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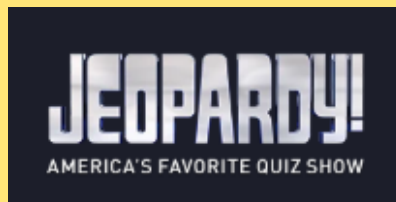
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# Rotary



# Rotary Opens Opportunities

**MONDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2020**



**JOHN PRESLOID**  
**JEOPARDY CHAMPION**

Please join us on Monday to hear John Presloid, a 2019 Jeopardy Champion, share his journey getting to Jeopardy and the "secret" game show experience.

This microbiologist studies Lyme disease at The University of Toledo and finally made good on his lifelong dream to appear on "Jeopardy!" "It felt like an accomplishment just being there, just being on the stage," said Presloid, who works in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology at UT's College of Medicine and Life Sciences. "I watched the show every day growing up. My first audition was actually like a week after my 18th birthday. Pretty much as soon as I turned 18, I've been applying nonstop." He finally broke through in October, 2018 after his fourth in-person audition, earning the right to fly to Culver City, Calif., meet longtime host Alex Trebek, and go head to head with two other trivia superstars.

John said the questions he answered and where he finally placed was a closely guarded secret and "you'll need to attend to get the full story!"

Presloid said the overall experience was even better than what he had expected. "I thought it was going to be very serious and I'd be really nervous. But I just had a blast the entire time," he said. "One of the things they tell you is they want a poker face; they want you to look serious and not give anything away."

John earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacology from the University of Toledo in 2004 and a master of science degree in biomedicine in 2008. He's spent the last four years working in the lab of Dr. Mark Wooten, UT Professor of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, who studies Lyme disease and melioidosis, a bacterial infection common in tropical climates.

**ZOOM LINK!**

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 628 349 736

# Community Services Committee Tour



Kelly Trame  
Director of Development  
Girl Scouts of Western Ohio

On Monday August 31st, Kelly Trame, Chair- Community Services Committee, gave a short summary of the Community Services Committee and how their main charge is to vet grant applications and conduct site visits in order to recommend grant applications to the Foundation Advisory Committee and Trustees for approval. In addition, the CS Committee participates in community service projects such as food packs and recycling efforts. Kelly said, "I joined other committees to expand my Rotary horizons". She continued, "... I feel it is my job as a Rotarian to become more familiar with the club.... and how can I work to help make a meaningful change in my community..." This is Kelly's second year chairing the Community Services Committee. If you are interested in more information regarding the Community Services Committee please reach out to Kelly at [kellyrepka@gsw.org](mailto:kellyrepka@gsw.org)

## Join The Tour!

7 Leading Club/Foundation Service Committees  
Community-Disability-International-Peace-Vocational-Water-Youth



**Join the Tour** of our Club's 7 principal Foundation Service Committees at noon as we continue to showcase our service committees. **Chairman of International Services, Daniel Woodcock** will take us on a short tour of that committee, providing a brief snippet that answers several key questions shared by many of our members: What does this service committee do? What is the role of this committee? What is my role as a Toledo Rotarian? How do these committees touch me personally? My community? How much of a time commitment is it for me? If I join one committee can I change my mind and switch to another committee? How is the committee connected to our Foundation? How is the committee connected to our grant making process and my personal donations to our Club's Foundation? How are these 7 principal foundation service committees connected to service opportunities that touch me as a member and my ability to give time, talent or treasure? How can I be part of any one of these committees?

### Service Committee Tour Dates

8/31: Community Services  
9/14: International Services  
9/21: Youth Services  
9/28: Disability Services

10/5: Peace Services  
10/19: Vocational Services  
10/26: Water Services

## Service Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs & Board Liaisons

### Community Services

Chair: Kelly Trame - [kellyrepka@gsw.org](mailto:kellyrepka@gsw.org)

Co-Chair: John MacKay - [jmackay@shumaker.com](mailto:jmackay@shumaker.com)

Board Liaison: Steve Johnson - [sjohnson@bergmannpc.com](mailto:sjohnson@bergmannpc.com)



### Disability Services

Chair: Roy Cherry - [rcherry@epilepsycenter.org](mailto:rcherry@epilepsycenter.org)

Co-Chair: Tim Menke - [tmenke@lottserves.org](mailto:tmenke@lottserves.org)

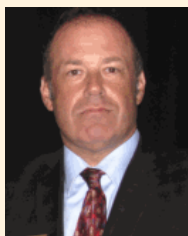
Board Liaison: Cindy Binkley - [cbinkley@nomshealthcare.com](mailto:cbinkley@nomshealthcare.com)

### International Services

Chair: Daniel Woodcock - [danny@peacocksocial.com](mailto:danny@peacocksocial.com)

Co-Chair: Dennis Sawan - [des@sawanandsawan.com](mailto:des@sawanandsawan.com)

Board Liaison: Patrick Sheehan - [pat.sheehan@dmctechgroup.com](mailto:pat.sheehan@dmctechgroup.com)



### Peace Committee

Chair: Curt Church - [cchurch66@hotmail.com](mailto:cchurch66@hotmail.com)

Co-Chair: Irshad Bannister - [irshad.bannister@gmail.com](mailto:irshad.bannister@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Kevin Mullan - [kevinpmullan@gmail.com](mailto:kevinpmullan@gmail.com)

