

# TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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## Monday's Meeting August 14, 2017

### *Rotary on the Road: Middlegrounds Metropark—DG Deb Cheney*

Deb is a native of Van Buren, Ohio. She received her degree in Elementary Education at the University of Findlay and her Masters' Degree in Elementary Administration at the University of Dayton. Deb was an elementary teacher for over 20 years and an elementary Principal for 10 years. She supervised Student Teachers five years.

She joined the Waterville Rotary Club in the Fall of 2004 when she was named the Principal of the Waterville Primary School in the Anthony Wayne District. She was the President of the club during 2012-2013. She was instrumental in forming the Interact Club at the Anthony Wayne High School and is the Advisor of the Club. She is currently on the Public Relations Committees of the Club. Deb is very dedicated to Rotary and Interact. She has chaired the Pancake Supper, the Student of the Month program, and the social committee. She was the AG for Area 3 for three years.

She is a trustee of the D.O.V.E. fund and a member of the Waterville Community Church. Deb volunteers weekly at the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio. She and her wonderful husband Chris have been married for five years and live in Waterville but spend a lot of time traveling to Michigan, Charleston, Chicago, and Indianapolis to visit their children and two grandsons, Blake and Landon. She enjoys baking, traveling, walking, and gardening.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Monday, August 14—ROTARY ON THE ROAD:  
MIDDLEGROUNDS METROPARK**

**Monday, August 21— Mike Koralewski, First Solar**

**Monday, August 28— Mike Abrams, Ohio Hospital  
Association**

**Monday, September 4— NO MEETING, LABOR DAY**

## SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Monday, August 14—Water Service Committee,  
1:00 pm, Middlegrounds Metropark**

**Wednesday, August 16—Club Board Meeting, 7:30  
am, Toledo Country Club**

**Monday, August 21—TRCF Executive Committee, 1  
pm, Park Inn**

# Toledo Rotary Club Foundation

## Your Donations at Work:

The Freedom School, at the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center, was awarded a grant of \$10,000 from the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation.

"A child who reads is a child who succeeds". At The Freedom School, they believe every child should be given the opportunity to fall in love with books. The school offers a free, six-week summer reading program for children ages 5-12. In addition to reading, they partner with local organizations to provide enrichment activities, as well as a healthy breakfast and lunch, at no cost to the families. They were able to use Rotary funding to support their enrichment activities, which were provided by 5 students from the Toledo School for the Arts. The activities included creative writing classes, drumming classes, art classes and modern dance classes for the students. The funding also supported the off-site, full-day activities at Camp Whitewater in Defiance, Ohio where the students engaged in fishing, archery, canoeing, and swimming. The students were transported by TPS bus transportation.



**Top:** The Freedom School Banner

**Right:** Mayor Paula Hicks Hudson stopped by The Freedom School to read to the children.

**Bottom Right:** Enrichment activities for the children led by students from the Toledo School for the Arts.

**Bottom and Left:** Firefighter Kamako Jackson read her favorite book and shared information about being a female firefighter. She then raced the students to get into a uniform in one minute—the time allotted for firefighters to get into gear.



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## Past Program: August 7, 2017

### *The History of Rotary in District 6600*

In 1907 Edgar "Daddy" Allen, of Elyria, OH, had a son who was killed in a trolley crash. In efforts to avoid such instances in the future, he raised funds to open the Elyria Memorial Hospital. It was there he realized the need for the special care of crippled children, which led to the formation

of the Ohio Crippled Children's Society, which led to the National and then International Society for Crippled Children. The first grant made by the Rotary Foundation in 1929 was a \$500 donation to the Crippled Children's Society.

Rotary is not only about what we leave *for* others, but what we leave *in* others. In 1927, Rotary clubs started what is now known as the Rotary Youth Exchange. Students spend a year in a different country and culture while attending school there. The program helps develop leadership skills, learn new language and culture, build lasting friendships and become a global citizen. Rotaract clubs bring together 18-30 year olds, using the same concept— to develop leadership skills and discover the power of Service Above Self. Rotaract clubs organize projects that help their school or community and promote international understanding. STRIVE is a service project of Rotary clubs in our district, and is specifically for high school seniors. It is for students who face academic challenges, but want to make the most of their last year of high school. They are "Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Values of Education". These voluntary students are matched with an adult mentor from the Rotary Club with the goal of improved attendance, attitude and GPA. Promoting peace is one of Rotary's primary causes. The underlying causes of conflict and misunderstanding are addressed by both club and district service projects to help promote peace. Our district's signature project is MESA—Medical Equipment and Supplies Abroad. MESA collects donations of used equipment and supplies then works with Rotary Clubs around the world and matches them with a place in need.

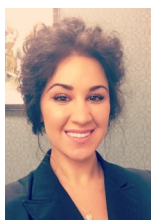
Looking to the future, clean water is another one of Rotary's primary causes. Our Club, after the 2014 blue-green algae bloom contaminated our drinking water, sponsored 2 Lake Erie Watershed Crisis Conferences to examine the various aspects of the issues.

