



## Gary Sullivan

### Insurance Risk Management Mercyhurst University



Gary Sullivan is Assistant Professor of the F. W. Hirt Erie Insurance Risk Management Program at Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA. He is responsible for developing the school's new risk management curriculum for the Walker College of Business in collaboration with the Ridge College of Intelligence Studies and Applied Sciences. Prior to joining Mercyhurst University, Gary enjoyed a 23-year career in with Auto-Owners Mutual Insurance and Erie Insurance. He had roles ranging from adjuster to executive. In his most recent position as Vice President, Property & Subrogation Claims for Erie Insurance, Gary was

in charge of company policy, process, and procedure for claims handling in the property and subrogation disciplines. He ran several successful technology innovations and projects that improved customer service and operations, as well as reduced expenses. Gary's areas of expertise include blockchain, claims, property and casualty insurance operations, subrogation, claims management, legal liability, and property damage.

Gary has served various service and professional organizations including his recent roles as a member of the Property Liability Research Bureau Advisory Board and chairman/co-chairman of the Property Drone Consortium. Gary holds degrees from Lake Land College (A.S.), the University of Illinois (B.A.), the University of Pittsburgh (M.B.A), as well as several insurance industry designations including Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter. Gary is sought out as an industry expert through speaking engagements and industry publications, plus he is known as an innovator as he was named one of "Fifteen People to Watch in Insurance Technology" by Insurance Networking News.

## Supporting Cast:

President: *Lisa Graff*

Greeter: *Marci Honard*

Invocation: *Jim Hynes*

Pianist: *Bruce Gingrich*

Song Leader: *Rick Lamb*

Sgt at Arms: *Zac Wild*

Speaker Intro: *Michael Victor*

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

**Lunch Meeting at the  
SHERATON BAYFRONT HOTEL**  
**11:30 am - Buffet Opens**  
**Noon - Meeting**

### **NOV 7:**

#### **Elana Como**

Early Learning Resource Ctr  
Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

### **NOV 14:**

#### **Rebecca A. Styn**

Idea Fund Erie  
Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

### **NOV 21:**

#### **Thanksgiving Holiday**

No Meeting  
Happy Thanksgiving!





## Update on Dr. Joyce Miller

Update on Dr. Joyce Miller from Tania Bogatova, Ph.D. - Last Wednesday, October 24, 2018 - Dr. Joyce Miller suffered a seizure and was admitted to UPMC Hamot. She had greatly improved, has been released from the hospital and is in good spirits. Dr. Miller is grateful for all support & wishes of good health and speedy recovery she received from Rotary members and beyond.

## Bonnie Schmidt Update

*While Herb and Bonnie Schmidt were in Erie for the Zone Institute, Bonnie suffered a stroke. Some of us met Herb when he attended our October 10th meeting. During this extended stay, Jaime Black coordinated assistance for him for lodging and their luggage. They were very grateful to our club for the gift card to help with expenses.*

*On October 12, Bonnie was discharged from UPMC Hamot and they traveled home to North Dakota via a 20 hour medical transport, staffed with a nurse and two drivers.*

*Here's an update date from Herb, dated October 21:*

One week since we returned home from Pennsylvania. Bonnie's come a long way. Strength is slowly returning to arms, hands and legs. The left side is still noticeably weaker. PT is helping that along tremendously. When we arrived back here she could not stand up. Yesterday she walked 15 feet, with help, in a walker --twice! She feeds herself, cuts up her own food morsels, drinks from a cup. She is still drinking thickened liquids but tomorrow they will see how she does with thin liquids. They just don't want her aspirating food or liquids because of the weakened swallowing muscles. I think she'll do just fine.

She speaks very clearly but softly and speech therapy is working on that. Her attention span is short and she is easily distracted. Cognition is a problem. She is very clear and concise with short, simple answers to questions but has trouble finding words and will ramble when tries to explain something. Her long term memory seems to be good -- recognizes people, their names and events but short term memory is questionable -- she doesn't remember visitors a day ago.

She has been going to bed about 5:30pm and rising about 9each day. Last night she was up till 8:30! She's tired today and it really shows!

The facility and care here are really good. And it's only a 20 minute walk from our house. Two of the nurses also cared for Bonnie's mother 4-5 years ago. PT, OT and Speech Therapy work her out 6 days a week. She has had several visitors and has really enjoyed them. Mornings are usually best for visiting but as she gets stronger seems like she can last into the afternoon.

All in all a very positive outlook -- but it will take time, a lot of work on her part and continued thoughts and prayers from all of you.

Because Bonnie is past the life and death part of this ordeal and further progress will come in much smaller increments I will send out weekly updates rather than the daily updates. You can try calling her at Villa Maria but she may not be in her room to answer. Feel free to call me and if I'm there can hand her my phone.

Herbert J. Schmidt  
701-361-0547





# Make a Contribution to the Rotary Foundation

Please see the attached contribution form to this week's newsletter and also on page 3 of this newsletter.

