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Monday's Meeting July 17, 2017



Rachel Hepner-Zawodny, American Red Cross

Rachel Hepner Zawodny will be speaking primarily about what the American Red Cross's direct lines of service

are, what they mean to everyone in the community, and how we can work together to be more prepared and resilient as a community.

Mrs. Hepner-Zawodny is the Executive Director of the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the American Red Cross serving, Lucas, Wood, Ottawa and Sandusky counties. Prior to taking this position 2 years ago, Mrs. Hepner-Zawodny spent almost ten years in the glass business working for Pilkington Architectural and Seattle based company Technical Glass Products. After completing Leadership Toledo in 2005, Rachel was asked to be on the Board of Directors for the local chapter of the American Red Cross. It was there she found a profound passion for the mission and stayed active for an additional 10 years; serving as Board Chair prior to accepting the Director position. She has served on board and committees for the Arthritis Foundation, Leadership Toledo, Heartbeat of Toledo and Family Services of NW Ohio. She holds a bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with a Design focus from Bowling Green State University where she also played varsity tennis. Rachel lives in Perrysburg with her husband Jim, daughter Stella (5), son Harrison (18 months) and dog Mulligan.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

MEETINGS WILL NOW BEGIN PROMPTLY AT

12:00pm

MONDAY, JULY 17— Rachel Hepner-Zawodny, American Red Cross

Greeters: Rich Effler, Sean Finn, Scott Fry, Mike George, Steve Groppe, Brian Hahn, Bob Howell, Michelle Klinger, Jason Kucsma, Stephanie Kuhlman

- * 11:00 am, Program Committee
- * 1:00 pm, Vocational Services Committee
- * 1:00 pm, Water Service Committee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19— Club Board Meeting, 7:30 am, Toledo Club—Conservatory Room

SATURDAY, JULY 22— Dragon Boat Festival, International Park

MONDAY, JULY 24— Bill Spencer, FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force

Greeters: Ken Leslie, Jay Morgan, Michelle Niedermier, Tim Saddoris, Jim Scheib, Kellie Schlachter, Jay Secor, Joe Sharp, Luke Shipp, Eric Shreve

- * 1:00 pm, Foundation Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26— Marketing Committee, 5:30pm, Firepit Grille—7723 Airport Hwy, Holland



Internet Viewing: The July 10 meeting can be viewed online by clicking this link: [Changing of the Guard](#)

Toledo Rotary Club Foundation

A Note From Foundation Chairman Louise Jackson

In the course of the spring "Community Conversations", Club members reviewed, discussed and offered suggestions to update our 5-year Strategic plan; members clearly stated their desire to better understand the role of our Foundation and offered 3 areas of focus and improvement:

1. Improve communication about what it is our Foundation does; in our Club, in the community and internationally
2. Provide clarity on \$'s requested that go directly to Club operations and \$'s requested that support our Foundation
3. Provide information on how to make planned gifts in addition to annual campaign contributions

Foundation trustees began showcasing 'Foundation News & Updates' in the weekly Spoke in March of 2017. In this edition of the Spoke and in future editions, we will provide information on "planned giving" and other ways to contribute financially to the Foundation through your will and other techniques.

Louise Jackson, Chairman

Five Reasons to Die Without a Will

There must be powerful reasons to avoid having a will because so many people die without one. In case you happen to be one of the six out of ten who will depart without a will, here are five reasons to buttress your position. You can use these to help you sleep tonight.

1. The court can do a better job deciding how to disburse your assets than you can.
2. The court can choose a better personal representative to handle your estate during probate than you can.
3. The court can choose a more caring guardian for your minor children than you can.
4. The government will use your estate tax dollars more efficiently than your favorite charity would use a charitable bequest.
5. Your grieving loved ones will be better off looking after your affairs without your will.

Powerful reasons? Hardly. Nonetheless, people unwittingly affirm these reasons year after year as they continue to put off the minor inconvenience of making a will.

Like many people, you may be uneasy about going to an attorney. Yet, an attorney who specializes in estate planning knows the right questions to ask and the best ways to help you accomplish your goals. These professionals are well-trained, and normally well worth the time and expense they require.

