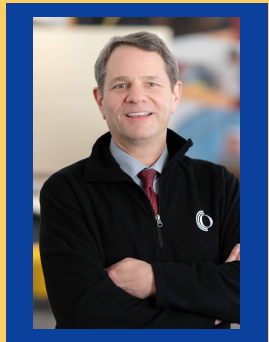


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We Connect People



**MONDAY
MAY 18TH, 2020**

**STEVE ROBINSON
PRESIDENT
OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Steve Robinson is the 7th President of Owens Community College in Toledo and Findlay, Ohio, where he previously served as Vice President of Academic Affairs and then Provost.

Steve will explain how Owens Community College has added to the significant things that have started here in Toledo and impacted our region. The national movement to create a more accurate perception of technical careers and end the unfair stigma against community colleges was begun right here in Toledo. This campaign is to elevate the public perception of community colleges nationwide

Before joining Owens, Robinson served as Executive Dean of Planning, Research and Quality at Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan. At four-year higher education institutions, he served as a member of the graduate faculty in English at the University of Michigan-Flint. He also served as a chair and faculty advisor in the Doctorate in Community College Leadership (DCCL) program at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan, as well as the Doctoral Program in Higher Education at the University of Toledo.

Steve holds a Ph.D. in English from Michigan State University, where he also earned a B.A. and M.A. in the same subject. His master's degree is specifically in English Community College Teaching. Prior to becoming an administrator, he spent fifteen years as a community college faculty member. He is a graduate of the Chair Academy for Leadership and Development, the Harvard Management Development Program (MDP), as well as the Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence.

Steve lives in Sylvania Township with his wife Kathryn, who is Director of Human Resources at the Toledo Museum of Art. They have two children, Owen and Julia, who attend Sylvania Southview High School. Steve's hobbies involve music, collecting vinyl records, and audio equipment and production.

Zoom Meeting ID: 628-349-736

[Click Here to join meeting via ZOOM](#)

Committee Meetings

**May 15th
FAC Meeting
9:00 AM**

Upcoming Events

**May 14th
Zoom Social
Movie Trivia!
5:30 PM**

[Click Here To Be Linked To The Zoom Social](#)

Meeting ID: 850-2401-8443

**REMINDER NO MEETING
Monday May 25th**

Connecting Through Committee Service!

Service Committees

Rotary offers a multitude of opportunities to connect through our committees. Our Club committees mirror the mission of Rotary, as we work to help our communities in areas where help is needed most. As a reminder, here is a snippet of our Toledo Rotary service club committees and what they do. We invite you to join other leaders here, exchange ideas that will help make a difference, and together, take action that provides help where help is needed most! All committees are meeting via Zoom. Please click on any committee name below to link to club administrator, Abbey Mortemore Sachs and let her know which committee you may wish to join--she will add you to the committee and you'll receive all communication that supports your selected committee.



Community Services - As a member of Community Service, you have an opportunity to participate, review and cast your vote in moving grants forward. The CS committee also orchestrates the annual food build service project and moreunity.

Disability Services - Committee members have an opportunity to participate in the long-history of our Club's focus and service of helping others maintain a relatively normal lifestyle, no matter what their ability.



International Services - The IS committee manages grant requests and projects that have an international impact. The committee has worked with the Engineers Without Borders-UT Chapter; stays connected with our club's district 6600 through MESA (Medical Equipment Supplies Abroad) and most recently, sent a small team of members to Guatemala to assist with a clear water project there.



Peace Services - This committee is supporting those organizations in the community working to create a peaceful community

Vocational Services - Vocational Service Committee members play an integral role in mentoring youth and adults in their respective vocations. Vocational Services promotes 'Networking that Supports & Fosters the Four-Way Test!' Committee members focus on development of professions, trades and education within the community's chosen vocations and are working directly the Ability Center to assist with their 'Working Better Together' program.



Water Services - The Water Services Committee members will evaluate foundation grant requests relating to waterways and bodies of water within and/or contiguous to the U.S.

Youth Services - The Youth Services Committee members have an opportunity to experience and manage multiple grant requests that impact the youth in our immediate area.



Member Connections

Rotary Zoom Happy Hour!

If you missed us last month - here's your second chance!
 Please join us from the comfort of your own home to share a cocktail & catch up!



