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## Monday's Meeting July 11, 2016:

### The Changing of the Guard



President Stacy  
Hammer

In Rotary, the year begins in July. Happy New Year to all members, and be sure to join us Monday for the Changing of the Guard!

Past President Andy Stuart will pass the gavel and pin to incoming President Stacy Hammer.

#### Your 2016-2017 Rotary Board of Directors are:

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## Upcoming Meetings/Events

### **MONDAY, JULY 11 — Changing of the Guard**

Greeters: Stacey Butts, Sr. Mary Ann Culpert, Janina Douglas, Katie Enright, Mary Fedderke, Scott Fry, Tom Fry, Peter Bowmer, Jane Marie Rahe, Tim Menke, Karen Ranney Wolkins, Linda Greene, Bob Gardner

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**MONDAY, JULY 11** — 1 p.m., Toledo Rotary Club  
Foundation Trustees meeting, Park Inn

**TUESDAY, JULY 12** — 7:30 a.m., Water Conference  
Planning Committee Meeting, Rick's Diner, 5333 Monroe St.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13** — 7:30 a.m., Executive  
Committee Meeting, The Original Pancake House, 3310  
W. Central Ave.

### **MONDAY, JULY 18 — Speaker: John Hewko, Secretary General, Rotary International**

**RSVP:** [acieslukowski@rotary.org](mailto:acieslukowski@rotary.org) Greeters: Paul Hong, Guisselle Mendoza, Justin Moor, Kevin Mullan, Neil Neukam, Marcus Newbern, Dean Niese, Daric Peppers, Judy Potter, Brad Rubini, Hunt Sears, Becky Swisher, Brad Stoller

**MONDAY, JULY 18** — 1 p.m., International Service  
Committee Meeting at Park Inn

**TUESDAY, JULY 19** — 7:30 a.m., Moon Over  
Middlegrounds Planning Committee, Café Marie, 3344  
Secor Rd.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20** — 7:30 a.m., Board of Directors  
Meeting, Toledo Club, Chelsea Room

**THURSDAY, JULY 21** — 7:30 a.m., Foundation Service  
Committee Leadership Meeting, Toledo Club, West Point  
Room

**Internet Viewing:** The June 27 meeting is not available to be viewed. We hope everyone enjoyed Hensville!



## Past Program June 27, 2016

*Written by Dan Zimolzak*

### BRAD TOFT – YMCA, PRESIDENT & CEO

Brad Toft is the President & CEO of the YMCA of Greater Toledo. Brad's career with the Y has spanned 26 years in South Dakota, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota and Ohio. He joined the Toledo Y in 2013.

Toft began by highlighting the financial reformation of the YMCA as a tough and difficult time, forcing the organization to trim its expenditures due to loss of state funding, the recession and debt obligations for two of the Y's buildings. The Y needed to make changes in its finances while minimizing the loss of programs and the impact of those programs on the community and membership.

In 2014, the trustees adopted an 18-month financial stabilization plan, focusing on membership growth, increasing donor base, staff development and creating an awareness of the Y's impact on its community.

Financially, the organization needed to become leaner. The Y was committed to its "inner city" branch, though it loses money, to demonstrate a commitment to serving youth in the city.

Instituting membership pricing based on value received and ability to pay based on annual income provided an attractive dues alternative to increase membership.

The Anthony Wayne Community Y was strategically relocated and a partnership with the downtown ProMedica project, placing a facility in the lower level of the building, all contributed to an operating surplus in 2015.

A five-year visioning exercise also called for a two year capacity building plan, continued building of financial strength, improving the membership experience, and youth development efforts designed to align with Aspire program goals.

The plan also targeted specific outcomes for youth, including improving school readiness for pre-school children, which in turn improves student success, including high school graduation rates. Toft explained the Y's service to youth is its purpose. This is achieved by increasing organizational capacity, monitoring specific outcomes and focusing on high needs in the community.

For years, the YMCA's concern was keeping the emotional and physical health of others their priority. That concern placed the Y's financial health at risk.

The Y's road to recovery has been a long and painful one. However, through visioning, strategic planning and cost controls having the least amount of impact on programming, the Y has become stronger. Because of that, the YMCA has helped make Greater Toledo a better place to live.

## RI General Secretary John Hewko Requests Your RSVP For July 18!

Mark your calendar and join us **Monday, July 18, 2016**, when our program speaker will be **General Secretary of Rotary International, John Hewko**.

As general secretary, Hewko leads a diverse staff of 800 at Rotary International's World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and seven international offices.



From 2004 to 2009, Hewko was vice president for operations and compact development for the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), a U.S. government agency established in 2004 to deliver foreign assistance to the world's poorest countries. At MCC, he was the principal United States negotiator for foreign assistance agreements to 26 countries in Africa, Asia, South America, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union.