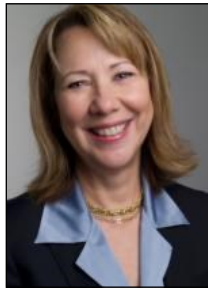
Caring for the disposition of your assets is too important to delay. It's important for you, for your loved ones and for the charitable organizations you care about and support.

Contributions have been made to the
Toledo Rotary Club Foundation

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Mike McIntyre
Deb Monagan

Joe Tafelski
Tracey Tangeman
Travis Tangeman

Past Program: July 10, 2017



President Sharon Skilliter Changing of the Guard

Past President Stacy Hammer passed the gavel to President Sharon Skilliter on Monday. Sharon announced, under Stacy's leadership, we are now the 10th largest Club in the U.S. and the 11th largest Club in the world. Our challenge will be to remain one of the top 10 clubs.

President Sharon shared that at the Rotary International Conference, RI introduced their new campaign of returning to its roots. "Together We Connect" - we connect because of our common interests, connection is a fundamental human need. "Together We Inspire" - we inspire to do good things in the world. "Together We Transform" - we did our first transformational project before we had our Strategic Plan.

RI President's initiatives all come together through our strategic plan. It gives all of our leadership a path and a means of guaranteeing success through our Club.

Our Strategic Plan:

- 1: Be one of the 10 largest Rotary Clubs while increasing membership engagement in service and fellowship. President Sharon said we need to work on bolstering up our Club through communication. Communicate with leadership and committees on how we can continue to work together. We are also going to focus on engagement, fun and strategic targeted membership.
- 2: Select and support several major community transformational projects.
- 3: Support the growth and strategic initiatives of the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation to enable increased sponsorship of community and international projects. We need to make the good work that we do visible in our community.
- 4: Continue to enhance the Club's internal effectiveness while increasing the visibility and recognition of the Club's efforts and influence in NW Ohio. Together with the Marketing Committee, we will be adopting RI's 3 words: Connect, Inspire, Transform, and create a 3-year marketing plan.
- 5: Increase participation with other Clubs in international and district projects and events. There are other Clubs that are smaller than us, who want to make an impact but are unable to on their own. We are going to have them join in and participate in projects with us to create a bigger impact. President Sharon also announced that she will be inviting members from other Clubs to join us at our Monday meetings. She wants them to experience our Club and then give them the opportunity to tell us what they are doing in their Clubs.

We want to engage, attract and retain members to our Club. In order to do this we need to have a signature project in our community. Larger Clubs have one signature project in their community on a regular basis. The power of Rotary is tremendous, President Sharon said, and she challenged the Club to think bigger and bolder about a new transformational project. Find a project that is focused on improving our community while showing the power Rotary has to get things done.

Past Presidents Welcome Past President Stacy Hammer

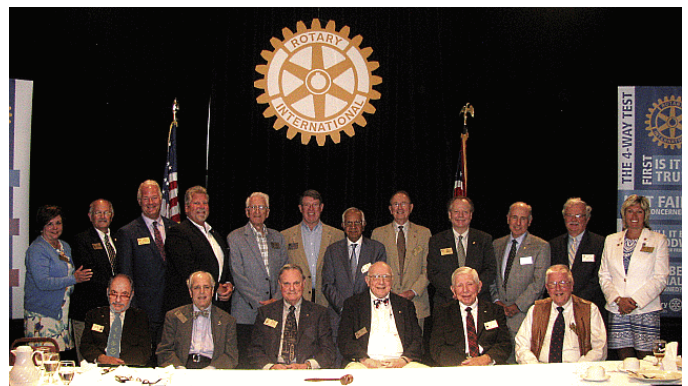
18 Past Presidents were in attendance and welcomed 107th Past President Stacy Hammer on Monday

Past Presidents in Attendance

Dick Anderson
Helyn Bolanis
Riaz Chaudhary
Walt Churchill
George Eistetter
Eric Fankhauser
Rick Hartley
Marv Himmelein
Chuck Mann
Clint Mauk
Gary McBride
Father Olszewski
Chuck Schaub
Hunt Sears
Andy Stuart
Joe Tafelski
John Wasserman
RC Young

Past Presidents Unable to Attend:

Tom Backoff
Ben Dansard
Sue Martin
Steve Martindale
Brad Rubini
Chuck Stocking
Eric Summons



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 who join us.

