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Monday's Meeting September 21, 2015:

John Tharp—Heroin Epidemic and DART

Sheriff John Tharp will discuss the heroin epidemic in Lucas County and the Lucas County Sheriff's Office Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) program. Sheriff Tharp was sworn in as the 45th sheriff of Lucas County in 2013. John began his career in law enforcement with the Toledo Police Division. During his tenure with the TPD, Sheriff Tharp was assigned to Field Operations,

Narcotics Squad, Drug Task Force, and the Homicide Squad. John grew up in Toledo, graduated from Libbey High School, and continued his studies at the University of Toledo, where he earned bachelor and master's degrees. In 1997, Sheriff Tharp began his career with the Lucas County Sheriff's Office. Initially named the Director of Court Services, he subsequently became the Commander of the Administrative Services Section. Included in his duties were assignments to Homeland Security, Great Lakes Northern Border Initiation, Joint Terrorism Task Force, and the Lucas County Joint Task Force. Sheriff Tharp's service to his country is one of his proudest achievements. John served in the United States Army as a Combat Medic during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Bronze Star. The Sheriff is involved in the Old Newsboys Goodfellows Association, the Police Athletic League, and Read for Literacy. In July 2014, Sheriff Tharp launched an addiction unit, the first of its kind in the nation, to work with heroin overdose victims and their families. Attorney General Mike DeWine designated the unit a statewide model and pilot program. The addiction resource unit was recently named DART. Sheriff Tharp has received the following awards: TPS' Silver Slate and Apple, the PDK Educator of the Year, Pat Miller Foundation Service and the 2012 Jefferson Award.



Upcoming Meetings/Events

FRIDAY, September 18

7:30 am FAC—Toledo Club

MONDAY, September 21—Speaker: John Tharp

Program: Heroin Epidemic and DART

Greeters: Matthew Adkins, Bob Amphthor, Ryan Ball, Cindy Binkley, Linda Blackburn, Bill Buckley, Ed Caldwell

Committee Meetings:

1:00 pm Vocational

WEDNESDAY, September 23

7:30 am Club Board—Toledo Club

THURSDAY, September 24

7:30 am New Member Orientation—Toledo Club

FRIDAY, September 25

9:00 am—1:30 pm Zoo Day

SATURDAY, September 26

11:00 am Vassar Golf Tournament

MONDAY, September 28—Speaker: Cynthia Brown Cherry

Program: Addiction

Greeters: Bill Cook, Mary Ann Culpert, Janina Douglas, Mary Fedderke, Scott Fry, Eric Jordan, Kristina Latta-Landfeld, Tony Ruth

Committee Meetings:

1:00 pm Investment

TUESDAY, September 29

7:30 am—Members Engagement—Café Marie Maumee

MONDAY, October 5—Speaker: Peter Elliott

Program: TBA

Greeters: Sharon Gaber, Tim Harrington, Scot Hinshaw, Bob Huber, Ben Hunger, Gary Johnson, Brian Kennedy, Tim Koder, Martin LaMar

MONDAY, October 12—NO MEETING

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Internet Viewing: The past meeting can be viewed online at
<https://vimeo.com/139290362>.

Sharon Kennedy—The Four Way Test

Justice Sharon Kennedy began by thanking Rotarians for their work locally and worldwide. She espoused that the Four Way Test created in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor and adopted as the Rotary Code of Ethics in 1943 is reminiscent of the founding principles of our nation and the establishment of the rule of law and its application of our guaranteed freedoms. Justice Kennedy surmised that the founding fathers would have loved the Four Way Test as the *Declaration of Independence*, the *Constitution*, and the *Bill of Rights* seem to be built around the four principles. In conceiving the nation, our founding fathers created a Republic that would benefit all mankind by balancing power among the three separate but equal branches of government—**Will it be beneficial to all concerned**. The Bill of Rights doesn't give the American people rights; rather, it guarantees the preservation of our unalienable rights by limiting the control and power of the government. These documents also underscore the ability to do and become whatever one desires which is the very heart of goodwill and the American Dream—**Will it build goodwill and better friendships**. Sharon went on to discuss how the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were created with fairness in mind through the balance of power and equal protection sections—**Is it fair to all concerned**. Truth in the law starts at the beginning with law enforcement officers relying upon it to enforce the law, prosecutors serving their duty to seek the truth, and judges basing decisions on credible testimony and evidence—**Is it the truth**. Justice Kennedy said that as a jurist the robe shields her inner self from the judicial procedure, thus making decisions based on the law versus personal beliefs or values. In closing, she shared that all of us could learn from the Rotarian Code of Ethics, for if we used truth to advance fairness for all people it will build goodwill and better friendships and in the end be beneficial for all of mankind.