There are now 15 clubs testing 330 sites along the Maumee River looking for significant changes in nutrient concentrations. Polio eradication is another battle that we will continue to fight. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has donated millions of dollars to match Rotarians' donations. We are down to 5 cases of polio in the world, but children must be vaccinated for at least 3 more years. The vaccines themselves must change too, from a live virus type to one that doesn't contain the live virus.

District 6600 has made, and will continue to make a huge impact on our district and the world.



### Welcome New Member: Laura DiNardo!



Laura DiNardo works as a Location Manager and Funeral Director/Embalmer at Newcomer Funeral Home on Heatherdowns. She received her Bachelor of Mortuary Science in 2008. Laura became interested in Rotary from observing her father's involvement while she was growing up. They participated in the MESA Bike Tour together the past two years. She truly believes in "Service Above Self" and holds true to that

concept every day in her line of work. Laura enjoys traveling, especially to visit her younger sisters. She enjoys cooking, staying active and decorating for Christmas.

### Welcome New Member: Angie Jones!



Angie is the 6<sup>th</sup> out of 7 kids in her family. She attended Bowling Green State University and was active in her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, and the American Marketing Association, holding various executive and leadership positions in both organizations. She graduated with a BS in Business Administration with a concentration in marketing. She started her professional career at the University of Toledo, the day after graduating, and has

been there for 18 years, today. Angie, after multiple positions at UT, has found her passion in the position she has held for the past 5 years in the Center for Family & Privately-Held Business. She has also earned her Master's of Business Administration with a concentration in management, and served as an advisor to the UT Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega and board member for Appletree Nursery School, UT's child care facility.

Outside of work, Angie's favorite thing to do is spend time with her husband, Mike and their children, Colin and Kinsley. She also loves travelling and baseball.

### INTERNET VIEWING

The August 7 meeting can be viewed online by clicking this link:

[History of Rotary in District 6600](#)

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## ROTARY ON THE ROAD: MONDAY, AUGUST 14

### MIDDLEGROUNDS METROPARK

**Monday, August 14th, we will be meeting at Middlegrounds Metropark with speaker DG Deb Cheney.**

\*Boxed lunches will be available for \$15.

\*Parking is available on Ottawa Street, by the kayak cove, and in the Rotary Roundhouse parking lot.

\*The meeting will begin at 12:00 pm, in the Rotary Roundhouse.

See you there!



## 2017 ROTARY LAKE ERIE WATERSHED CONFERENCE IS "ON THE ROAD"

Our district spans from the coast of Lake Erie in the north to the shores of Grand Lake St Mary's in the south - both threatened yearly by harmful algal blooms. This gives the members of District 6600 every reason to dedicate time and resources to working for healthy waters in our own communities.

For the third year, District 6600 is sponsoring an Annual Rotary Lake Erie Watershed Conference. This year our theme is "Water Conference On the Road" and will consist of a series of events at various locations around our district. Taking our conference "On the Road" will accomplish two goals; first, it helps make it possible for more members from even more clubs around the District to be involved and attend these water events and second it gets Rotarians out in the field to get our feet wet and our hands dirty with some real grassroots exposure to the causes and solutions of the Lake Erie algae issue.

### ***Our First "On the Road" Conference Event will be:***

#### **Blanchard River Demonstration Farms Tour, Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

The Blanchard River is an important tributary flowing to the Auglaize and then into the Maumee River. Our host clubs (Findlay- Flag City and Ada) are inviting all of the other clubs in D6600 to join in a day trip and tour to 3 Demonstration Farms in Hardin and Hancock counties. Rotarians will meet and talk with the farmers as well as see their testing of new farming practices to reduce nutrient runoff to Lake Erie. Rotarians will board a bus to tour the three farms where they will be able to walk the fields and see the new farming practices as well as talk with the farmers themselves about how they are reducing nutrient runoff.







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E-Mail

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 Melissa Freeman (4)  
 Chuck Schaub (4)  
 Scott Kepp (4)  
 John Bleau (5)  
 Bill McDonnell (5)  
 Chuck Lehnert (5)  
 Steve Staelin (7)  
 Dan Murtagh (7)  
 Dave Huey (7)  
 David Cameron (8)  
 Bruce Friedman (10)  
 Gary Geiger (10)  
 Andy Stuart (10)  
 Cindy Binkley (11)  
 Karen Ranney Wolkins (11)  
 Sara Swisher (11)  
 Tom Palmer (13)  
 Andria Dorsten Ebert (13)  
 John Boggs (13)  
 Pam Hershberger (14)  
 Jim Weber (14)  
 Derek Leck (15)  
 Doug Neckers (15)  
 Donna Bogan (16)  
 John Smythe (17)  
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 Tim Koder (18)  
 Lewis Carlson (20)  
 Michelle Kravetsky (20)  
 Dick Eppstein (20)  
 John Ehrmin (20)  
 Willard Smith (20)  
 Steve Boice (21)  
 Mark Miller (21)  
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