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Monday's Meeting August 22, 2016:



Allen Fore, VP of Public Affairs at Kinder Morgan

Allen Fore, Vice President, Public Affairs for Kinder Morgan, Inc., has more than 25 years of experience in law, government and public affairs at the local, state, and national levels.

At Kinder Morgan, Mr. Fore manages corporate public affairs, government relations, and community relations activities for existing company assets and major expansion projects throughout the United States.

Before joining Kinder Morgan, Mr. Fore was a Senior Vice President at Fleishman-Hillard, an international communications company. Mr. Fore has served in the Bush Administration and was an Assistant Attorney General of Illinois and general counsel to the Lieutenant Governor of Illinois. Mr. Fore was also Executive Director of the Illinois Republican Party and has managed and advised numerous political campaigns throughout Illinois.

Mr. Fore served as a Judge Advocate General in the Illinois Army National Guard and US Army Reserve, honorably discharged with the rank of Captain. Mr. Fore was also elected and served as an alderman on the Belvidere, IL City Council.

Mr. Fore has been active with numerous community and civic organizations, including Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Big Brother/Big Sister, Boy Scouts of America, and Presbyterian Church USA.

Mr. Fore has served as president of the national Board of Trustees of the Delta Sigma Phi Foundation and is a member of the Valparaiso University School of Law National Council. Mr. Fore gave the Commencement Address to the 2013 graduating class of Valparaiso University School of Law.

Mr. Fore was a Ronald W. Reagan Scholar and earned his B.A. degree at Eureka College. He received a Juris Doctor degree from Valparaiso University.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

MONDAY, AUGUST 22 — Allen Fore, VP of Public Affairs at Kinder Morgan. "Ohio's Energy and Economy & the Utopia East Pipeline Project"

Greeters: Paul Hong, Jeff Grilliot, Guisselle Mendoza, Justin Moor, Kevin Mullan, Neil Neukam, Marcus Newbern, Dean Niese, Daric Peppers, Judy Potter, Steve Robinson, Brad Rubini, Hunt Sears, Becky Swisher, Brad Stoller

MONDAY, AUGUST 22 — 1:00 pm, Foundation Trustee Meeting, Park Inn

* 1:00 pm, Community Service Committee Meeting, Park Inn

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23— 7:30 am, Water Conference Committee Meeting, Rick's City Diner

* 7:30 am, Moon Over Middlegrounds Committee Meeting, Scrambler Marie's

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25—7:30 am, New Member Breakfast / Orientation, The Toledo Country Club

MONDAY, AUGUST 29 — Clyde Scoles, Toledo Public Library Director/ Fiscal Officer

Greeters: Craig Gabel, Dennis Sawan, Jim Scheib, Joe Sharp, Paul Smith, Sara Swisher, Paul R. Sullivan Jr., Travis Tangeman, Louis Tosi, Matthew Trzcinski, Keith Walker, Tom Waniewski, Lori Vance, Zak Vassar, Jim Vitale, Dennis Wade, Josh Yecke, Dan Zimolzak

MONDAY, AUGUST 29 — 1:00 pm, Youth Services Committee Meeting, Park Inn

1:00 pm, Disability Service Committee Meeting, Park Inn

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30— 7:30 am, Moon Over Middleground Committee Meeting, Scrambler Marie's

Internet Viewing: The August 15 meeting may be viewed online by clicking on this link: <https://vimeo.com/178985987>

Past Program: August 15, 2016



**District Governor,
Do Nguyen**

District Governor Do Nguyen is a great example of how Rotarians can make a difference in the world. His father died before he was born and his mother raised him to care, love and do good for others.

After receiving a scholarship from his government, he came to the US to attend BGSU in 1974, leaving his wife and infant daughter in Vietnam. Because of the fall of Saigon, he feared he would never see them again. However, in 1978, after 8 attempts to flee, they were reunited.