### Vocational Services

Chair: Heather Karns - [heather.karns@utoledo.edu](mailto:heather.karns@utoledo.edu)

Co-Chair: David Thiess - [david.theiss@53.com](mailto:david.theiss@53.com)

Board Liaison: John Roemer - [jroemer@spartanchemical.com](mailto:jroemer@spartanchemical.com)



### Water Services

Chair: Rob Krain - [director@blackswamp.org](mailto:director@blackswamp.org)

Co-Chair: Cheri Budzynski - [cbudzynski@slk-law.com](mailto:cbudzynski@slk-law.com)

Board Liaison: Judy Seibenick - [jseibenick@hospicenwo.org](mailto:jseibenick@hospicenwo.org)

### Youth Services

Chair: Candice Harrison - [charriso@tps.org](mailto:charriso@tps.org)

Co-Chair: Erica Halada - [erica@givetps.org](mailto:erica@givetps.org)

Board Liaison: Kendra Smith - [smithkendra.n@gmail.com](mailto:smithkendra.n@gmail.com)



## MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST RECAP

[Watch Meeting  
Video HERE](#)

On Monday, August 31st, the Rotary Club of Toledo was pleased to host Sylvia Whitlock and Francine Kiefer, both who shared their experiences as professional women throughout their careers. Sylvia told the club about her role in Rotary as Rotary was beginning to accept women as members. Francine talked of her experience as a White House reporter for 20 years. To watch the presentation in its entirety please click the link above.



**SYLVIA WHITLOCK**  
FIRST WOMAN ROTARIAN  
FIRST WOMAN CLUB  
PRESIDENT  
INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER

**Sylvia Whitlock** was born in New York City and was educated through high school in Kingston, Jamaica. She attained an International baccalaureate from Cambridge University, England. Sylvia earned a B.A. Psychology from Hunter College of the City University of New York, an M.A. – Education from Cal Poly, Pomona and PH. D. Education from Claremont Graduate School, and M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy – Azusa Pacific University. Sylvia joined Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte in 1982 where she held every office at the club level and was the First Woman President in Rotary International. Her 'Rotary resume' is extensive, both scope and the long list of awards she has received. The same goes for her activities and achievements outside of Rotary, including being named an NAACP Woman of the Year and receiving the Global Citizen Award from the United Nations Association (Oct. 2013) Sylvia has three adult children, one of whom is legal counsel and Vice Chancellor of San Mateo Community College District. She considers raising her children the most satisfying and enjoyable job she has ever had, almost comparable to enjoying her first grandson, and now a new granddaughter and another grandson.



**FRANCINE KIEFER**  
WEST COAST BUREAU CHEIF  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

**Francine Kiefer** recently moved to the Los Angeles area, where she is the West Coast Bureau Chief for The Christian Science Monitor. She has a long history with this Pulitzer-Prize winning news organization, including two decades in Washington covering Congress and the White House. Francine reported on the administrations of Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. During those years in Washington, she served as commentary editor and editorial writer. In 1989, Francine reported on the fall of the Berlin Wall as the Monitor's correspondent in Germany. In her early career she was a business reporter. Francine also worked for nearly five years as the National Editor for The San Jose Mercury News in California's Silicon Valley. She holds a BA in English literature from Smith College and an MFA in creative nonfiction writing from Goucher College. She has taught workshops on opinion writing at George Washington University and other colleges.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM  
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A Special Thank You to the  
Jim Vassar Memorial



On Monday August 31st, the Rotary Club of Toledo Foundation received a donation from the Jim Vassar Memorial. Rotary was honored to have Leslie Vassar "present" a check for \$6,100 to our club through Zoom. We are proud to be a recipient of the donation and thank the Jim Vassar Memorial fund.

This years Memorial Golf Tournament will be this Saturday, September 12th at Brandywine Country Club. The event is sold out and promises to be a great time. #norainplease

Welcome New Rotarian James Burnor!



**Day Job:** Financial Advisor, Croak Asset Management, LLC

**Notable Accomplishment:** Played baseball at Xavier University

**Pet Peeve:** Plumbing repair projects

**Little something personal:** Jim has been married for 17 years and has 3 children including a sophomore at Notre Dame Academy and a 6th grader at St. Pius. His wife is a teacher at St. Francis de Sales. Jim enjoys spending time boating with family in Marblehead, Ohio and he is an active member at the Toledo Club where he plays squash.



Upcoming Monday Meetings

September 21st

Heather Bradley

The Local Not-for-Profit Landscape

September 28th

Keith Burris

Upcoming Committee Meetings

September 11th  
International Services  
12:00 NOON via Zoom

September 14th  
Youth Services  
1:10 PM via Zoom

September 14th  
Membership Engagement  
1:10 PM via Zoom

September 14th  
Program Committee  
10:45 AM via Zoom

September 14th  
Disability Services  
1:10 PM via Zoom

September 15th  
Community Services  
12:00 PM via Zoom

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- Weekly Spoke promo—Quarter page/full color ad—4 promos—Hotlink to your website
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- Logo featured weekly in the Monday meeting Power-Point
- Logo featured weekly in the pre-meeting Power-Point
- Logo featured on our website throughout the Rotary year beginning the month of your sponsorship—hotlink to your website
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