October 17, 2018 Meeting Debra Thompson - Strategy Solutions



Lisa Watkins and Gary Flick welcoming you to Rotary!



Korin Giles, Diane Chido, Marcus Atkinson, Lisa Graff



Mike Malthaner - introducing new member



Speaker - Debra Thompson



Diane Chido - Red Ribbon Mentor,
Marcus Atkinson - New Member, Lisa Graff - Sponsor



Dr. Rich McCarty - Mercyhurst University - discussing the
Ethics Symposium



Ed Dalgish, Debra Thompson, Tom Tupitza and Jay Brennan

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