

# Bank of Granite

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## **Erwin Joins Bank of Granite**

Barbara W. Erwin recently joined Bank of Granite as vice president and portfolio manager. Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer Jeff C. Easley made the announcement. "Barbara comes to us with so much knowledge and expertise," said Easley. "She has already hit the ground running and proven herself a great asset to our team." Temporarily assigned to the Boone office, Erwin works from Bank of Granite Plaza at 315 First Ave. N.W. beside Bank of Granite's downtown Hickory office.

Erwin received an Associate of Arts degree from Western Piedmont Community College in 1971 and a Bachelor of Arts in political science from University of North Carolina Greensboro in 1983. She comes to Bank of Granite with more than 30 years of banking experience with a concentration in commercial lending.

A Morganton native, Erwin resides in Drexel with her husband, Sam. She is the daughter of William T. Wall and the late Vurmell I. Wall, both of Morganton.

Erwin was named the 2007 - 2008 "Rotarian of the Year" by the Rotary Club of Hickory Sunrise and currently serves as secretary for the organization. She is also a board member and treasurer for Palliative Care and Hospice of Catawba County.

"I'm delighted to be a member of the Bank of Granite family," said Erwin. "The commitment to the community and the people we serve is what brought me here and I look forward to continuing that legacy."



Barbara W. Erwin

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