During his tenure, he completed the negotiation of assistance agreements totaling \$6.3 billion to 18 countries for infrastructure, agriculture, water and sanitation, health, and education projects.

Hewko is a Paul Harris Fellow. He and his wife, Margarita, live in Evanston.

To RSVP for this meeting, please email Annie Cieslukowski at [acieslukowski@rotary.org](mailto:acieslukowski@rotary.org), or call 419-241-7060.



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## Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for your  
VIP introduction to The Middlegrounds!

**Moon Over Middlegrounds** will take place **Friday, September 16, 2016** at the Rotary Club of Toledo's Century Pavilion in Toledo's newest Metropark, The Middlegrounds. Come and enjoy a BBQ buffet, live music, wine tasting, dancing, a scavenger hunt, survivor games, archery, a climbing wall, and fellowship! **This event is brought to you by Rotary Club of Toledo and Metroparks Toledo.**



Please join us for  
an evening of fun  
and friends at  
Toledo's newest  
metropark.

### ROTARY CLUB OF TOLEDO'S CENTURY PAVILION PARTY

Friday, September 16, 2016  
5:30 PM-10 PM  
Middlegrounds Metropark  
Downtown Toledo

BBQ BUFFET  
CASH BAR  
WINE TASTING  
LIVE MUSIC  
DANCING  
SCAVENGER HUNT  
CLIMBING WALL  
ARCHERY TRY-ITS  
SURVIVOR GAMES

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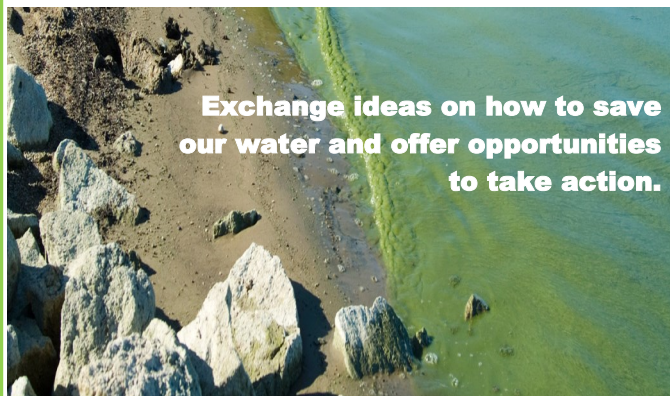
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## Save the Date!

**The 2nd Annual Rotary Lake Erie Watershed Conference** will take place Friday, October 28, 2016 at the SeaGate Convention Centre. Please check our Web site, [www.toledorotary.org](http://www.toledorotary.org), for more information coming soon.



Exchange ideas on how to save  
our water and offer opportunities  
to take action.



## July Birthdays

Julyia Faulkner Pechlivanos, July 1  
Thomas Shafer, July 2  
Karen Mathison, July 3  
Gregory A. Guzman, July 6  
Bernd Hunger, July 7  
Scott W. Libbe, July 7  
Garrick Johnson, July 7  
James Vitale, July 8  
Erik Ibsen, July 9  
Gaileen Doxsie, July 10  
Karen Berman, July 11  
Stephen Stanford, July 12  
Marlon P. Kiser, July 13  
Thomas R. Fry, July 13  
Robert Gardner, July 13  
Phil Mariasy, July 15  
Carol Bintz, July 15  
Timothy Menke, July 15  
Patrick Sheehan, July 16  
Frederick Yocum, July 16  
Edward Caldwell, July 17  
Gary Brown, July 18  
Jeffrey Grilliot, July 18  
Amy Gilman, July 19  
William Cook, July 20  
Matthew McCullough, July 20  
Michael Anderson, July 20  
Sophia Lloyd, July 21  
Leonard Schafer, July 21  
Mark Korn, July 21  
Edwin J. Nagle III, July 21  
Marcus Newbern, July 22  
Mary Bec Gwyn, July 22  
Christina Redrup, July 23  
Joseph Tafelski, July 23  
Robert Huber, July 24  
Kevin Matus, July 24  
Lee Wealton, July 27  
Louise Jackson, July 27  
Ann Malak, July 27  
John W. Davies, Jr., July 28  
Tammy Holder, July 29  
Stephen Taylor, July 31  
David Folkwein, July 31



### HOST FAMILIES WANTED

The Rotary Club of Toledo is looking for families to host our Club-sponsored 15-year-old student from Taiwan. Her name is Sky.



#### Your Qualifications:

- Willing to host an exchange student for 2 – 3 months
- Willing to integrate the student as a member of your family; does not need to be a Rotarian

#### Your Benefits:

- Learn about another country's culture and customs
- Teach others about culture and customs in the U.S.
- Become a lifelong "parent" to your exchange student
- Support provided by club and district Rotarians

#### **Contact:**

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Dan Zimolzak – 231-766-1632

Joe Tafelski – 419-930-2505

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### Welcome!