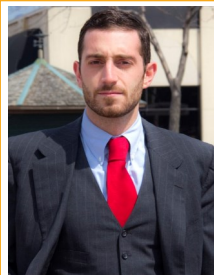
Do was asked to join Rotary five times prior to accepting in 1995. He realizes now that Rotary has changed his life and appreciates the effort Rotary places in world understanding and peace. In 2013 he won the Rotary Service Above Self award. DG Do helped establish the DOVE Fund—a nonprofit that builds schools and provides scholarships in Vietnam. Do has participated in numerous mission trips to many countries including Guatemala and his native Vietnam. In Guatemala, he could really relate to the children who didn't have clean and sanitary water, much like his own childhood.

DG Do wants to promote Rotary's values to elementary and high school levels by bringing the Four-Way Test to them. Rotary, he says, depends on younger members; we want to teach our children the Rotary way. With good morals, we will have a better world.

DG Do Nguyen expects District 6600 to be well represented and featured at the international Rotary conference in Atlanta this year. He also said that he expects we will celebrate the last case of Polio. Stating, "we have to stay on the battlefield until we win".

Do Nguyen ended with the quote: "We should not leave our self alone. Rotary inspires to dream of a world like it ought to be".

Welcome New Member Dennis Sawan



Dennis Sawan was born in 1986 in Cleveland, Ohio, moved to Toledo in 1988 and graduated from Ottawa Hills High School in 2005. He received a bachelors degree in political science from Indiana University in 2009, and graduated from the University of Toledo college of law in 2012. After passing the Ohio and Florida bar, he opened a boutique law practice in downtown Toledo focusing on the areas of civil litigation, personal injury and real estate.

Dennis is part of a biweekly radio segment on 925 KISS FM. In his free time, he is an avid professional photographer and videographer. He especially enjoys showing the brighter side of Toledo through his media company, Right Half Media, and the newly launched Toledo-Centric brand, downtown419.



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Come on! Get Outside Yourself! Toledo Rotarians are the VIP's of Middlegrounds Metropark on September 16th! You'll be first to enjoy the great views of the Maumee River from this vantage point, explore the 1.5-mile walk/bike path and spend the first ever evening in the Rotary Roundhouse—the new shelter inspired by a railroad roundhouse. Paddle out into the Maumee in kayaks anchored in the new kayak cove and bring the kids to enjoy the Kids Zone for child-friendly activities.

Things To Do

- Wall Climbing: Scale a wall and get a unique view of the Maumee River and the Toledo cityscape.
- Wine Tasting: Visit the tents for a great taste of reds and whites!
- Nature Walk: Explore the beautiful Middlegrounds Metropark on your own.
- Archery: Take serious aim at fun and try your skills with a bow and arrow.
- Kayaking: Jump into a kayak and paddle the cove.
- Survival Skills: Test yourself to determine if you would survive in the woods!
- Scavenger Hunt: Channel your best Kit Carson & take on the hunt!

Schedule of Events:

- 5:30 pm – Let the fun begin!
- 7:15 pm – Dedication Ceremony at the Rotary Roundhouse.
- 7:30 pm – BBQ under the tent.
- 8:30 pm – Dance to the classic rock sounds of BOFFO.
- 10:30 pm – Good Night Irene...



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Welcome New Member: Steve Robinson



Dr. Steve Robinson is Provost and VP of Academic Affairs of Owens Community College. Providing senior leadership for all academic programs at Owens, as well as Library services, accreditation, Institutional Research and Workforce Development.

Before Owens, Steve served as Executive Dean of Planning and Research at Mott Community College also holding a number of administrative positions, including Dean of Health Sciences and

Social Sciences. Prior to becoming an administrator, Steve spent fifteen years as an English professor. Steve has also held graduate teaching appointments at the University of Michigan-Flint and Ferris State University.

Steve spent 6 years as a Councilman in the City of Grand Blanc, Michigan. He previously served on the Planning Commission in the same municipality. He is originally from Metro Detroit and earned a Ph.D. in English from Michigan State University. He is also a graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Management Development Program.

Steve and his wife Kathryn have two children: Owen and Julia. Kathryn also attended Michigan State, where she earned a master's degree in Human Resources and Labor Relations.

