



GREATER ERIE COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

Helping People. Changing Lives.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

MISSION

The Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC) will eliminate poverty in Erie County through empowerment, education and community partnership.

VISION

Empowering the community to foster a better life for all.

COMMUNITY ACTION PROMISE

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other as they move from poverty to self-sufficiency.

ANNUAL PROGRAM

Mistress of Ceremonies

Raushani Goodwine, Information/Security Officer

Invocation

Pastor Sonny Concepcion
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Full Gospel

Dinner

Welcome

Danny J. Jones, Chief Executive Officer
Local and State Elected Officials

Success Story

Lynell Roberts

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Honorable Patrick J. Harkins

Guest Speaker

H. William "Bill" DeWeese

R. Benjamin Wiley/Walter L. Osborne Memorial Scholarship Awards Recipients:

Miriam Alkhafaji
Dominique Booker
Dazhane James

Nicole Johnson, ETCS Division Manager
Frank DelleCurti, Upward Bound Program Director

Kamryn McCullum
Seth Myers
Shelby Wiley

Award Presentations

Danny J. Jones, Chief Executive Officer
Matthew Trott, Aging Division Manager

R. Benjamin Wiley/Spirit of GECAC Award Charles Killinger Award

County Councilman Fiore Leone
Michael Gallagher

Giving Opportunities

Kimberly McCaslin, Associate VP/Operations

Benediction

*Thank you for your support
as we continue in our endeavor
to help people and change lives.*



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

H. WILLIAM "BILL" DEWEESE



Mr. DeWeese is a proud graduate of Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. On graduation day from Wake Forest, DeWeese joined the United States Marine Corps and rose to the rank of First

Lieutenant. Following three years of military service, DeWeese decided to continue to serve his country in the political arena and was sworn in as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives on May 10, 1976.

DeWeese was the prime sponsor of legislation which designated part of the grounds of the State Capitol as "Soldiers' Grove," which was designated war memorials in honor of veterans from all major American conflicts. Additionally, in 1992 DeWeese was the co sponsor of legislation that required health insurance companies in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to cover child immunization costs.

DeWeese was appointed as the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, elected to the leadership position of Democratic Whip, elevated to Democratic Leader and eventually became the 135th Pennsylvania Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DeWeese was incarcerated by the department of corrections for 23 months on the charge that his staff was campaigning in the capital building during the workday. He was the only public official in state history to be incarcerated in a state penitentiary for this particular charge. Currently, DeWeese works as a volunteer with the Pennsylvania Prison Society as well as a political consultant for organized labor.

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DINNER MENU

House Salad
Italian Grilled Chicken Breast
Beef Roulade
Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Rolls & Butter
Strawberry Shortcake/Chocolate Mousse Cake
Coffee & Tea



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Head Start Family Advocate
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Susan A. Hoffman
Information and Security Officer
May 10, 1950 – June 15, 2019

Alan Gray
Bus Driver
April 23, 1961 – August 23, 2019



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