### New Club Administrator



Annie Cieslukowski started working as the Rotary Club Administrator July 5, coming from The Blade, where she was employed nearly 29

years. She has experience in writing, marketing, and event planning, and is thrilled to be working with Toledo Rotary.

Annie is a lifelong Toledoan, and a graduate of Notre Dame Academy and the University of Toledo, where she earned a bachelor's degree in print media.

She lives in west Toledo with her two children, Joey, 14, and Suzie, 12, two cats, and one rambunctious dog.

### Did You Know?

The first edition of the Spoke was published in August of 1913 and was called *The We'll Vote On The Name Friday*. The following issue was called *The Toledo Rotarian*, and included an ad for Fisher's Walk-Over Boot Shop, which advertised shoes for men and women, priced at \$3.50 to \$7.

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# Committee Selection Form 2016-2017

Please select & submit by July 1, 2016



## COMMITTEE SELECTION FORM 2016-2017

In our large club, the best way to make acquaintances, get involved, and learn what avenue of service is most appealing to you, is through active service on committees. Please read through the committee descriptions for the next Rotary year and check those on which you want to actively serve during 2016-2017.

Please return by Friday, July 1, 2016.

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

### FOUNDATION SERVICE COMMITTEES

#### OVERVIEW

The #1 responsibility of each of the foundation service committees is to review, process, and recommend grants submitted to the Toledo Rotary Foundation. Each Rotary year has three grant deadlines:

July 31, October 31, and March 31

Each service committee participates in the due diligence process of vetting each grant. Due diligence invites Club members to review the grant application to determine if it meets our mission as well as the foundation's grant giving criteria. Participation at this level offers an opportunity to truly experience and understand how member contributions impact our community and participate in determining where funds are directed. Committee members decide which grants meet the criteria for recommendation. Each service committee chair & vice chair presents committee recommendations to the FAC.

#### ☐ Community Service Committee

As a member of Community Service, you have an opportunity to participate in the review of grant requests from a broad section of our community. This committee meets 6-8 times/ year to review and discuss grant requests and projects impacting our local community. Non-profits we have supported in the past include the Cherry Street Mission, Sunshine, Habitat for Humanity, Toledo Ballet, Little Sisters of the Poor, Toledo Area Humane Society and many more. This committee spearheads annual service projects such as Salvation Army bell-ringers and a spring clean-up for Little Sisters of the Poor. Involvement with the Community Services Committee offers hands-on opportunities that make a difference right here in our own community.

#### ☐ Disability Service Committee

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. Our Club's long history with Glendale Feilbach elementary school and the Ability Center have created regularly promoted committee and club projects. Among them include a day at the Toledo Zoo and Toledo Museum of Art day at the Glass Pavilion. This committee manages all grant requests for any type of disability and meets 6-8 times/year. The Disability Service Committee studies the needs and challenges of the disabled community and recommends steps and procedures to provide solutions.

#### ☐ International Service Committee

The International Service Committee manages international grant requests and projects. International Service adopted three rural villages in Honduras with a commitment to long-term development in this area from our Club and holds 6-8 meetings per year. Using worldwide Rotary resources, this committee involves every member in advancing International understanding, goodwill, and peace. International Service Committee is connected with our Club's district 6600 through MESA (Medical Equipment Supplies Abroad), water projects, and more.

#### ☐ Vocational Service Committee

Vocational Service Committee members play an integral role in mentoring youth and adults in their respective vocations. Committee members focus on development of professions, trades, and education within the community's chosen vocations. As a Vocational Service Committee member, you will have an opportunity to review and manage grant requests for new and existing vocational programs; this committee has 6-8 meetings per year. Vocational Service provides an opportunity to showcase member career skills while participating in mentoring opportunities as well as the promotion & education of the application of the 4-way test in all vocations, at any age.

#### ☐ Youth Service Committee

The Youth Services Committee members have an opportunity to experience and manage multiple grant requests that impact the youth in our immediate area. Past Youth Service grant requests have come from Claire's Day, Toledo School for the Arts, Early Childhood Development & more. This committee will manage grant requests during each of the grant cycles, participate in site visits, and make recommendations to their committee for projects they feel will have the greatest impact, meeting 6-8 times during the year. The committee discovers the problems challenging young people, cooperates with existing social agencies, and establishes help with new organizations when needed.

#### ☐ Water Service Committee

The Water Services Committee members will evaluate foundation grant requests relating to waterways & bodies of water within and/or contiguous to the U.S. The committee leadership will present recommendations to the FAC. This committee may meet 6-8 times during the year.