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Call to Action:

Join Leaders

- Attend Conference, ask questions. get educated

Exchange ideas

- Leverage the power of Rotary, collaborate for results

Take Action

- Utilize Rotary grants, participate in pilot programs

Talking Points:

- When Rotarians work together, we can make change on a global scale
- On October 23rd and 24th of 2015 Rotarians from the Great Lakes region will gather together in search of concrete ideas to clean up the Harmful Algal Blooms in Lake Erie and other watersheds.
- It is time to apply the same efforts to prevent major health threats right here at home.
- A repeat of last year's Lake Erie Water Crisis would harm major cities in both U.S. and Canada
- This conference is an opportunity to get inspired, get informed, get united and get results by being the voice for our Great Lakes.
- A non political forum designed by Rotarians to create common understanding of the problem. Our clubs can work together on a very scientific and political issue to find a solution to the Harmful Algal Blooms in our local water source.
- Learn about the specific actions other regions of the United States have used clean up the Harmful Algal Blooms.
- Hear from notable speakers as they offer insights
 - ⇒ Marcy Kaptur, U.S. Representative for Ohio's 9th District
 - ⇒ John Hewko, Secretary General of Rotary International
 - ⇒ Cameron Davis, Senior Advisor to the Administrator of the EPA
- Rotarians are looking for specific actions they can support with their grant funding both locally and through Rotary International as well as hands on experiences.
- Question those who are on the front lines doing the research. Hear about their projects. Leverage the power and resources of Rotary to help fund and support these projects.
- From our resources to our ambition, we have the unique opportunity and obligation to make a change.

Register [here](#).

New Members

Linda Blackburn has been in broadcast sales since 1976 when she began her career in Steubenville, Ohio after attending the Franciscan University of Steubenville. For the past 14 years Linda held the position of General Sales Manager at WTOL-TV. In January of this year, Linda announced her retirement. Linda wrapped up her broadcast management career June 30 of this year. Upon retiring, Linda decided it was in her best interest to have something to retire to, so she completed her real estate licensing courses and test and joined Sulphur Springs Realty in July. Linda was a member of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa Rotary for six years, Columbus, Ohio Downtown Rotary for five years. Linda has also served on the Harbor board for six years. Linda and her husband of 39 years, Brad, live in Maumee. They have two children Lisa and Michael, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Keith Walker is president of Walker Funeral Homes and son of Toledo Rotarian Gary Walker. As an industry professional, Keith has served as past president of the Ohio Funeral Directors Association and currently sits on their Nominating Committee. He currently serves on the boards of the Toledo Area Small Business Association, Hospice of Northwest Ohio and the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce. He also served as the past president of Sylvania Rotary, the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Maumee Chamber of Commerce. Keith enjoys snowmobiling and 4-wheeling in the upper peninsula of Michigan, spending time with family and friends, following his children's activities, reading and especially spending time at his cottage on Devils Lake. Keith's pet peeve is negativity in any situation.



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Rotary Zone Conference

About a dozen Toledo Rotarians attended the Zone Conference emerging leaders session in Detroit this past weekend. We joined an incredible group of international leaders who all believe we can make a difference! The sessions were inspirational as well as thought-provoking with the emphasis on our ability as Rotarians to have a real impact on our local and global communities.



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

I own a company that provides web services, custom business applications and digital marketing. My favorite part about my profession is that I get to meet new people and learn about many different industries. I really enjoy my job. It's exactly what I was meant to do.

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

When I'm not working, I enjoy traveling, fishing and scuba diving. I recently tried golfing for the first time. I didn't do too badly. I think I might take up that hobby.

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

The most satisfying benefit I get from being a Rotarian is the opportunity to meet new people who inspire me to make a positive difference in the world and in my community.

Tell us about your family.

I have 6 brothers, 2 sisters and 28 nieces and nephews. I'm married to Ed Zraik. We don't have any children but we do have a couple of dogs, a cat and some fish. That's enough responsibility for now.

Share one thing people do not know about you.

I want to visit Antarctica someday. It seems pretty unique and I imagine it would be a neat experience. There are a few different ways you can visit Antarctica. Some of them are very arduous and others are more "Fisher-Price". I'd like to try something in-between.

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

My favorite quote: "Do not fear mistakes. You will know failure. Continue to reach out." – Benjamin Franklin

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

Running an animal refuge of some kind..... maybe for donkeys or goats. I try not to speculate too much about that kind of stuff because I'm so happy in my current profession.

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

My husband and I support the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo and I enjoy volunteering for animal rescues.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

I see myself doing the same thing, just more of it, and with ten more years of experience.



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Anna Kolin (3)
Coleen Neidert (3)
Mike Truesdell (3)
Stephen Dunbar (4)
Steve Skutch (5)
William Boeschstein (7)
Hal Burke (7)
Mari Davies (8)
Kristina Latta-Landefeld (9)
Sean Cree (12)
Rachel Hobson (12)
Jillian Gustafson (13)
Ernie Brookfield (14)
Scott Fry (15)
Martin LaMar (17)
Judy Leb (17)
Kim Sidwell (17)
Gregory Steenrod (17)
Sarah McHugh (18)
Susan Palmer (18)
Tim Ryan (18)
Mike Bower (20)
Joe Zerby (20)
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