Our Club Number is 5136 and our District number is 7280. Each Rotarian has their own Rotary number which can be found on the Cover of their Rotarian Magazine. If you are unable to find it, Gary Flick can provide it or put it on the form before he emails it with their check -or - credit card information. You will have to designate your contribution and we encourage you to donate for Polio Plus.

Please fill out and print form along with your contribution to be sent to Gary Flick.

## - Create a "My Rotary" Account -

*How to Create a "My Rotary" account on the Rotary International website*

- Go to the RI website, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)
- Click My Rotary at the top, just right of the middle of the home page.
- Click the box that says REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT and follow the prompts.
- You will need your ID# which is printed above your name on your Rotarian magazine mailing label. Also, Gary Flick can provide the number.
- Please set up the account to assist RI and to learn more about People of Action.



**Currently, 22% of our membership has a "My Rotary" account. Our goal is 70%. Help us reach this goal by setting up your account - it's easy, free and will open the door to amazing information from Rotary International! If you have questions please ask President Lisa Graff.**

# FAKE EMAILS & SOCIAL MEDIA *scams target Rotary Members*

*Fake email and social media accounts target Rotary members in new scam...*

Rotary recently learned that scammers have created multiple email and social media accounts that impersonate RI President Barry Rassin, RI President-elect Mark Maloney, and General Secretary John Hewko. The social media accounts have been on LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, and WhatsApp. Some of these messages also reference Viber, another messaging platform.

These are not authentic Rotary communications. They are phishing and spoofing attempts to obtain money and personal information.

Rotary monitors for and responds to these attempts as part of an ongoing effort to keep member, program participant, and staff data safe. We also work with LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, and WhatsApp to remove imposter accounts.

Neither President Rassin's, President-elect Maloney's, nor General Secretary Hewko's authentic accounts have been compromised.

**Rotary members should continue to exercise caution:**

- **Disregard any suspicious message that offers money, requests money, or asks for your personal information.**
- **Avoid opening attachments or following links in suspicious messages.**
- **Pay close attention to the details of the email address and signature block to verify the sender.**

If you receive what you believe to be a suspicious message from the president, general secretary, or another Rotary leader, please forward it to Rotary's chief information officer at [fraudreport@rotary.org](mailto:fraudreport@rotary.org) and then delete it immediately.

Please also report any suspicious social media accounts to [fraudreport@rotary.org](mailto:fraudreport@rotary.org).







# Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

**MARCUS ATKINSON**  
*New Member*

**Lisa Graff**  
*Sponsor*

**Diane Chido**  
*Red Ribbon Mentor*



Marcus Atkinson spent over a decade in Atlanta, GA where he earned a degree in Business from Clayton State University. He immersed himself in political and community organizing during his time in the south, a priceless experience that would shape his worldview for years to come. A native of Erie and a graduate of Strong Vincent, Marcus embarked on a journey of service since returning to his hometown in 2005. His desire to impact future generations has made him one of the most impassioned advocates for Erie's citizens: its youth in particular. His current responsibilities include Pastor of Community Engagement at Grace Church, Executive Director of ServErie, and host of TV, radio and podcast programs on WQLN. Marcus serves on multiple boards and is an active participant in key initiatives and strategic planning efforts, all aimed at moving Erie forward.



## World Polio Day lauds partnerships, success

After 30 years of bold action, historic achievements, and sometimes discouraging setbacks, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) have nearly brought polio to an end. This groundbreaking public-private partnership and its innovative strategies were celebrated Wednesday during Rotary's 6th annual World Polio Day event, held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. [Watch the livestream.](#)

Watch the livestream here: <https://www.endpolio.org/>



# Rotary of Erie Service Opportunity!

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## On November 10<sup>th</sup>

ServErie Saturdays occur a few times per year and focus on improvement projects for local Erie organizations. ServErie gathers and assigns volunteers to make big impacts on these organizations that are vital to helping our Erie community thrive.

ServErie makes volunteering easy by 1) providing childcare for ages 7 and under, and 2) setting up carpooling to and from project sites. Volunteers will gather at the launch-site of choice and disperse to their pre-assigned location. This November, we will be serving organizations in the center of Erie County.

- Location: McLane Church Erie, 2319 W 38th St, Erie, PA 16506
- Time: 8a-1230p,
- Details: childcare and transportation provided,
- Date: November 10th

Please reach out to Nathan Burtt at [nate.burtt@hubinternational.com](mailto:nate.burtt@hubinternational.com) for more details and watch for sign-up sheets at the next Rotary luncheons! An attempt will be made to keep Erie Rotarians in the same group for this Saturday.





# - Rotary in Review -

## October 24, 2018 Meeting

### Chris Groner, Director



*Bruce Gingrich, Keyboard Master*



*Ray Sammartino, introducing speaker*



*Speaker- Chris Groner  
Economic Development Specialist for City of Erie*



*Villa Maria Interact members :  
Kristine Serafin, Lisa Graff, Elizabeth Kuhar, Yahya Vargas*



*Bill Lillis, Ray Sammartino, Chris Groner and Lisa Graff*

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