#### ☐ Foundation Advisory Committee

The FAC plays a key role in administering and providing the final steps of due diligence in our grant making process. This committee serves as the platform to hear and review each grant request presented by each chair or vice chair of the service committees. Together, members decide and recommend which grants will move forward for final approval from the Club Board and Foundation Trustees. The FAC is comprised of each service committee chair, vice chair, a foundation trustee, and members at large. Overall it is not anticipated that this committee would consist of more than 20.



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### TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB COMMITTEES

#### ☐ Finance/Audit Committee

This Club committee works directly with the president and executive director to develop a comprehensive annual budget for the Club, makes recommendations for policy & procedure surrounding financial record-keeping & processing. The committee reviews the annual audit in September. The finance committee meets quarterly or as called upon to review the budget.

#### ☐ Membership Engagement Committee

This Club committee engages members in activities outside of the Monday meetings with emphasis on new members. Included in these activities would be developing ones around retention and mentoring. This committee encourages members to regularly attend meetings and get involved in all facets of the Club.

#### ☐ Marketing/Communications Committee

This Club committee recommends, reviews, and implements activities regarding external communications and promotion. This encompasses creation and management of marketing campaigns, maintaining contacts with local media through periodic press releases regarding meetings and events of notable public interest, and maintaining internal connections with other Club functions and committees in support of membership recruitment, retention, and Club sustainability.

#### ☐ New Member

This committee is responsible for the onboarding of new members during their first year of membership. This committee and its members will determine, develop, and implement at least one committee service project during the fiscal year.

#### ☐ Member Development Committee

This committee orchestrates a fun annual membership campaign, complete with team captains and competition to bring your team spirit to these meetings. Committee encourages current members to seek and propose new members.

#### ☐ Program Committee

This Club committee prepares & arranges programs for all Club meetings. The Program committee meets quarterly to review submitted ideas & speakers and determine the viability of speakers. Members vote to approve or deny which speakers will become part of our Monday program meetings.

#### ☐ Strategic Planning Committee

The Club's strategic plan provides a road map for our Club into 2017. Be a part of the exciting process as our Club members work together in the implementation of our Clubs transformational project(s) funded by our foundation. Members of this committee have the opportunity to participate in orchestrating and implementing the Club's five initiatives as outlined in our long-range strategic plan. This committee meets a minimum of every-other month.

#### ☐ Youth Exchange Student Committee

The Club will host an exchange student from Taiwan in 2016-17; she will arrive in late August and attend Maumee High School. Committee members will assist with transportation from time to time, and help develop enriching experiences between student and club members.

#### ☐ Friendship Committee

This Club committee communicates with members in times of illness. This committee also oversees informing the Club of the passing of past and current members.

#### ☐ Greeters Committee

This Club committee extends the hand of friendship in greeting members, visiting Rotarians, and other visitors arriving at meetings.

#### ☐ Invocation Committee

This Club committee provides the invocation at regular and special club meetings. Members wishing to participate should contact the chairman.

#### ☐ Constitution Committee

This Club committee reviews and recommends changes to the Club Constitution or by-laws to the Board for approval

#### ☐ AV Committee

Be part of the Monday 'behind the scenes' AV studio

### TOLEDO ROTARY AD HOC COMMITTEES

#### ☐ Water Conference Planning Committee

This Ad Hoc committee will plan, implement, and host a conference focusing on Lake Erie water improvement. The Water Conference is scheduled for October 28, 2016.

#### ☐ Moon Over Middlegrounds—Centennial Project First downtown Metropark Opens

This Ad Hoc committee will plan, implement, and host a celebration event on September 16, 2016. This is a Rotary VIP preview celebration; Middlegrounds opens to the public on September 17, 2016.

### TOLEDO ROTARY FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

#### ☐ Bicycling

#### ☐ Golf

#### ☐ Bowling

#### ☐ Motorcycle riding

#### ☐ International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR)

#### ☐ Running/walking

## Welcome New Member Ben Brown!



Benjamin T. Brown, CIC, is Vice President of Commercial Lines at Brooks Insurance.

Ben has been in the insurance industry since 1978. He served as executive vice president of the Welles-Bowen Insurance Agency until its acquisition by Brooks Insurance Agency in February of 1999.

Brooks was subsequently purchased by USI Insurance Services in March of 2016.

He is a Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC), and has a strong background in commercial insurance, specializing in the Healthcare Industry.

Ben works diligently to identify client's risks and provide them with the information to assist them make informed decisions on whether to retain risk or transfer that risk to an insurance company.

Ben is extremely active in the community and has served as a member of and in leadership positions for a number of organizations. He is on the boards of The Public Broadcasting Foundation of Northwest Ohio (WGTE) and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo, serving both previously as board chairman. He also was the past chairman for the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce and Toledo Area Small Business Association (TASBA) boards.

A Toledo native, Ben received a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Wittenberg University.

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## Club Officers and Directors

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## Staff

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**Club Administrator** | Annie Cieslukowski

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