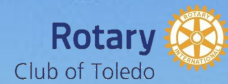


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Monday's Meeting August 28, 2017 Mike Abrams: Ohio Hospital Association *Repeal. Replace. Expansion*



Mike Abrams joined OHA in February 2012 as president and CEO. He leads a team of 65 associates, supports a 20-member Board of Trustees, serves on a variety of health care and hospital taskforces and committees, and works with 1,900 members of seven OHA affiliated societies. During 2012 Mike worked with the Board and OHA staff to develop a new, three-year strategic plan focused on a mission to collaborate with member hospitals and health systems to ensure a healthy Ohio. The plan outlines a bold strategy to focus on advocacy, economic sustainability and patient safety and quality for Ohio hospitals. He works closely with hospital and health system executives and leaders to assess health care trends and review policies impacting the industry. Prior to OHA, Mike was the executive vice president and CEO of the Iowa Medical Society from 1996 to 2012. He previously led government relations for the Indiana State Medical Association for nine years and is a graduate of Indiana University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a master's degree in Public Administration. Mike's additional leadership experience includes service on the Boards of the Midwest Medical Insurance Company and the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative, a joint effort between the Iowa Medical Society and the Iowa Hospital Association to promote a health care culture of continuous improvement in quality, patient safety and value in the state. Mike also served as chair of the Geographic Equity in Medicare Coalition. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Health Policy Institute of Ohio, the SmartMarket Board of the AHA, and the Coalition to Protect America's Healthcare. He also serves as the Region 5 representative to the AHA's State Issues Forum Steering Committee. He was born in Columbus, Ohio and has extended family in the Cincinnati and Dayton areas. Mike's wife, Mary Ann Sprauer Abrams, MD, MPH, is a pediatrician originally from Dayton.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Monday, September 4 — NO MEETING, LABOR DAY

Monday, September 11— US Customs—To Be Confirmed

Monday, September 18— Bruce Gradkowski, NFL

SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS

Thursday, August 24—International Service, 4 pm, K Tate

Monday, August 28—Community, Vocational, Water Services, 1 pm

Thursday, September 7—Youth Services Committee, 8 am, Scrambler Marie's—Dussel Dr.



Toledo Rotary Club Foundation

Your Donations at Work



Judy Seibenick, Executive Director of Hospice of Northwest Ohio, accepted a check in the amount of \$10,000 at the Rotary program on Monday, August 21. Our Community Service Committee members, led by Chairman Jim Layman, received the request, participated in the vetting process and made the decision to recommend grant approval to our Board and Foundation Trustees.

The funds given to Hospice of Northwest Ohio will help them replace the sewage pumps at their Inpatient Center on South Detroit Ave.

Hospice of Northwest Ohio's vision is to "positively transform the way people view and experience the end of life". A functional plumbing system is vital to their ability to meet that vision for the 1,200 patients and families who need inpatient hospice care each year. The Toledo Hospice Center is now 13 years old and Hospice of Northwest Ohio is committed to maintaining the facility and the systems so that it remains a place of comfort and peace for all who enter.

Our Foundation and the Disability Service Committee's Annual Service Project

The Toledo Rotary Club Foundation and the Disability Service Committee have spearheaded the annual service project, Zoo Day, since the 1980's. Rotarians and St. Francis Interact Club spend a day at the Toledo Zoo with the students from Glendale Feilbach.

Zoo Day will be Friday, September 22nd

Sign up now to help serve and enjoy a day at the Toledo Zoo!

9:00 am—Rotarians arrive

9:30 am—Busses from Glendale Feilbach arrive

11:30 am—Picnic begins at the Broadway Pavilion



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Past Program: August 21, 2017

Mike Koralewski

First Solar

Mike Koralewski of First Solar, said solar energy has the lowest environmental impact, generating clean electricity with no carbon emissions or air pollutants. With about 5,400 associates and about 47,750 global supply chain jobs, they've sold over 17GW of solar electricity worldwide. Koralewski said that First Solar has made a fully integrated, automated and continuous process which is all done in one factory. With crystalline silicon wafer batch technology—which other companies use—each step of the manufacturing process requires the product to be sent to another factory. This results in four or more factories and three or more days to fabricate one output module. Using their thin film process, First Solar can make the entire module in one factory within three and 1/2 hours.

First Solar transitioned to new large format Series 6 modules, which, with 400W output each, are much bigger than previous versions. This allows them to save on installation and production costs. Instead of installing three or more modules per site, they only need to install one panel of the Series 6 module to get the same energy. The caveat though—they had to install entirely new and bigger equipment into all of their factories, a cost that Koralewski says will pay off in the long run. To show the scale of the equipment they use in their plants, Mike compared it to standard city school busses. The equipment line takes up the space of about four 1/2 busses wide and four and 1/2 busses long. Their plant in Perrysburg employs over 750 employees and is over 1 million square feet of floor space.



INTERNET VIEWING

The August 21 meeting can be viewed online by following this link: [Mike Koralewski](#)



Moon Shadow

Club members all received special glasses on Monday to view the 8/21/2017 solar eclipse.

The Rotary staff got mooned!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY



Teams of 2- 3 people will work together to install fire alarms to homes in need. Someone needs to know the business end of a screwdriver, and the others will go over preparedness and fire prevention and document the installation. Everyone will have name tags and shirts identifying themselves as Red Cross volunteers for that day. The dates are:

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

9/23 – **Woodward High School** – 701 E. Central Ave.

9/30 – **UAW Local 12** - 2300 Ashland Ave #202

10/7 – **East Toledo Family Center** – 1020 Varland Ave

10/14 - **American Red Cross of NW Ohio** – 1111 Research Dr.

To register visit www.soundthealarm.org for any of the dates above. Subsequent information will be sent regarding details of the rally events as well as training tools.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: JASON KUCSMA!



Jason Kucsma works at the Toledo Lucas County Public Library and brings years of progressive librarianship. His work with public service administrators is focused on providing essential programs and services to their growing community of library customers. Jason led TLCPL in developing its new strategic plan, which will lead the library through 2020. As former Executive Director of the Metropolitan New York Li-

brary Council (METRO), he managed a team of informational professionals in the service of more than 250 libraries and helped start Empire State Digital Network, the state's conduit to the Digital Public Library of America. Mr. Kucsma has a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Arizona and a master's degree in American Culture Studies from Bowling Green State University. He has served on American Library Association's Digital Content Working Group and the Office of Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee. He and his wife, Megan Plesea, have already instilled a love of reading in their twins, who can often be seen with a library book in hand.

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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 22nd:

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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 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)
 Dick Faist (18)
 Tim Koder (18)
 Lewis Carlson (20)
 Michelle Kravetsky (20)
 Dick Eppstein (20)
 John Ehrmin (20)
 Willard Smith (20)
 Steve Boice (21)
 Mark Miller (21)
 Mike Kirby (22)
 Amy Wachob (22)
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