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## Monday's Meeting January 4, 2016:

### Michael Bower: Owens Community College

Mike Bower will discuss what Owens Community College provides for their students: affordability, college transfer, and workforce training. Dr. Bower is the sixth president and CEO of Owens CC who began his appointment in 2012. Previously, Mike served as president of Lake Erie State College in North Dakota. Before joining higher education, Dr. Bower was employed with Ford Motor

Company and Thomson Consumer Electronics. Mike is an experienced educator and dedicated to advancing higher education. Dr. Bower is focused on increasing access and support for students who come from all walks of life, as well as improving the quality of life in our community. He serves as a consultant-evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission Peer Review Corps. His background in business industry, and education merits him as a commissioner for the American Association of Community Colleges' Commission on Economic and Workplace Development, a member for the American Association of Community Colleges' Voluntary Framework of Accountability for Workforce and Economic Development (VFAWE), and president and executive board for the Council of North Central Two-Year Colleges (CNCTYC). Dr. Bower earned an Associate Degree of Applied Science in automotive technology from Vincennes University, Indiana, his Bachelor of Science in industrial technology from Indiana State University, his MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University, and his Ph.D. in education, administration, curriculum, and instruction with an emphasis in educational leadership and higher education from the University of Nebraska. Mike is a member of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges.



## Upcoming Meetings/Events

**MONDAY, January 4**—Speaker: Michael Bower

Program: Owens Community College

Greeters: Matthew Adkins, Bob Amphthor, Ryan Ball, Cindy Binkley, Linda Blackburn, Bill Buckley, Jeff Cole, Ed Caldwell, John Getchey, Erik Ibsen

**WEDNESDAY, January 6**

12:00 pm Foundation Trustees, Toledo Club

**MONDAY, January 11**—Speaker: Randy Oostra

Program: ProMedica

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

**Committee Meetings:**

11:00 am Strategic Planning

1:00 Water Project

**WEDNESDAY, January 13**

7:30 am Executive Club, Original Pancake

**FRIDAY, January 15**

7:30 am FAC, Toledo Club

**MONDAY, January 18—NO MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, January 20**

7:30 am Club Board, Toledo Club

**THURSDAY, January 21**

7:30 am New Member Orientation, TBA

**MONDAY, January 25**—Speaker: Zuzanna Mleczak

Program: Exchange Program

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

**Committee Meetings:**

11:00 am Program

1:00 pm Vocational

**MONDAY, February 1**—Speaker: Mordechai Kadar

Program: Middle East

Greeters: Paul Hong, Guisselle Mendoza, Majida Mourad, Kevin Mullan, Neil Neukam, Dean Niese, Daric Peppers, Judy Potter, Brad Rubini, Hunt Sears

**MONDAY, February 8**—Speaker: Toledo Jazz Orchestra

Program: Mardi Gras

Greeters: Jim Scheib, Joe Sharp, Paul Sullivan, Travis Tangeman, Lou Tosi, Keith Walker, Tom Waniewski, Lori Vance, Zak Vassar, Dan Zimolzak

## Toledo Symphony Holiday Program

The Toledo Symphony, conducted by Sara Jobin, played holiday favorites. Student soloist, Josh Rahe demonstrated his skills on the snare drum. TSO staffer, Anna Sankovich sang as well. There was some festive attire as well. Here are a few pictures from the program.



## Foundation Match Challenge

A Toledo Rotarian has come forward with an offer of a match which will help increase giving to our



Annual Campaign and grow the endowment within our Foundation. For each dollar you increase this fiscal year over last, the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation will receive a matching dollar to grow the endowment fund. Each individual Rotarian will be matched up to \$1,000, and all gifts must be received in the Rotary Office by March 31, 2016 to be matched.

**Please consider increasing your gift as each dollar will make a difference!**

You are part of a truly unique Rotary club that provides service and fellowship opportunities that have a tremendous effect on each of us and makes a meaningful difference in people's lives.

## 2015-16 Foundation Goals

### Contributions Simplified



Toledo Rotary Foundation Goal: Each member supports at the President's Club Level—\$250 annually

- **President's Club:** \$250 annually=\$21/mo for 12 months



Rotary International Foundation Goal: 'Every Rotarian Every Year' Level—\$100 annually

- **Every Rotarian Every Year** @ \$100 annually = \$9/mo for 12 months



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**SAVE the DATES**

**April 12—Art Day**

Volunteer to assist with the Art Day with Glendale Feilbach students at the Toledo Museum of Art. This hands on program will introduce students to different art media.

**April 15—Paint for Polio**

Come for the Rotary fellowship, drink wine, and paint your own Rembrandt, van Gogh, Pollock, or even Picasso while raising money for polio eradication.

**June 17—Hensville Fellowship**

Join in the fellowship at Toledo's newest downtown destination.

**June 18—Dragon Boat Races**

Volunteer to row in this annual race and fellowship opportunity which raises money for Partners In Education. Fun is guaranteed!



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## Get to know... Erik Ibsen

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

Being general manager of the Mud Hens and working for a sports and entertainment company has allowed me the opportunity to meet many people, develop relationships, and be a part of an organization that provides memorable and affordable experiences for families in our community.

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

My first priority is spending time with my family. I enjoy watching and participating in sports, traveling, reading, and enjoying/attending each of the various activities my children are involved in.

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

As a new member of Rotary, I am looking forward to meeting leaders within our community and having the opportunity to serve on projects that have a positive impact on the region.

### Tell us about your family.

My wife Jill and I have been married 14 years. We have four children: Ella (9), Chase (7), Noah (3), and Lexi (1).

### Share one thing people do not know about you.

I met my wife while working at a Mud Hens game at Ned Skeldon stadium. She was interning at WGTE and they were involved with a promotion at that day's game for a new children's TV show. The show was Clifford the Big Red Dog and Jill just happened to be dressed in the Clifford mascot suit that day!

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

"There are many things in life that will catch your eye, but only a few that will catch your heart. Pursue those." - author Michael Nolan

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

Athletic coach or zookeeper (what I wanted to be as a kid).

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

I serve on the board at Ft. Meigs YMCA and have been involved with coaching youth soccer at the YMCA and Perrysburg Youth Soccer Association. I am a new member of the Distinguished Clown Corps and my wife and I are members of The National Organization of parents of Blind Children.

### Where do you see yourself in ten years?

Continuing the development of my career in the sports and entertainment industry and being there for my children to assist them as they begin to make decisions about their futures.



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William McElheney (2)  
Gary Corrigan (4)  
Nicholas Cron (4)  
Todd Michaelson (4)  
Judy Potter (5)  
Amira Gohara (7)  
James Caldwell (11)  
Benjamin Goff (11)  
Sanford Lubin (13)  
Roy Cherry (14)  
Mario Procaccini (14)  
Philip Stiff (14)  
Gary Thieman (14)  
Creston Tarrant (16)  
Alex Due (17)  
John Schwartz (17)  
Jim Scheib (18)  
Michael Smith (18)  
Robin Wheatley (18)  
Jeff Cole (20)  
Matthew Adkins (21)  
Tom Uhler (24)  
Bill Buckley (26)  
Brad Rubini (27)  
J. Michael Galbraith (28)  
Katie Rofkar (29)  
Barton Wagenman (29)  
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