**Partners in Education
 SIGN UP NOW! Rotary Dragon Boat Team**

Partners in Education (PIE) is hosting the 16th annual Dragon Boat Summer Learning Festival on July 22nd. This signature fund-raiser event helps Partners in Education (PIE) to raise money to fulfill their mission: "To support student success through community engagement".

Already signed up to participate are fellow Rotarians:
Sean Cree, Alex Due, Kevin Mullan, Daric Peppers, Travis Tangeman and Katie Zraik.

If you are interested in joining in the fun, please contact Katie Zraik at: bruhl@webanditgroup.com

WANTED! ROSTER UPDATES!

2017-2018 Rosters will be coming out soon! Don't forget to update your information in the database.

The Rotary office will begin using text messaging to keep members up-to-date on the upcoming Monday meeting. Please be sure to update the database with your cell phone carrier in order to receive these text messages! You can always opt-out if you decide you wish to no longer receive text messages.

You can email any updates of your contact information, job changes, cell phone carrier or photo updates to Emily in the Rotary office at: eclement@toledorotary.org.



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COMMITTEE SELECTION FORM 2017-2018

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 2017-2018.

Please return by **Friday, July 7, 2017**.

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 Club 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 submitted. 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 their 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, a spring clean-up and more. 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 last year included 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 meets 6-8 per year. Vocational Service provides an opportunity to mentor & help high school seniors with mock interviews and participation in the 4-way speech contest within our Club and District.

☐ **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 25.

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/Engage Committee**

This Club committee engages members in activities outside of the Monday meetings with at least 4 social activities being planned. New Committee members will be assigned this committee, participate in one new member orientation during their first year and become a member of the Class of 2017-18. Committee will focus on fellowship, social activities and connecting to fellow Rotarians. 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.

☐ **Membership**

This committee will develop a membership campaign focused on key targeted community leaders as members. Committee will focus on inviting other community leaders to attend a Monday meeting or social event, introducing them to others and guiding their initial first steps in becoming a member. Committee will encourage current members to seek and propose new members to add to their targeted list of community leaders as 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. Be a part of the exciting process as our Club members work together in the implementation of our Clubs 5 initiatives. Members of this committee have the opportunity to participate in orchestrating and implementing the Club's long-range strategic plan. This committee meets a minimum of every-other month.

☐ **Youth Exchange Student Committee**

The Club is hoping to host an exchange student during the next Rotary fiscal year. The #1 priority is finding and confirming 2-3 host families in his/her school area. 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.

☐ **Reflection/Invocation Committee**

This Club committee provides a weekly reflection/ 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

☐ **Major Fundraising Event—spring 2018**

This Ad Hoc committee will plan, implement, and execute a major fundraiser in support of our Club's Foundation for up to 500 attendees!

TOLEDO ROTARY FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

☐ **Bicycling**

☐ **Golf**

☐ **Book Club**

☐ **Bowling**

☐ **Motorcycle riding**

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

☐ **Running/walking**

July Birthdays

Julia Pechlivanos (1)
 Tom Shafer (2)
 Karen Mathison (3)
 Greg Guzman (6)
 Scott Libbe (7)
 Gary Johnson (7)
 Ben Hunger (7)
 Jim Vitale (8)
 Erik Ibsen (9)
 Karen Berman (11)
 Stephen Stanford (12)
 Marlon Kiser (13)
 Tom Fry (13)
 Bob Gardner (13)
 Tim Menke (15)
 Carol Bintz (15)
 Phil Mariasy (15)
 Pat Sheehan (16)
 Dave Zenk (17)
 Ed Caldwell (17)
 Clint Mauk (18)
 Gary Brown (18)
 Jeff Grilliot (18)
 Amy Gilman (19)
 Sue Martin (19)
 Matt McCullough (20)
 Michael Anderson (20)
 Bill Cook (20)
 Mark Korn (21)
 Steve Groppe (21)
 Deb Truscinski (21)
 Lenny Schafer (21)
 Ed Nagle (21)
 Sophia Lloyd (21)
 Marcus Newbern (22)
 Glen Hiner (22)
 Mary-Bec Gwyn (22)
 Chrissy Redrup (23)
 Joe Tafelski (23)
 Rich Effler (23)
 Kevin Matus (24)
 Ann Malak (27)
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