Thursday May 14th
 5:30 PM

Click on this link to be directly connected to Happy Hour!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85024018443>
 Meeting ID: 850-2401-8443



Social Media



Now more than ever, we are working to stay connected online whether it be Zoom, Twitter or Facebook, etc. As Rotarians we have the opportunity to show others who we are and what we are doing! Please take the time to check out our social media outlets and follow or like them - tell your friends to do the same! Here are a few suggestions in ways you can help us increase our social media presence:

- Let us know what we are missing
- Offer posts about Rotary culture, teammates and events with appropriate images
- Update your LinkedIn profile and follow the Rotary Club of Toledo LinkedIn page
- Use hashtags #toledorotary and/or #rotary to help others find and follow Toledo Rotary Club

Rotary Fellowship Book Club

Let's connect through books!
 If you're interested in joining, please complete the short survey to help us get started.

Many Thanks,
 Book Club Fellowship Chairman,
 Rotarian Mari Davies



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YPGPWFH>



**MONDAY,
MAY 11TH RECAP**[Watch Meeting
Video HERE](#)**ROBERT BAXTER
PRESIDENT, MERCY HEALTH NORTH
BON SECOURS MERCY HEALTH**

Bob Baxter is the President of Mercy Health North for Bon Secours Mercy Health, the largest health system in Ohio. As a leader in Northwest Ohio, Baxter oversees strategy and operations for eight hospitals, one college, and more than 100 sites of care across Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. The Northwest Ohio Markets employ more than 5,500 staff and 400 providers, experiences more than 47,000 admissions, and has net operating revenue of greater than \$1 billion.

Baxter previously served as the President and CEO, St. Rita's Health Partners and Senior Vice President, Mercy Health which included two hospitals, four physician joint ventures and a wholly owned physician enterprise. Prior to joining Mercy Health, Baxter served as the Chief Operating Officer at Rapid City Regional Hospital in South Dakota.

Baxter shared the current status of testing, hospitalization and COVID-19 cases in Northwest Ohio. He addressed how the Mercy Health System responded and how they are tackling the PPE situation keeping their staff safe. Bob talked of the new "tele-medicine" that is becoming more common place and how Mercy has quickly adapted to the changes COVID-19 has brought. In addition, he answered several questions from our Rotarians, including addressing the future of the health care and how they will adapt after COVID-19. To watch the presentation in its entirety please click on the "watch video meeting here" link above.

Baxter is a member of the Board of Directors for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Regional Growth Partnership, United Way of Greater Toledo, and Connect Toledo Downtown Development Corporation. He previously served as a delegate to the American Hospital Association (AHA) Regional Policy Board, a member of the ACHE Chapters Committee, President of the South Dakota Healthcare Executive Group, and received the ACHE Early Career Healthcare Executives Regent's Award.

Click below to be linked to Mercy Health.

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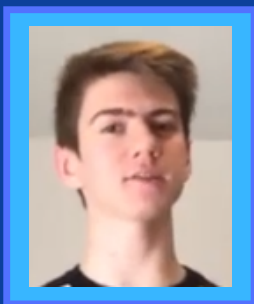
Congratulations Rotarian Dean Niese!



On May 8th fellow Rotarian Dean M. Niese, PE was named President and CEO of the Mannik & Smith Group (MSG). Niese previously served as Chief Operating Officer and Chairman of the firm's Board of Directors. Niese joined Mannik & Smith, Inc. in 1984 after graduating from the University of Toledo with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He served as president of the firm's subsidiary, Midwest Environmental Consultants, Inc., and as a shareholder of both firms until the two firms merged in 2000 to form The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. He was named COO in 2005 and Chairman of the Board in 2018. So when you see Dean on Zoom please give him a "congrats" on his new position!

Congratulations To Our 4-Way Test Speech Contest Winners!

Please take a couple minutes to check out these amazing speeches from our contest winners! Click on their name to be directly connected to the video presentations.

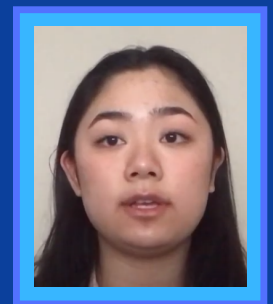


2nd Place
Jon Burkart
Topic: School Choice



1st Place
Olivia Wetzel
Topic: Words & Deeds

Olivia Wetzel is Sophomore at Whitmer High School. Over the next few years she is focused on academics and Speech & Debate, which she is passionate about. Olivia says she loves to speak her mind and will continue to do so past high school!



3rd Place
Emily Ly.
Topic: Veteran Homelessness

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