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE

“To commemorate the fact that our District was the first District to receive a grant from The Rotary Foundation, my request to all Rotarians is to save at least \$1 per day for 100 days beginning July 4, 2016 and make a contribution to The Rotary Foundation to kick off our Centennial Year. The reason that I chose this special date of July 4th is because every year on this date I always feel blessed. Every year I appreciate more and more the saying: ‘There is no such thing as bad day in the USA.’”

DG Do K. Nguyen

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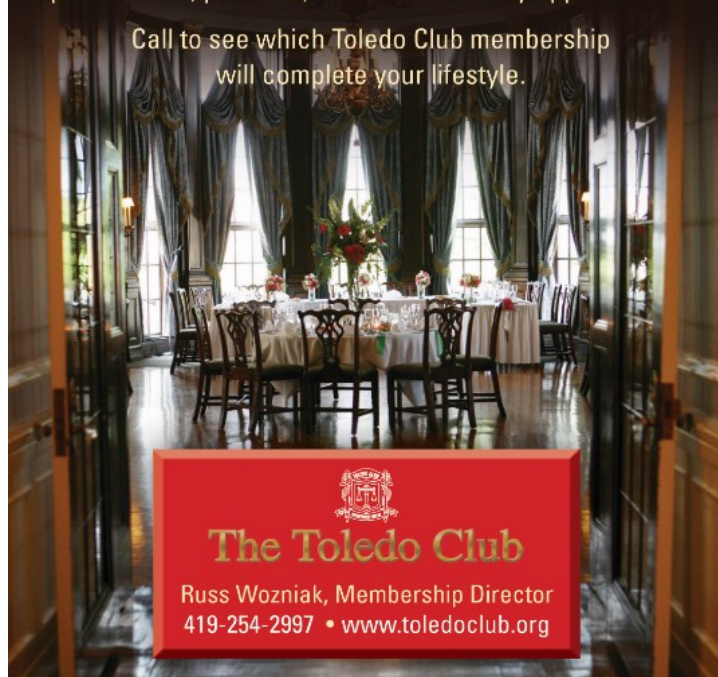
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NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

D. Benjamin Barrows

Describe your profession and what is your favorite part of it?

I am a law school administrator and law professor. I love seeing the transformation of our students into professionals and community leaders.

What do you like to do when you are not working?

Spending time with my family. Playing video games. I enjoy good food and wine.

What is the most satisfying benefit you get from being a Rotarian?

I don't know yet. I just started! I'm looking forward to finding out.

Tell us about your family.

My wife, Jody King, is an Assistant United States Attorney. We have two boys, Griffin and Brayden.

Share one thing people do not know about you.

My first day driving my own car to high school, I hit the same telephone pole twice.

Share some "words to live by" or your favorite quote.

"Lead an examined life!" My own, more positive version of Socrates! "An unexamined life is not worth living."

What would you be doing if you were not in your profession today?

Teaching philosophy or working in the wine industry.

Outside of Rotary , please share other interesting civic or community involvement of which you are a part.

I am Dean of the University of Toledo College of Law and I serve on the Board of Directors of the Toledo Bar Association.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

Hopefully completing a successful tenure as Dean of the University of Toledo College of Law.



August Birthdays

Gennady Zak- August 1
Scott Kepp- August 4
Melissa Noe- Freeman - August 4
Chuck Schaub- August 4
Gary Walker- August 4
John Bleau- August 5
Chuck Lehnert- August 5
Bill McDonnell- August 5
Regan Smith- August 5
David Huey- August 7
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Andy Stuart- August 10
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John Boggs- August 13
Andria Ebert - August 13
Thomas Palmer- August 13
Pamela Hershberger- Aug 14
Jim Weber- August 14
Derek Leck- August 15
Douglas Neckers- August 15
John Smythe- August 17
Dick Faist- August 18
Timothy Koder- August 18
Sydney Prochazka- August 20
Lewis Carlson- August 20
John Ehrmin- August 20
Dick Eppstein- August 20
Michelle Kravetsky- August 20
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Steve Boice- August 21
Mark Miller- August 21
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